



Spring Valley Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC

Timeline from 2017

JANUARY: Elizabeth led an 8-week parenting series for SVPC preschool families.

MARCH: A family celebrated completing the program by jumping together at the HiWire trampoline park.

APRIL: A family celebrated completing the program by eating pizza out! Elizabeth led a workshop for parents at Richland 2 Family Intervention Services.

JUNE: A family celebrated completing the program at the high ropes course at Riverbanks Zoo! Elizabeth invited families to attend VBS at SVPC.

AUGUST: Thornwell Sunday at SVPC: Rev. Elliot Smith led worship and Elizabeth shared a success story from a recently graduated family. Elizabeth also presented a workshop during the Sunday school hour. A family celebrated completing the program with a slip n slide pizza party!

SEPTEMBER: A family celebrated completing the program with a rousing game of putt putt! Elizabeth taught a 3-week workshop series for adults during Café, and led the Parent Connections workshop for SVPC Preschool families.

Spring Valley Highlights

- During 2017, Building Families served **254** children and family members through our partnership with Spring Valley Presbyterian Church!
- A total of **12** families representing **52** individuals participated in the in-home intervention.
- **8** families successfully completed the intervention and are now receiving Aftercare, **1** family is still open and on track for a successful completion of the program, and **3** families ended services prior to program completion.
- **36** additional individuals graduated from the program in 2016 and continued to receive Aftercare support with Elizabeth in 2017.
- Local families were also positively impacted by the parenting classes and workshops that Elizabeth offered this year. **7** different workshops were held during 2017. **58** individuals participated in these opportunities, representing **163** total children and family members impacted.
- **1** family representing **3** household members also participated and successfully completed the Building Families Parenting Class Series.
- Elizabeth provided **182** home visits, **4** school visits, **21** Field/Community visits, and **143** supportive phone calls were made to families.
- Elizabeth completed **12** in person visits with referral sources in the Columbia area, and made an additional **50** contacts via phone/email to educate community partners about the program and share how they could connect families to the program. This outreach led to **24** referrals provided for families who could benefit from the program!
- Being embraced by the congregation and staff at Spring Valley Presbyterian has been a highlight of the year for Elizabeth. During 2017 she had the opportunity to attend **13** different church events and **35** church staff meetings!
- 2018 is already starting off strong as Elizabeth just began work with the first new family of the year, and is currently assessing **2** additional families who were referred for services!

Elizabeth drove 4,405 miles this year to get to her families! That's enough to take her all the way to Barcelona!

Meet Our Spring Valley Specialist



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Bunk beds and bedding donated by SVPC members and delivered to a family who successfully completed the program.

Thank you for your Support!

- SVPC members gave generously to families through the Angel Tree. One family expressed the following:

"We want to thank you for everything you sent us for Christmas. God sent you in our lives for a good reason and we want to thank you for everything you have done for us. You are helping us in so many ways, more than I could ever imagine. We love you for everything that you have helped us with! We are trying and making progress each and every day. May God keep blessing you as you help others! Thanks thanks thanks!"

- Building Families workshops and parenting classes were created to not only provide helpful information, but create a supportive atmosphere that motivates caregivers to strengthen their community ties. Feedback from parents who attended Building Families workshops this year encourages us that we are on the right track!

Parent said they liked:

"Having an open floor"

"Learning about power in general"

"Very practical information"

"Open forum where we can all discuss struggles"

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OCTOBER: A family celebrated completing the program by cooking a meal together! Families who have participated in the Building Families Program attended Trunk or Treat (and Elizabeth's trunk won 3rd place in the decorations contest!)

NOVEMBER: Elizabeth presented Building Families information for the JOY Group. Elizabeth led the Parent Connections workshop for SVPC Preschool families. A family celebrated completing the program with an afternoon of bowling and arcade games. Proceeds from a very successful Fall Bazaar went to directly support the Building Families Program at SVPC.

DECEMBER: Elizabeth provided Building Families information at a Flourishing Families Christmas party for foster parents and children. SVPC members provided over \$700 in gift cards and tickets to local family activities. Elizabeth distributed the gifts to families who have participated in the program over the past year.



Elizabeth at the SVPC Trunk or Treat showing off her shower themed trunk!