

# **VALLEY ASSISTANCE NETWORK**



### 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

#### WHAT WE DO:

Through our coordinated network of services, we help people in crisis access information and resources to stabilize their situation and begin their journey to financial stability.



## RECORD HIGH REQUESTS AS FAMILIES STRUGGLE TO RECOVER FROM COVID-19

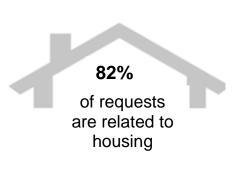
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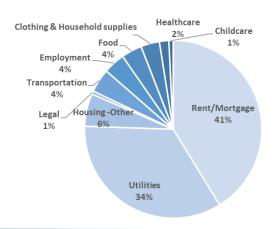
6% from 2020 155% from 2019

## Financial IMPACT

800+ Families connected with over \$500,000 in financial assistance from community partners

#### WHY FAMILIES CONTACT VAN:





WOW, I didn't
know there was this
much help available
for someone like me.
Thank you!
- Leah

## We respond to REAL Needs in REAL Time

#### TO MOVE FAMILIES FROM CRISIS TO STABILITY

Our Resource Navigators screen clients and get them connected to services quickly, often helping solve multiple needs.



329 Evictions/foreclosures prevented

440 Utilities kept on

70 Health-related needs met

40 Transportation needs resolved

38 Phone, Internet & other bills covered

Estimated Value of Referrals =

\$750,000

#### **TOP 10 REFERRALS**



#### **OUR TOP SUPPORTERS IN 2021**

James L. and Mary Jane Bowman Charitable Trust, and John L. Harrell & Margarett T. Harrell Charitable Trust











The Woltz-Winchester Foundation

Reba A. Will Foundation

Virginia Hollis Family Foundation

#### CONNECTING FAMILIES TO CRITICAL RESOURCES

#### **CONFIRMED ASSISTANCE FROM REFERRALS =**

\$502,526



Rent/Mortgage =

\$310,772



Utility Assistance =

\$150,773



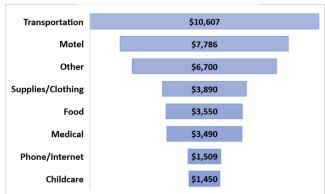
Other Assistance =

\$40,981

These outcomes are possible thanks to our partner agencies who use the data-sharing platform, Unite Us.



#### OTHER NEEDS MET:



# HOUSEHOLDS SERVED BY COUNTY

City of Winchester: 940

Frederick: 609 Shenandoah: 159

Clarke: 29

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Warren: 31

Out of Area: 74

#### WHO ARE VAN CLIENTS?

Average Monthly Income: \$1,720



**70%** of clients are **ALICE** 

(Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)

#### HOUSING INSECURITY

Despite working (often 2 jobs) less than 10% of our families have STABLE HOUSING

Stably Housed: 180

Unstably Housed: 1,682

Homeless: 185

Motel: 90 Shelter: 32 Family: 45 Car: 18

#### **VOLUNTEER IMPACT**

In 2021, community members volunteered over **2,750 hours**.



A value of:

\$75,000!

The value of volunteers to date is \$393,418

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT**

VAN collaborated with community partners on resource fairs and community events, including:

- 125 People given COVID-19 vaccines at Shenandoah Univ.
- Community Forums on Equity in Education and Healthcare
- Housing Coalition Events
- Project Connect 500+ attended!

#### **IMPACT TO DATE**

6,166

FAMILIES SERVED

14,968

PEOPLE HELPE

2,850+

12,842

VAN launched in October 2017

After getting sick with COVID-19, I thought my world was falling apart. I couldn't pay the bills and was about to lose my home and car. Words cannot describe the burden lifted off of my shoulders after coming to VAN. Thank you for all you do, and to everyone who

supports your program. - Crystal

**Now Open in Shenandoah County!** 

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