

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

Hello, Supporters and Friends:

March always brings to mind St. Patrick's Day and the potential good fortune to be found in shamrocks and rainbows.

Although we didn't find a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow—or a hollow tree with some elves baking cookies (seriously, where do those Keebler elves live?)—Shenandoah Alliance did find a little bit of luck this month that helped us create a lot of impact.

Despite the uncertainty we highlighted in February, we're relieved to report that we haven't seen any major changes to our federal grants, and our HUD program administration remains in place without disruption!

Even better, we received a one-time **Housing Stability Grant** through a partnership with United Way, which—despite coming with a tight timeline—has already allowed us to assist many additional households across Shenandoah, Page, and Warren counties. You can see that impact reflected in the increased service numbers on **page 2**.

Riding that lucky streak, we've also entered into a new Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Ridge Legal Services, boosting our ability to support households who may need legal representation through the eviction process. This partnership helps ensure that the people we serve have access not only to financial relief—but to the legal advocacy they need, too. Learn more about the eviction process in Virginia and our role in it on **page 5**.

As always, thank you for being here—and for being the shamrocks and sparks of gold that help fuel our mission at SAS. And, if you find those little Keebler elves, please send them our way!

Katie



Katie Furneisen
Executive Director

MARCH 2025 IMPACT Snapshot



CENTRALIZED INTAKE:

456

Strength Based
Intakes
Completed on the
Coordinated
Entry Line

10
Referrals

Noteworthy Trends:



With a little March magic, we increased our support by 18% more households and nearly 10% more in total assistance compared to February.



Housing Assistance (State & Federal):

Though households served dipped slightly (-14%), total assistance increased by nearly 40%, reflecting deeper needs and more intensive support per family.



Housing Assistance (Private):

Support through private funds jumped significantly—3 households served (up from 1), with assistance rising by over 750% That's over 8 times the investment, thanks to increased community partnerships and flexible funding.



SAS DIRECT CONNECTIONS: ALL STAFF

257

Service Connections
made at SAS Level

192
Hours of Effort



HOUSING STABILITY

FUNDRAISING, PRIVATE GRANTS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS FUNDS



HOUSING
STABILITY
SERVICES PROVIDED

3

Households
Aided with
Rent/Mortgage
Payments

\$4,299.02
in Assistance

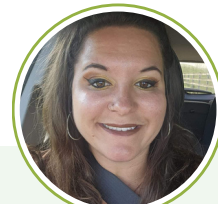


UTILITY
ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED

13

Households

\$6,711.45
in Assistance



STATE & FEDERAL HOUSING GRANT PROGRAMS



HOUSING
ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED

3 Rapid Rehousing
10 Tenant Based Rental
2 Emergency Shelter
1 Targeted Prevention

6 Total Households
9 Total Individuals

\$14,544.00 in
Assistance



HOUSING REFERRALS
RECEIVED

3

Rapid Rehousing

3

Targeted Prevention

1

Tenant Base Rental

2

Emergency Shelter

9 Total Referrals

Housing Stability

For the month of March



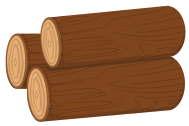
March was a busy month for utilities. With the luck of the Irish we served 13 households. With Salvation Army funds we spent \$5,130.54 in utilities. Strasburg Local Relief we spent \$300. With Woodstock Ministerial Funds we spent \$836.76. SVEC Grant we spent \$114.29, Other Churches we spent \$887.65.



BJ Stout-Ritter
Housing/Utility
Coordinator



If you know someone who has a disconnection on their utility or needs heat oil or wood, have them call BJ.



\$42,977.63

In Financial Assistance
provided to **69**
Shenandoah County
Residents in both Utility &
Rent/Mortgage
Assistance.

Fiscal year 2025
(July 2024–June 2025)

Sibert's House Program



Our Sibert House was going to have a new resident but they were able to self house. Currently we are looking at 2 potential clients to enter the site. We are also working on some upgrades to the house as well such as a landline that was installed, internet to be installed, and cameras.

