**Turning Point**

The stepping place on the journey that gives one's life its direction...

Bethany House's 30 yrs - looking back with pride looking forward with joy!

*The first Bethany - 1978*

*Bethany One - 1981*

*Bethany, Too - 1989*

*Bethany South - 1994*

*Bellmore Apartments - 2000*

*NO PHOTO AVAILABLE YET*
Coming Events at Bethany:

12th Annual Golf Outing:
On: Monday, July 21, 2008
At: Tam O'Shanter Golf Club
For an invitation packet, please call
Linda at 868-6866

Bethany House’s Board of Directors
Annual Meeting – 4:00 to 6:30pm
On: Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008
More information will follow.

The Fall Fashion Show and
Awards Dinner:
At: The Rockville Links
More information coming soon!

Boxtown at Bethany:
On: Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008
and Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008
A memorable evening shared with Bethany’s women and children.
More information coming soon!

August 21, 2008:
Bethany House begins its 31st Year!

Note:
In honor of Bethany’s 30th Anniversary, would you help our children by taking an AD in our Commemorative Journal [please see insert for details]. Thank you!

Boxtown IX at Molloy College

On April 3, 2008 Molloy College joined with Bethany House in Boxtown IX. I was one of the students who participated in Boxtown, and for me it was an experience of a lifetime.

Boxtown is a night where participants pledge to spend the night in a cardboard box – just as some homeless people do – in solidarity with the homeless among us. Boxtown was an amazing experience: from standing in line for soup and bread, to setting up your box on the cold ground, to hearing the stories of people who are actually homeless. Then, off to sleep in your new “home”.

Before venturing out into the cold night, we had a brief prayer service inside which was extremely touching. Hearing the stories of Bethany House’s homeless women truly made my night: it had me hysterical because reality sort of just hit me, particularly when one said, “It can happen to anyone, at anytime.”

More than 80 Molloy students, faculty and staff participated along with several residents and staff from Bethany, but only about 40 of us made it through the whole night. I was out in the pouring rain until about 3 am when my box collapsed in on me. I was upset as I had wanted to spend the whole night outside to get the full experience.

Besides being a powerful consciousness-raising experience, Boxtown also raises funds for the homeless of Bethany House: this year we raised $7,700! Special thanks to Sister Diane Capuano, Associate Campus Minister at Molloy, because without her miracles such as these wouldn’t take place! I am so proud to say that I participated in Boxtown IX, and I eagerly await Boxtown X!

Dina Marie Colin
Bethany's 30th Anniversary Celebration - May 4, 2008

On a warm Sunday afternoon, Bethany House held its Thank You Celebration at the Anselma Room of Molloy College for all of the people who have been an important part of the life at Bethany throughout its 30 years. During this special year of looking back, each month a different activity was held that related to our growth and expressed our appreciation. The May 4th Celebration was the culmination of Bethany's year of "Memories and Thank Yous." Bethany's Board, Staff, volunteers, and good friends all came together to join with Bethany's guests, both present and past. Some came to see old friends, to enjoy good food, or to share camaraderie; but all came to honor Bethany House, to remember its accomplishments, and to be thankful for its blessings.

It's great fun to be 30 years old as evidenced at this celebration. The children were entertained with many wonderful activities such as face painting, clowns, games, story telling and finally a tent. All of them of all ages joined together and played in the oval, two-step down center of the room which was devoted entirely to them. The adults gathered around the plentiful buffet of delicious food and drink and then sat at the many tables surrounding the children's circle. The Freeport Gospel Church Choir sang beautiful selections and the enthusiastic audience sang along with them, particularly during the choruses. Then a "Time Line History" of the development of Bethany House throughout its 30 years was presented with narrative and posters, illustrating its growth, its residences and increasing number of guests. And finally, every birthday party has to have a cake... we did, too, and it was delicious and everyone enjoyed a piece!

Of course, many hours and much effort on the part of many people made this celebration possible and we thank each of them for all of the time and work which made this Bethany Thank You Celebration so memorable.

What's in a Word? REFLECTION

A mirror provides the most common model for reflection. It's a familiar object that shows us an image that we choose to evaluate: do we need makeup, is our hair out of control, do we need to lose a few pounds, does the new outfit look fantastic? As we look at the mirror, we think of previous images and reflect on the changes we have made or want to make in the future.

And so it is when we reflect on Bethany House as it finishes its 30th year of caring for women and children. We can think of the early image of its first rental on Taylor Avenue and the ensuing years filled with fantastic progress until we now see ourselves as the proud owners of 3 homes and an apartment building with the capability to house 85 women and children, including older single women in need. Now we have time to reflect on our future and decide where we want to be in the next 30 years.

No matter what we do, our focus will always be on the needs of our women and children. When they find their way to Bethany, we want them to find peace as well as shelter. During their stay with us, we hope they will eventually be able to "look in that mirror" and reflect on the past circumstances that have contributed to their present misfortune. With Bethany's help, we encourage them to pursue a new image of a future life that will be filled with accomplishment, independence and happiness.

Wouldn't that be a welcome reflection of our mission at Bethany? "Jessie Fentnor"
THE AVERAGE PERSON SPENDS
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BETHANY PUBLISHES COOKBOOK

The great cooks of Bethany House have responded to a very creative idea: our own cookbook! Hundreds of our BEST recipes are to be published in our first Bethany House Cookbook.

Joann Heckman, Jane Banfield and Linda Wilkonski have compiled the recipes from many of Bethany’s finest chefs, chosen the cover and design, and sent it all to Morris Publishing. This wonderful treasure house of culinary delights will be sold for ONLY $20 a copy.

First day of sale and book signing:
When: Monday, July 21, 2008
Where: Bethany’s Golf Outing
Tam O’Shanter Golf Club

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