



WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter
we're so glad you're here!

Hello, Supporters and Friends:

We have so much to be grateful for this month at Shenandoah Alliance, such as:

- The 2024 Empty Bowl was a resounding success, with the generous spirit of the community on full display. (Page 5)
- Our Friends the Edinburg Lions Club came by with their annual Sock-tober Donation-- we're now 600 plus pairs of socks richer! {stay tuned to their Facebook Page (Lions of Edinburg) for a fun Sock-selfie! }
- Our Housing Stability Program had an impactful month, and the Salvation Army Red Kettles are now in full swing, stop by and say Hi if you see us out there! (Page 2)
- We're part of a continuum that helps leverage resources for those in the most need, (Page 3 & 4)
- A last minute donation of 8 Turkeys came in from Criswell Ford providing surprise Thanksgiving joy to 8 households. (check out my silly Turkey selfie in the bottom right of this page!)

I'm especially thankful for the SAS Team (pictured below) and we're thankful for all of you being here in support of our mission-



Kate



Housing Stability & Community Partnership Funds

Sibert's House Project



We're taking a moment to pause & reflect on how to create the most impactful and lasting results from this project. Stay tuned for updates!



BJ Stout-Ritter
Housing Stability Counselor

\$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)



NOVEMBER 2024
Households Served



This month, with the help of our community partnerships we were to assist a single mother of three who had been without running water for five months and was at risk of losing her electricity. Despite facing a severe financial crisis beyond her control, the mother resourcefully used nearby streams and springs to meet her family's water needs. Thanks to these vital community partnerships, we were able to restore the family's access to running water before the arrival of cold weather.



Red Kettle Season is Upon us!

Remember, 90% Stays here!

*Want to sign up to ring a bell?
Reach out to Scott Currie at:
sscurrie@yahoo.com*



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

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: NOVEMBER

968 Total Strength Based Client Interactions

51 Households Referred to Community Organizations for Assistance



Becky Thorpe
Centralized Housing
Intake Coordinator

November marks Becky's first full month with SAS. We're thankful to have her calm presence on the CHI line.

She shares:

I like the team atmosphere, and getting to know all the programs and services available.



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)

116
Housing Calls

0
Calls for
Housing &
Utility

7
Resource
Connections

25
Utility Calls

This month SAS completed 148 unique phone calls, broken down to the left by category.

