

Where are they now? ...in 2017

Shanekua and Kiara – graduated 2011

The last I spoke to Shanekua was in July. She was in the process of moving to South Carolina to be closer to her mom and other family. She's wanted to move for years. She was very excited to do it. She shared her story in one of our video newsletters (2:20):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utJisgTiCIM>



Shelly and Deborah – graduated 2011

I've lost touch with Shelly. The last I spoke with her she had cancer and was going to treatments. To my knowledge, she survived the cancer and is healthy again. Unfortunately, I haven't heard much since then. They attended our 5-year anniversary last year, and Shelly commented that she had been in and out of shelter for years, but FPHCR was the shelter she ever needed.

Lee and Ashley – graduated 2012



Lee is working with OVR to try to get employment. She has stable housing in Camp Hill – she's been there about 4 years now! She would like to move to Hershey because she would be closer to Ashley, who's currently at Milton Hershey. She is working on getting her credit better first. Ashley is doing very well at Milton Hershey. She is on the honor roll. Lee has had custody of Ashley since she was born. Finally, this May, she was able to adopt Ashley. Their story is truly amazing. Lee spoke at our 5-year anniversary last year to share how much this program improved both of their lives.

Joey, Anita, Chris, Brandie, Josie, Tiffany, and Jayden – graduated 2012



Tiffany recently got in touch with me because her dog ran away. Don't worry, the dog is okay and is back home again! She is working and saving money so that she can get her own place. She updated me on the

family. Joey moved back down south with family. Both Chris and Brandie are having another child. Anita's back is doing better than it was previously. Josie stopped in to visit back in September. She had just gotten an administrative degree at HACC, and they were helping her to get a job.

Iasia and Eri'ana – graduated 2013

Iasia has stayed in touch with the program over the last year. Employment has been a little rocky for her, but she continues to find new jobs and continues to stay up to date with bills. She got a little behind while between jobs. She worked hard to cover the bills while she was out of work. FP paid a partial bill for her during a challenging time so that she could get back on track.

Kathy, Kayla, Kiara, and Edwin – graduated 2015

I have lost touch with Kathy. However, Kayla sent me a message through our Facebook page. She said they are all doing well. Kathy was in the process of moving the family to New York to be closer to her family. I wasn't able to get a lot of details through Kayla, but it sounded like they were looking forward to moving and seeing family.



James and J – graduated 2014



I last spoke to James in August. He didn't have much to update. He is continuing therapy for his hand. He still hopes that he'll be able to be a cook again once he has full use of his hand. J seems to be doing well. I was able to speak with her briefly on the phone in August, and she sounded happy.

Amanda, Damien, Marshall, and Xzander – graduated 2014

Amanda stopped in for a visit in November. Unfortunately, I was not here. So I wasn't able to catch up with her then. We email back and forth on occasion. To my knowledge, the family is doing well. They have a house in Carlisle. The boys continue to be more than a handful for her, but she's doing her best.

Jennifer, Izzy, Noah, Madie, and Ella – graduated 2014

Jen's still working hard at Olive Garden and continues her criminal justice schooling online. She is in the bachelor's program now. They are living in a house in New Cumberland, which they are really happy with. They have a yard and more room for the kids to just be kids. Jen got married a few months ago and sounds really happy. She did say that Noah has a cyst or something in his knee that may be cancerous. Please pray for him as they are going through this challenging time. Jen shared her story with PennLive back in 2015. Here's the story:



http://www.pennlive.com/west-shore/index.ssf/2015/09/a_family_together_and_a_place.html#incart_river_home

Uche, Niome, and Medina – graduated 2014

I haven't been able to get a hold of Uche in several months. He works hard, long hours. It's often hard to reach him. Niome stopped by the Day Center to visit in November, but I missed the visit.

Paul, Gina, Angela, Mary, Johnny, Becky, and Tommy – graduated 2014



Becky and Tommy participated in our summer camp this year. So we got to see them on a regular basis and sometimes saw the other kids and adults during drop off and pick up time. Both Becky and Tommy seem to be doing really well! The last I heard, Paul and Gina planned to split up as things just weren't working out together. I haven't heard much more than that.

Ariel, Jaiel, Jayden, & Gavin – graduated 2015

Ariel and I have emailed over the last year. Gavin continues to have health issues that have made Ariel keeping a job difficult. However, Ariel has finished school and is now a medical assistant. She loves it! They had some family visit over Christmas, which she said was very nice. They are living in the same apartment in Harrisburg.

Marangelie, Alondra, and Anthony – graduated 2015

Marangelie and I have been in touch a few times this year. She has struggled some with consistency in day care and transportation, which has made employment difficult. When she has the pieces in place, she loves to find a job and be at work. In December she said the kids would be in day care soon, so she was looking for a job. They have an apartment in Harrisburg.

Martina, Peanut, and Ya-Ya – graduated 2015

I have not gotten to talk to Martina in a few months, but she did move into public housing this year! The family moved into a permanent home in Carlisle back in March. Martina was so happy about it! ☺



Laura, Jacob, and Valerius – graduated 2015

Laura's family is still permanently housed in Carlisle. Laura is working full-time (same job since before she moved into FP). Before Christmas, she said she was disappointed to not be able to provide the kind of Christmas she wanted to for her boys but said, "as long as we are together, that places number 1 priority."

