

WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

Hello, Supporters and Friends:

As June comes to a close, so too does our Fiscal Year. With this close-out comes so many overwhelming data reports, and so much more math than I ever thought I would find myself involved in. (If you can't tell, math isn't my favorite thing!)

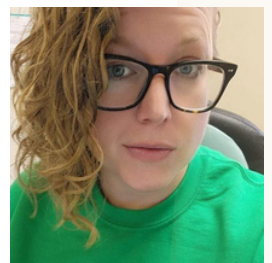
But, it also brings with it the opportunity to reflect on the impact that Shenandoah Alliance has had on the community during this time.

That impact, and those numbers, are people to me. They are a 93 year old woman who is able to stay in her home without the risk of foreclosure, a single mother who can now have affordable housing for herself and her child, a visually challenged gentleman who will be able to live comfortably in housing that he can safely maneuver (and afford!), a grandmother raising her grandchildren and being able to maintain the "basic luxury" of electric and water, and so many more people with similar stories of struggle and hardship.

Recently I was asked to define what we do here at Shenandoah Alliance in a quick, short, to-the-point statement; I tried, I can't. We are the listening ear of those in crisis, we respond with kindness when we are given anger and frustration, we problem solve, we help give hope where there isn't any--and we pay utility bills, and help with housing. We prevent homelessness and help our consumers achieve independence.

And, we're glad you're here with us.

Katie



Katie Furneisen
Executive Director

Housing Stability

Sibert's House Project



Community Partnership Funds



BJ Stout-Ritter
Housing Stability Counselor



Our resident has conquered great obstacles and is ready to move out on his own. BUT! We are struggling to locate housing that he can access.

One of the highest barriers faced by those that are able to overcome chronic homelessness is accessing housing in today's limited housing market. Private landlords and income based housing units have restrictive rental requirements such as credit scores of 650+ or having 3.5 times the monthly rent in income.

*read his full story in previous newsletters available on our website, allianceforshelter.com/newsletter.html

Fiscal year 2024 (July 2023-June 2024)

213

Households Served

\$69,567.20

In Assistance Delivered to Shenandoah County Residents

Fiscal year 2024 (July 2023-June 2024)

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!

Housing Corner

Rental Assistance provided by Grant
Funded Projects in the month of June

\$6,628.44



Last month I talked heavily about our **most** funded program, so this month I want to talk about our **least** funded housing program yet the most important program that is administered here at SAS- **Rapid Rehousing**.

Rapid Rehousing is a program dedicated to those who are deemed literally homeless by HUD definition. The HUD definition of homeless is as follows:

An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

1. Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; **or**
2. Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); **or**
3. Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.



Megan Bly
Certified Housing Counselor

RAPID REHOUSING

Funding Allocated for FY2024 (July 2023–June 2024)

\$27,694.00

(we did receive an additional \$6,000+ that we were able to move to this funding source from old COVID funds in the state, bringing the total closer to \$33,694.00)

serving the Counties of Shenandoah, Page and Warren

**12 people identify as living with a disability,
1 identifies as living with more than one**



53% of households are led by single women

1 Veteran Served



5 individuals report being victims of Domestic Violence



14 children served, 20 adults served : 15 total households served



\$2,246.27 average amount spent on each household

186
Housing Calls

5
Call for
Housing &
Utility

17
Resource
Connections

30
Utility Calls

This month SAS completed 231 unique phone calls, broken down to the left by category.

This is a 5% decrease in calls from May

Centralized Housing Intake: JUNE

760 Total Strength Based Client Interactions

50 Households Referred to Community Organizations for Assistance



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.

Want to be part of our team?
Click [here](#) to apply for our open CHI position, or share with a friend!



Learn about the CHI Program here:
continuumofcare513.com



July

What's Happening at SAS

July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th: CHI Walk-In Hours at Page One

July 2nd: TEENS INC. Presentation

July 4: Office CLOSED for Independence Day

July 8th: Executive Committee Meeting

June 9th: PACA Meeting

July 11th: CHI Meeting

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July 12th: Adult Leadership Non-Profit Day

July 16th: Compliance and Evaluation Committee Meeting

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