This is a 48% decrease in calls from October

Housing Corner



Megan Bly
Certified Housing Counselor

New Referrals

10

Calls this Month

131

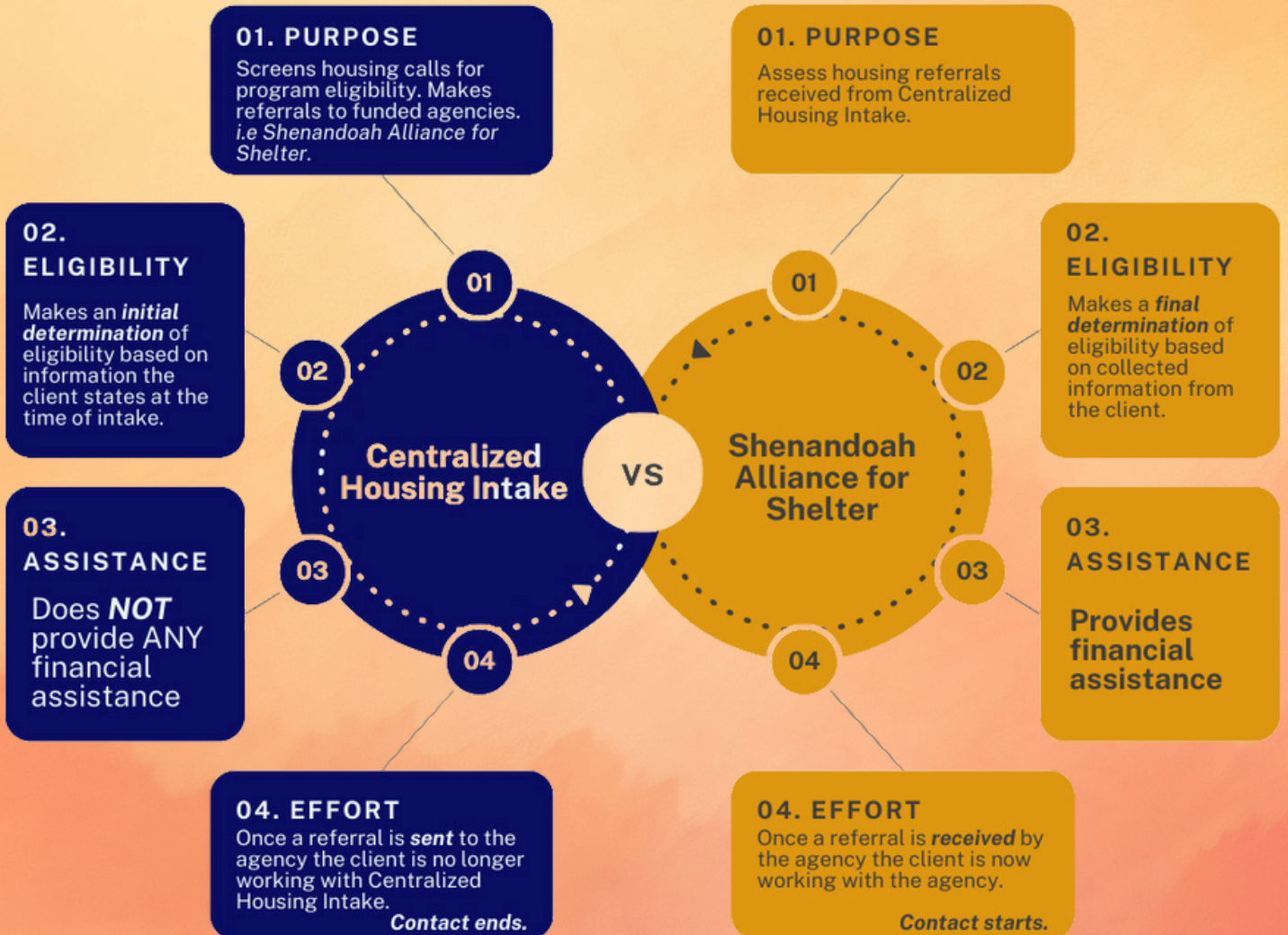
Rental Assistance by Grant Funded
Projects in the month of November

\$2,123.00



CHI vs SAS

When you're in need of assistance it's easy to get confused as to who you spoke with and who you're working with. One of the biggest misconceptions we come across are people thinking Centralized Housing Intake (CHI) and the Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter (SAS) are one in the same. I wanted to take the opportunity to explain the difference. With our state and federally funded housing programs we are required to have a coordinated entry system to access the programs we administer. Our coordinated entry system is called 'Centralized Housing Intake.' By "our" I mean the entire Continuum of Care. People that are experiencing a housing crisis within our Continuum of Care (Counties of Shenandoah, Page, Warren, Clarke, Frederick, and Rockingham and the cities of Winchester and Harrisonburg) would contact this line where a Centralized Housing Intake Coordinator would complete an eligibility screening. If the coordinator deems the household eligible for a referral, they would send that referral to the agency that covers that households area where the referred agency would make a final determination of eligibility, and they would be the ones to provide financial assistance. Peep the chart below!



Thank YOU!

Thanks to the incredible support of all who attended or sponsored the 2024 Empty Bowl, we were able to raise approximately **\$27,000!!**
(we still have a few auction items left to be picked up!)



December

DECEMBER 4TH: ONE STOP RESOURCE FAIR IN WARREN COUNTY
DECEMBER 5TH: MONTHLY MEETING WITH FAMILY PROMISE
DECEMBER 5TH: MERCY HOUSE MEETING
DECEMBER 6TH: HGI MEETING
DECEMBER 9TH: CoC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 10TH: PACA MEETING
DECEMBER 11TH: BUILT FOR ZERO MEETING
DECEMBER 12TH: SAS BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 17TH: CoC COMPLIANCE AND EVALUATION MEETING
DECEMBER 17TH: TOMS BROOK UMC LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 24TH-25TH: OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Looking for unique, handmade holiday gifts? Consider our selection of artisan-crafted bowls. Our talented potters - including Miranda Long, Chuck Brome, Sarah Kohrs, and Gail King - have generously provided us with extra inventory this year. Reach out if you'd like to purchase one or more. We also have a limited number of pieces available from the Woodturners of the Virginias. All are \$20/each!

Support SAS with a couple clicks - check out our Amazon Wish List!

SHOP NOW!

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