Jannean, Chris, Jannise, David, & Aaron – graduated 2015

Jannean told me in December that she had lost her job. She got a new job already and was struggling a bit to make ends meet between jobs. Jannise has been a good support to her and helps with bills. The boys are doing very well in school.



Chelsea, Don, Michael, Hailey, Lizzie, and Madie – graduated 2015



Don was able to get an excellent job with his CDL license. He's able to cover all of their bills, so Chelsea is now home with the kids. She really misses working but said it is much better for the family. Michael was having some trouble in school last year, but now that she has time to do homework with him after school each day, get dinner ready at a consistent time, etc. she has seen a huge improvement. Michael and Hailey were both a part of camp this summer, so it was fun to have them around the house again. ☺ Don and Chelsea use QuickBooks to manage their finances. They started that while at Family Promise and have maintained a good system after graduating. Chelsea has come to the Day Center a few times to meet with and encourage our current families.

Jessica and Micah – graduated 2015

Jess is working full-time still. She also just had a baby! Micah was extremely excited to be a big brother. She moved in with her aunt for a time because rent was getting to be a struggle for her, and she knew she'd have trouble once the baby was born. Her boyfriend is helping out though, and they are hoping to get settled in their own place soon. Jess came in to visit a few months back and spoke very highly of Family Promise. She said coming to the program was the best decision she'd ever made.



Kristina, Lukas, and Victoria – graduated 2015

Kristina's family is doing great!! Lukas has moved back to Lithuania though because he wanted to be back with more of his family. Victoria is comfortable and doing well in school. She really blossomed at Family Promise. Kristina and her boyfriend are building a house they plan to move into in February. She also sent me pictures from their vacation in Mexico. Livin'the dream. ☺

Jaime, Matthew, Ariell, Benjamin, MJ, Sienna, and Page – graduated 2015

Jaime got a new job, which she loves. She's much happier there. She even came to an event we had for our graduates and had applications in case anyone wanted to apply. She's working in management and was hoping to "pay it forward" and help some other FP families.

Mikeshia, Tur'Quan, and Adonai – graduated 2016

Mikeshia was pregnant while in the program. She had a little trouble after the baby was born but got help from family. I talked to her in May, and she was pursuing her high school diploma.

Elizabeth, Kyrre, Carla, Salzem, and Marisol – graduated 2016

Elizabeth's family moved into Stuart House from our program. She had her baby, who is very healthy. She was then able to get permanent housing in Carlisle. The last I talked to her, things were going very well. They're happy with the home. The kids are settled and happy.

Jessie, Jayden, Victor, Kayla, and Sara – graduated 2016

Jessie had moved into Stuart House from our program. She was then able to secure permanent housing in Carlisle. I have not been able to stay in touch with her since then.

Danielle, Brydon, Brielle, and Brycen – graduated 2016



Danielle's family is doing awesome! We email back and forth regularly. Danielle was able to get an apartment through housing. So the family is now in a stable housing situation in Harrisburg! We're helping to get her some furniture for the place. She is working at Giant in the bakery section and is really enjoying it.

Elainea and Uriel – graduated 2016

I last talked to Elainea in August. She was still in the same apartment in Harrisburg and was working full-time at McDonald's. She is very happy and says the family is doing well.

Tasha, Nyzera, My'Zere, Zy'mere, Ty'Qere, & Mike – graduated 2016

Tasha's family is living in Harrisburg. We don't hear from her often. She has checked in a few times. She says that things are going well but has been vague with us.

Chris, Craig, Madison, and Mason – graduated 2016

Chris's family is in their home in Steelton. The kids enjoy home schooling so far. Chris hopes to move them into a different district at some point because she would like Mason to be in school. Craig has a good job. Chris hasn't been able to find a job yet.



Amy, Bryan, something, Jordan, and Makayla – graduated 2016



Bryan and Amy are both working now. Bryan's had some health issues, which have made life a little more complicated, but overall, they seem to be doing well. They are living with Amy's parents until they get some money saved. They sent a nice Christmas photo.

Chris, Abby, Jaxon, and Christianna – graduated 2016

Abby is working full-time. It has been a tough transition, but she is enjoying the work. Chris is working a lot of over-time with his job. The kiddos are back in school. All of their bills are paid, which is not something they've ever been able to do before. They keep a chalkboard up to date with bills so that they can track everything. They



are both sticking to the budget and thanked Rafe' for all of her work with them on budgeting because it has significantly changed how they are now handling finances!

Kima, Jaquan, Kyasia, Kaglah, and Zairz; Kyasia and Reign– graduated 2016

Kyasia got an apartment in December, and the family moved in together. We have not had much contact with the family since they left.

Ali, Destiny, Malachi, Amina, and Nadia – graduated 2016

Ali's family moved into their apartment in Steelton in December. They were able to have a nice Christmas together in their new place. Ali had a lot of supportive services to assist with the kiddos already in place. She also has a few friends close by that have been able to help with getting her apartment organized. Destiny is getting used to her new school. ☺

