
Services we provide:

Emergency shelter for children and youth in crisis

5 siblings . . .

“I had a horrific case involving five brothers and sisters who were victims of terrible abuse and neglect. The VEFC family who agreed to take all five siblings was a young childless couple - they did not want the children to be separated at a time of crisis and neither did I. I arrived at the VEFC home in the middle of the night with five very tired and very hungry children. The VEFC Mom had grilled cheese sandwiches and soup waiting for everyone.

One of the children was having a birthday that day and somehow the VEFC family found out about it and they had a small gift for the child waiting on the table. It was the first time that this child had ever had a birthday present

It was one of those moments that left tears in my eyes. I know that those children will never forget the kindness of that VEFC family and the love they so easily shared.”

- CPS Caseworker, New River Valley Program Area



Safe haven for runaway & homeless youth



A 16-year-old runaway stayed with a VEFC family for six days before being placed in a group home. While in their care, the family talked with him about the importance of staying in one place so he could finish high school, by GED if necessary, and not running away again. They listened to the youth's concerns and helped him think through the consequences of his actions and the choices that he was making that would impact his future. While with the family the youth attended CPR training (part of a VEFC in-service for host families), a play at the local high school, and other community activities.

♥ “I am always so impressed by the generosity, flexibility, and kindness of the VEFC parents that care for our children. We absolutely could not do our job without you!!!”

- Social Worker, Metro Richmond Program Area

Respite care for foster, adoptive, and biological families

17 and pregnant . . .

Michelle is 17, pregnant with twin boys, and lacks basic pre-natal care knowledge and parenting skills. It has been decided that on-going weekend respite care will be most beneficial for Michelle and her unborn sons. The VEFC host family shows, through example, good parenting skills and the importance of loving family relationships.



♥ “I am eternally grateful for the warmth and smiles that greeted me that early morning when I was a stressed out CPS worker in need of a place for three children to stay the night. If VEFC did not exist I would have been drinking lots of strong coffee while these children slept on my office floor.”

- CPS Worker, Northern Valley Program Area