



BethanyHouse®

Annual Report 2021
A Year of Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Nassau County



These days, when we are subjected to so much distressing news, we wanted to share the GOOD news from Bethany House: people on Long Island care about each other, and hope and compassion are alive!

Bethany House is a place where people on Long Island come together to take care of their neighbors in need. People from all sides of the political spectrum, faith-based organizations of every denomination and people from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds come together to support the women, and women with children at Bethany House who are challenged by homelessness.

Every day, individuals from across Long Island offer financial support and much needed material goods to the women and children at Bethany House. Many people directly support our guests through volunteering. Corporate donors and foundations provide needed financial support that ensures the women and children successfully transition from homelessness to sustainable permanent living. Students from Molloy University, Nassau County Community College, Fordham University and the New York Theological Seminary intern in our programs, providing support to our guests and their children. People from thirty-two diverse faith-based organizations provide ongoing support and encouragement directly to the women and children at Bethany House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug O'Dell".

Doug O'Dell
Executive Director

Our neighbors and friends have provided our guests and their children with holiday gifts, school supplies, catered meals, groceries and brand-new furniture and household supplies for departing guests who are setting up their new homes. Others have connected directly with our guests and their children by providing tutoring to adults and children, in-house arts and entertainment activities, reading groups and financial and personal care workshops.

Most importantly, people on Long Island communicate through active involvement with Bethany House that they care about their neighbors in need. This compassion, expressed through action, assures the women and children we serve at Bethany House that they are loved. And so, we thank you Long Island, for all of your support and care. We could not provide for our guests the way that we do, without you.

At Bethany House we aspire to support women, and women with children, through transition to stability. We begin by providing shelter, and meeting the basic needs of our guests, in a welcoming and safe, home-like setting.

We offer programs which provide a continuum of care that starts with emergency shelter, moves into transitional housing, and culminates in permanent housing and greater self-sufficiency.

Ultimately, we strive for our guests and their children to experience a sense of self-worth and belonging in response to their experience with our dedicated staff and volunteers. Bethany House is built on a foundation of community support and partnerships, that include government agencies, faith-based organizations, non-profit service providers, colleges and universities as well as corporate sponsors and foundations.

Founded in 1978, Bethany House supports women, and women with children, on Long Island who are experiencing homelessness. We provide a continuum of care to take these individuals from uncertainty to stability.

Specifically, we:

- Believe that the **essential resources** of adequate food, clothing, shelter, and safety should be provided in nurturing surroundings within a **stable, affirming environment**
- Strive to help individuals and families attain **self-sufficiency** and embark on a path of natural and **healthy growth and development**
- Offer **integrated, comprehensive services** that are often singled out as a model
- Seek to provide a happy, healthy, and safe foundation for the children we support in order to **foster stability for subsequent generations.**

In 2021, we:

- Envisioned a **three-step approach to service delivery, entitled, “Safe Ground for Families Transitional Services,”** which will expand our services beyond emergency shelter and case management, to enhanced support for education and career development so that women, and women with children, can break the cycle of homelessness
- **Secured an initial grant** from the Hagedorn Foundation to develop the structure, programming and outcome measurement of “Safe Ground for Families Transitional Services”
- Secured **additional funding** from two banks and the Sunshine Foundation to implement some of the enhanced transitional services
- Implemented **on-site mental health service coordination** and supervision
- Implemented **structured case planning** to assist guests in moving more rapidly toward their goals
- Partnered with Molloy College to develop **public relations materials**, including brochures, flyers and a video about the Bethany House mission
- **Supported residential and case management staff** as they weathered COVID outbreaks among guests and staff, requiring extraordinary efforts to rehouse guests, provide staff coverage, and ensure ongoing sanitizing and deep cleaning of our residences
- Submitted applications and supporting documentation to the Office of Temporary and Disability Services (OTDA) for the new **certification process for shelters** throughout NYS
- **Further expanded our list of partnerships** with volunteers, community-based service organizations, corporate partners, foundations and individual donors.

At its core, Safe Ground for Families is a three-tiered, multi-generational program that seeks to break the cycle of homelessness. The three steps are:

- **Step I** – Emergency Shelter and Case Management (our historical services)
- **Step II** – Transitional Services and Semi-Independent Living
- **Step III** – Independent Living with Optional Support Services

With this approach, we will provide services intended to:

- Prevent **homelessness recidivism**
- Ensure **child health and wellness**
- Enable the achievement of **educational and career goals**
- Facilitate **secure employment** with **sustainable income**
- Enable **greater earning potential**, and thus, the ability to **build savings**.



The following is an overview of Bethany House's income and expenses for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

Total Support & Revenue:	\$2,052,849
Program Expenses:	\$1,464,105
Management & General Expenses:	\$ 363,955
Fundraising Expenses:	<u>\$ 53,936</u>
Total Expenses:	\$1,881,996
Total Assets:	\$2,996,159
Total Liabilities:	<u>\$ 431,520</u>
Ending Net Assets:	\$2,564,639

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- Zumbathon Fundraiser, Zumba Instructors Jennifer Ma, Jovanny Moscoso and Johnny Calderon

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- Top left: Turkey Trot fundraiser, Bayville Avenue School, Freeport
- Bottom left: Dinner at Bethany House, Eat Me, Drink Me Gourmet Food Truck
- Center: Push Up for Your Life fundraiser, Lancelot Theobald, Jr.
- Top right: Blankets for Bethany, Hempstead Library Youth Services
- Bottom right: Toiletries Collection, The Black Girls Social Club

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Our donors, both young and old, give from the heart! This email is just one example of the compassion and action of our many young donors:

Hello! My name is Adriana Wool and I'm a sophomore at South Side High School. While I was in middle school, I was a volunteer at Bethany House in Baldwin. The experience stayed close to my heart and I always hoped to be able to give back again. Bringing awareness to diversity and promoting inclusion is something that I am very passionate about. I was on the Bethany House website when I saw your Books for Bethany poster. I wanted to reach out to let you know that I have saved up money and donated a copy of each book from your Amazon Smile Charity List to help build the Bethany House library. I hope that the children enjoy these books as much as I have!!



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