



WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



Greetings, Supporters and Friends:

As we close the book on 2024 and look ahead to 2025, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements, collaborations, and growth the Shenandoah Alliance team has experienced this year.

In early 2024, SAS underwent a staffing change that temporarily reduced our team size to three members until Becky joined us at the end of October (Yay!). Despite this challenge, BJ and Megan's unwavering dedication enabled us to successfully implement our Scattered Site Project while also managing their other program duties. The placement of our first resident was an overwhelming success, and this project served as a valuable learning experience for our team. We are now applying those lessons to build a stronger program for the year ahead.

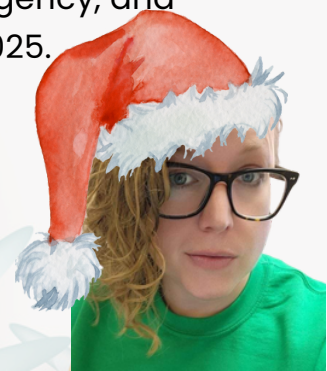
In addition, we have expanded our partnerships with the Salvation Army and enhanced our coordination of the Red Kettle Campaign. To further promote our mission, we have added more outreach and awareness events and have also secured additional funding opportunities to support gaps left behind in our Federal Housing Grant Programs.

Please note as you read this newsletter that it highlights key milestones from both 2024 and the first half of Fiscal Year 2025, because of the timeline of those federal grants.

The Board of Directors, staff, and I *Thank You* for your support in 2024!

We are incredibly proud of the progress we've made as a team and an agency, and look forward to continuing to serve our community with your support in 2025.

Katie



Katie Furneisen
Executive Director

Housing Stability & Community Partnership Funds



BJ Stout-Ritter
Housing Stability Counselor

Sibert's House Project

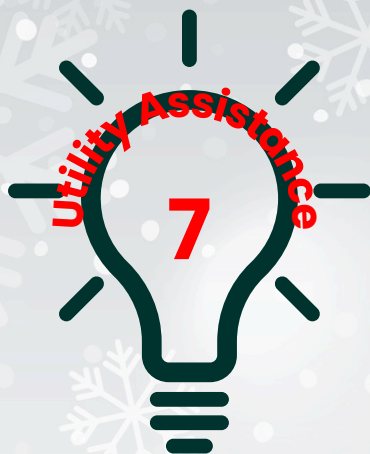


The site is currently under construction.. Not the site itself, but the Program Operation. New Updates for the New Year to follow!!

\$21,403.81

In Financial Assistance provided to 42 Shenandoah County Residents in both Utility & Rent/Mortgage Assistance.

Fiscal year 2025
(July 2024-June 2025)



DECEMBER 2024
Households Served



Partner Organizations & Private Grants:

- Woodstock Ministerial Association
- Strasburg Local Relief
- Maurertown Brethren Church
- Wakeman's Grove
- St. John's Bosco
- Edinburg Ministerial Association
- New Market Presbyterian Church
- St. Mary's Church of the Pine
- Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative
- Shenandoah Community Foundation

New for 2025:



Salvation Army Funds:

Funds from Shenandoah County Salvation Army Service unit to administer the funds collected in the Red Kettles for utility/rent/mortgage assistance to Shenandoah County residents.



Use the QR Code to Make a Donation to the Virtual Kettle Year Round!

Centralized Housing Intake: DECEMBER

989 Total Strength Based Client Interactions

53 Households Referred to Community Organizations for Assistance



I would like to say I really like being a part of the SAS team. I've been learning a lot and I enjoy taking calls and connecting consumers with resources to help them in their time of need.



If you know someone who is experiencing a housing crisis, please have them call Centralized Housing Intake at 540-271-1701 to complete an eligibility screening.



Learn about the CHI Program here: [continuumofcare513.com](https://www.continuumofcare513.com)

2,126
Housing Calls

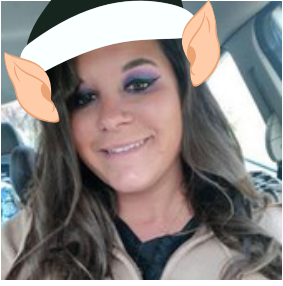
24
Calls for
Housing &
Utility

459
Utility Calls

203
Resource
Connections

2,812
Total Calls
for 2024

Housing Corner



Megan Bly
Certified Housing Counselor

New Referrals

9

Calls this YEAR

2,029!

