

# PROTESTANT FAMILY SERVICE

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**77 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

OUR NEWSLETTER IS BACK!



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## VISION STATEMENT:

Protestant Family Service seeks to provide, in a Christian manner, the necessary care and need to the individual that will give hope for a better life.

## 2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### Board Officers:

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Acting Executive Director

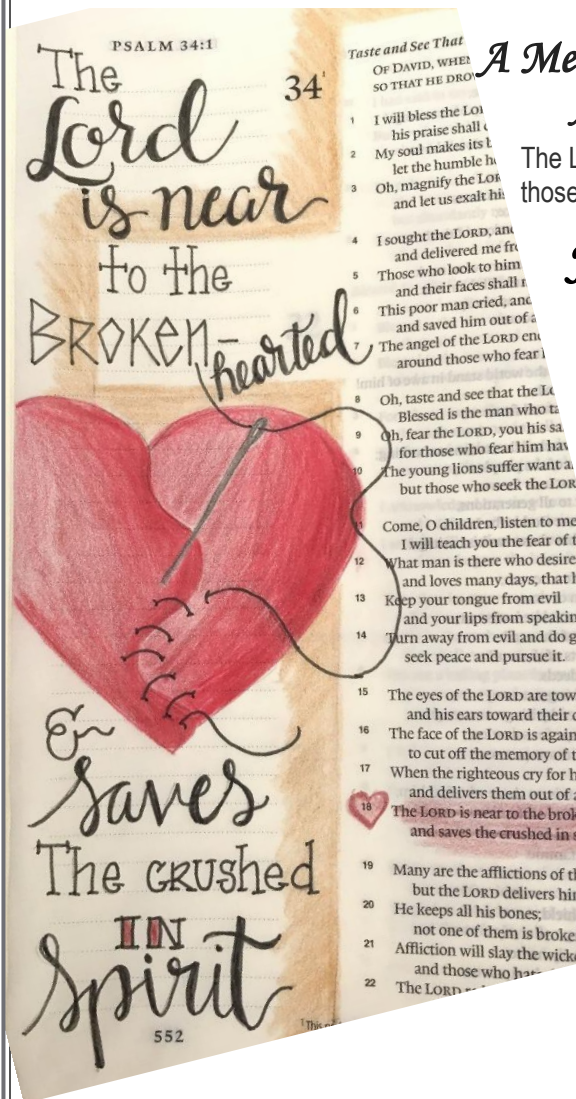
Judy Wilson  
Caseworker

### Our amazing Interns:

Stephanie Sheronovich  
& Alexis Cunningham

## *A message Jackie Burley wrote in April of 2021*

*"Always remember that we are God's work in action. We stand on His Promises found in the Bible. Our Father's word never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever faithful."* *Always in His Service, Jackie*



## *A Message from Cathy Pokrivnak Acting Executive Director*

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. – Psalm 34:18

*Jackie was known for her  
"Heart-to-Heart" hugs!*

*When Jackie hugged,  
hearts just connected!*

*Jackie's hugs, like  
her prayers, were  
loving, personal,  
mindful and calming.*

*PFS wishes we could thank each one of you personally for your beautiful Christian expressions of kindness throughout Jackie's illness and rest assured she is now "Rejoicing with her Savior".*

**Acting Executive Director Cathy Pokrivnak's** *Message Continued*

*"He that giveth to the poor shall not lack..." Proverbs 28:27 KJV*

Dear PFS Friends.

Business conducted during the April 2021 Board meeting included approval of Jackie Burley's LOA request and retirement plan for end of year. The Board asked me if I would be willing to step in Jackie's position. (Once I retired from YSU in 2015, after 31 years, my plans did not include a second career.) I did accept and was unanimously appointed Acting Executive Director. I accepted this position for my dear friend Jackie; to focus on ensuring her years of hard work and her legacy would continue.

I have known Jackie for most of my life so after I retired I became Jackie's (volunteer) assistant. So much has happened in such a short time. I would appreciate your prayers as I am flooded with many emotions.

Anyone who ever helped Jackie, please reach out and help me as I learn. We all know that Jackie kept "everything in her head" so it has been a challenge becoming a detective.

