

**Shenandoah**  
Alliance for Shelter

## **FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER**

Hello Friends and Supporters!

Welcome to our First E-Mail Newsletter! At this time, we plan to send Quarterly Newsletters to highlight our upcoming events and to share updates. Please bear with us as we explore this new mode of communication!

**Upcoming Events**

- On September 21<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting our Bridges and Bread Community Networking Event at the Mount Olive United Methodist Church. This will be a luncheon beginning at noon, all are invited to attend, however please RSVP to ensure lunch will be available for all. This meeting will include information on the Centralized Housing Intake process.

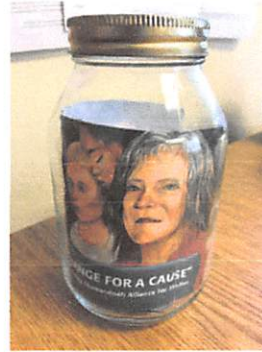


- Tickets go on Sale for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowl Soup Supper on October 1<sup>st</sup>. This event will take place November 17, 2017 at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm to be held at Central High School in Woodstock, Virginia. Tickets will be \$35 for Adults and \$20 for Students. Included with each ticket is a handcrafted pottery bowl made by local potters, homemade soup from local restaurants, bread from local bakers, and homemade cookies. As always, there will be a silent auction filled with a variety of great gift items to jump-start your holiday shopping. Back this year, the Bake Shop Chinese Auction!



- Change for a Cause Fundraiser begins October 1<sup>st</sup> in Recognition of National Hunger and Homeless Awareness. Look for our Jars at participating locations throughout the county to

donate your loose change!



- Cards for Cause September 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 to Benefit our Partner Agency, Family Promise. Event Begins at 5:30 pm at the Woodstock Brewhouse. Contact Michelle Jewel at [540-459-2937](tel:540-459-2937) for tickets.



## SAS Happenings

In May, staff members Whitney Hamrick and Katie Furneisen attended the Virginia Association of Housing Counselors, Inc Annual Conference. After four days of intense training, and grueling exams, Whitney obtained the Homeless Housing Specialist Certification, and Katie obtained the Housing Counselor Certification. Additionally, Katie also obtained SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery) Certification in March.

In May, we were notified that the United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley awarded SAS a Community Impact Grant for \$15,000 to support the



position of Centralized Housing Intake Coordinator. Special Thanks go out to The United Way for helping make this important position possible.

In April, we were awarded a grant from the Shenandoah Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 designated for client needs. This award helps us to assist those who do not meet the strict eligibility guidelines of our Federal and State Grant Funded programs. Many Thanks to the Shenandoah Community Foundation for their understanding and support.

And, we were just notified on Friday, August 25th that we received a \$1000 Community Grant to be used for client needs from The Walmart Community Grants Team and Facility #2647. Sincere Thanks go out to our local Walmart for their support to the community and SAS.

## **Announcements**

We are excited to announce the following new Board Members: Brenda Rawlings and Paul Rush. Welcome! We look forward to getting to know you and how you can benefit the SAS team.

A Special thanks goes out to our out-going board members, Kathy Church and Karen Nathan for their many years of hard work and dedication to the mission of SAS.

Lastly but most definitely not least, it is with both sad and grateful hearts that we announce Whitney has decided to begin a new adventure and is leaving her position with SAS. It's hard to believe that 10 years has

flown by! She began her career with SAS as a volunteer, moved up to Service Coordinator, and is departing as one of the Best Housing Counselors we have had. Best Wishes Whitney! We will miss you tremendously...and hope its OK if we still call on you in our times of need!



## **Donor Recognition**

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