Rental Assistance by Grant Funded
Projects in the month of December

\$9,890.45



DECEMBER



As the year draws to a close, December is a time to reflect with gratitude. This past year, our team attended numerous meetings, trainings, community outreach events, secured unrestricted grants and participated in fundraising events - each expanding our knowledge and equipping us to better serve our community.

At SAS, our mission is to end homelessness and empower individuals to achieve independence. In the coming year, we invite you to join us in this vital work. There are many ways you can contribute, from volunteering your time to making a financial donation.

Every act of support makes a difference in the lives of those we serve. We are deeply grateful for the progress we've made, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead. With your help, we can continue expanding access to the resources and services that transform lives. **Together, we can make an even greater impact in ending homelessness in our region.**

Check out our Facebook page for direct links to support SAS.

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\$ 94,363.71 ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

IN RENTAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH GRANT FUNDED PROGRAMS FROM JANUARY 1ST TO PRESENT.

35 HOUSEHOLDS (79 TOTAL PEOPLE) RECEIVED ASSISTANCE WHICH AVERAGES OUT TO \$2,696.11/HOUSEHOLD.

20 PEOPLE IDENTIFIED AS LIVING WITH AT LEAST 1 DISABILITY AND 3 PEOPLE REPORTED BEING RECENT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

THESE NUMBERS REPRESENT THOUSANDS OF PIECES OF PAPERWORK, HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF WORK, HUNDREDS OF PHONE CALLS, CONNECTIONS AND COMMITMENT FROM A DEDICATED STAFF.



THANK YOU



Donors & Supporters

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our donors in **2024**. Your support has been instrumental in enabling us to make a meaningful impact within our community. Thank you for choosing to invest in the **Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter** and for helping us stay focused on our mission of preventing homelessness and achieving independence.

Our Church Partners

Antioch Church
Columbia Furnace United Methodist Church
Edinburg Ministerial Association
Strasburg Local Relief
Woodstock Ministerial Association
First Baptist Church Woodstock
First Church of Columbia Furnace
Laurel Hill Christian Church
Lebanon Lutheran Church
Maurertown Brethren
Mt. Jackson Moose Lodge
Otterbein Chapel Inc
Saint Mary's Pine Lutheran Church
St Luke Brethren
St Paul Lutheran Church
St. Andrews Episcopal Church Guild Act
St. Johns United Methodist
Strasburg Christian Church
Strasburg Presbyterian Church
Strasburg SDA Church
Valley Pike Church of the Brethren
Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren
Wesley Chapel Methodist Women
Woodstock Presbyterian Church
Zion Christian Church
Zion Lutheran Church

Our Partner Agencies

Family Promise of Shenandoah County
Response, Inc
Strength in Peers
Salvation Army
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St. Johns Bosco Catholic Church
Shenandoah County DSS

Local Businesses & Civic Group Supporters

City National Bank
H.N. Funkhouser
Logan & Logan
Lydia's Clothes Closet
Our Change Foundation
Robert Claytor & Handy Mart
Shentel
SMH Medical Staff Fund
Basye Bryce Mountain Lions Club
Beta Sigma Phi Sorority
Forestville-Quicksburg Ruritan Club
Hamburg Ruritan Club
Mount Jackson Lions Club
Strasburg Rotary Club
Woodstock Lions Club

Individual Donors

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Mary Jane Field

Mary Thomas

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Rich Church

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Robert Cline

Ronald Moomaw

Sally Cowal

Sally Sponner

Sandra Charles

Sarah Garland

Sharon Keller

Sherri Wain

Stanhagan Family

Sue & Stuart Foster

Susan Moose

Suzanne Montgomery

Terry & Lore Fogle

Thomas Constable Jr

Thomas Truban

Timothy Funk

Warren Halverson

William & Judith Buechner

William Grillo

Every dollar donated makes a difference, and your generosity has truly helped us reach more people in need.

January
2025

JANUARY 1ST: NEW YEARS DAY/OFFICE CLOSED
JANUARY 2ND: MONTHLY MEETING WITH FAMILY PROMISE
JANUARY 8TH: BUILT FOR ZERO MEETING
JANUARY 8TH: LEADSHARE MEETING IN WOODTOCK
JANUARY 9TH: COC GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 9TH: SAS BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10TH: COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION
JANUARY 13TH: SAS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13TH: COC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 14TH: PACA MEETING
JANUARY 20TH: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY/OFFICE CLOSED
JANUARY 22ND-23RD: ANNUAL POINT IN TIME COUNT
JANUARY 28TH: EDINBURG/ MOUNT JACKSON ROTARY MEETING
JANUARY 29TH: CAT MEETING

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