We appreciate your ongoing support in making The Sibert's House a place where individuals can find stability and a path forward.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us!

Shenandoah Alliance
for Shelter



Siberts House Program



☀️ Impact Spotlight ☀️

Private Housing Stability Funds


In March, support from the Sentara Cares Grant (\$2,500) and the United Way Housing Stability Grant (\$2,054.88) allowed us to assist 4 additional households across Shenandoah, Page, and Warren counties with rent and utility support—households we otherwise would have had to turn away.

These flexible private funds are vital for filling the gaps when families don't qualify for state or federal programs—keeping more neighbors safely housed.

Centralized Housing Intake



Becky Thorpe
Centralized Housing
Intake Coordinator



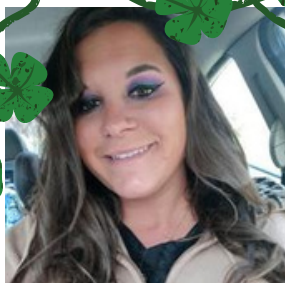
Calls for March have been steady! There's been more callers looking information on getting assistance with their current monthly rent, before they get a late notice. When the caller doesn't qualify for services we share local resources to help them in anyway we can.



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



Megan Bly
State Certified
Housing Counselor

Housing Corner

New Referrals

9

Calls this Month

135

Rental Assistance by Grant Funded
Projects in the month of March

\$14,544.00



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

For the next few months, we will focus on tenant rights. Please note that we cannot provide any legal advice. If you have questions, we encourage you to contact Blue Ridge Legal(BRL) Services directly or another law agency of your choosing. *Photo provided by BRL.*

THE EVICTION PROCESS IN VIRGINIA



1 Notice of Default or Termination

Before filing in court, the landlord must give you written notice of lease termination.

It usually gives 5 days' (for unpaid rent) or 30 days' warning.



2 Summons for Unlawful Detainer

When the landlord sues, you will receive a Summons.

It gives the date, time, and location for your first hearing in court.



3 Court Date

You must go to court if you want to fight your case.

If it is only for unpaid rent, you might have the right to pay everything by the court date and avoid a judgment.



4 Judgment for Possession

If the judge rules for the landlord, they get a judgment for possession. This means they can take the next steps to evict you.



5 Appeal Period

After a judgment, you have 10 days to appeal. In that time, you will need to file appeal papers and pay the court all rent owed, an amount the judge will set.



6 Writ of Eviction

After getting a judgment for possession, the landlord asks the court for a 'writ of eviction.' It instructs the sheriff to schedule the eviction.



7 Eviction Notice

Soon after receiving the writ, the sheriff will give you a copy and a notice with the date and time they will return to evict you. This happens at least 72 hours before the eviction.



8 Extended Redemption

Up until two business days before the scheduled eviction, you might have the right to pay everything you owe and stay in the home.



9 Eviction by Sheriff

Unless the court or landlord cancels the eviction, the sheriff will return on the date and time on the notice to physically remove you and have the locks changed.

All the Federal and State Grant Funded Housing Programs are administered by the Housing Counselor. In order to access any of our housing programs, you will need to contact Centralized Housing Intake at 540-271-1701 to complete an eligibility screening for a referral. Questions? Call our State Certified Housing Counselor, Megan, at 540-459-3212 ext. 305!

Our Funding Partners

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
Sentara Health
United Way

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!



Our April Calendar



APRIL 1: Strasburg Leadshare

APRIL 5: Vintage in the Valley Car Show

APRIL 8: PACA (Page Alliance for Community Action) Meeting

APRIL 9: Built for Zero Case Conferencing

**APRIL 10: Continuum of Care (CoC) General Meeting, Point in Time Count
Focus & SAS Board of Directors Meeting**

APRIL 14: CoC Executive Committee Meeting

**APRIL 15: CoC Committee Meetings: Media Advocacy & Compliance &
Evaluation**

APRIL 25: Reality Store Event in Page County



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