We have been busy during this pandemic crisis. Need has increased especially for rent, but also utilities, food and medication for seniors. PFS normally does NOT provide help with rent, but in this unusual time we were awarded a grant for rent which is almost depleted.

Most of you are aware that PFS is NOT federally, or United Way funded. We rely on churches, organizations, individual donations, grants and fundraisers. Many churches are only beginning to open their doors; thus, our pantry and monetary donations have declined. Please keep us in your prayers and support our ONLY fundraiser this year "The Jackie Burley Memorial Charity Golf Tournament". Thank you all!

Blessings, Cathy Pokrivnak

**Message from PFS Board President, Apostle Maralana Martin**

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**Greetings to all,**

PFS is in mourning, though praising that our amazing Jackie Burley is now "Rejoicing with her Savior"! The loss of our Director, Jackie Burley, is felt in the hearts of everyone she touched throughout her life. We pray for Jackie's family in this time of mourning. God ministers the balm of His mercy and presence. We pray He will replace "mourning with dancing" (Psalm 30:11) in his perfect timing.

In closing, I want us to thank, welcome and support Cathy Pokrivnak as the Acting Executive Director of Protestant Family Service. She has been diligent continuing the practices and programs that Jackie has so ably stewarded and directed. As always, we are working toward fulfilling the mission and mandate to our Lord and our clients. In the coming months, we will depend on our volunteers more than ever. Thank you for all you do, and may God continue to bless you abundantly.

**In His service, Apostle Maralana Martin**



## DO NOT SEND CHECKS TO

THE YOUNGSTOWN FOUNDATION no longer accepts direct donations!

**NEW:** PFS will still receive their 10% matching donation of anything over \$100 but your checks must be sent directly to us. Then we will keep track and be reimbursed by them at the end of each year.

## PFS HAS INTERNSHIPS:

**PASS THE WORD!** If you find someone interested, please have them contact Cathy Pokrivnak. We have two summer interns currently. We need to hire 2 more interns soon for the Fall & Winter. \*Schedule is flexible, internship is paid (and if a college student they could get class credit).

## NEW ONLINE DONATION BUTTON ON OUR WEBSITE!

[protestantfamilyservice.com](http://protestantfamilyservice.com)

DONATE NOW

† **JULY 17, 2021:**  
**The Jackie Burley Memorial Charity Golf Tournament & Basket Auction at Knoll Run Golf Course.**



† **OCTOBER 10, 2021:**  
**We will also support the Crop Hunger Walk.**



† **DECEMBER 2021:**  
**Consider helping with our Christmas Program!**



**Adopt -A-Family**  
Thank You for making a difference



## VOLUNTEERS:

*We realize it is still a concerning time and understand why some can't come out. But we just wanted you to know how special you are to us! We could not do it without YOU! Many thanks, April and Mary*

**PS:** Interested in volunteering to answer our phones once a month or once every few months? Please contact April ([aprilshowers@zoominternet.net](mailto:aprilshowers@zoominternet.net))

We Love Our Volunteers!

*thank you*  
for all you do!

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Dear Family & Friends in Christ,

Some things PFS needs URGENTLY:

Bus passes! Diapers - men/women (all sizes) and kids (size 4/5)  
Paper Products/Deodorant, body soap - all hygiene products (face soap, razors, lotion).

**Food for our homeless population that can open easily & do not need cooked.**

(Examples: Vienna sausage, sardines, tuna, plain/peanut butter/cheese crackers, granola bars, fruit cups even soup and veggies come with pop open tops).



Some things PFS needs:

Laundry Supplies/Cleaning Supplies  
Monetary Donations/Gasoline Cards  
Postage Stamps/Computer Paper  
Brown Grocery Bags  
Bottled Water for Crop Walk in October

Also, we need ... Volunteers:

To clean out storage room & supply cupboard.  
To answer phones, help with projects.  
To organize files/file cabinets.  
To help with grants.  
To help with newsletter.

Some things PFS wants: Prayers to continue to do God's good works helping families in crisis.

Some things PFS would love: Support our fundraisers (list above). Also, blessings on all the churches, community, church groups, businesses, individuals and organizations who faithfully continue to support PFS.