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NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

A letter from Executive Director David Bethuram to the friends of Catholic Charities.

UPDATES

Becky's Place impacts multiple generations.

CELEBRATION

Becky's Place award recipients and a Shelterbration recap.



Friends,

At Catholic Charities, it is not unusual for us to experience and hear various dimensions of hope from those we serve. When dreams are fulfilled and prayers are answered, it is a time of rejoicing. But when aspirations are dashed, one may feel despair, discouragement or isolation. Hope is a gift and blessing that we hold in the highest regard. It is the foundation of serving in the name of God – a God who can make all things possible. In hope, we know God's providence leads us from unexpected turns in life to a new and better reality.

With this perspective, we recognize that the service to which we are called is not merely an act of assistance but a solution rooted in providing hope to those who struggle. The truth is that the challenges of the people who walk through our doors are at times complex and intense. At Becky's Place, we provide comprehensive services for women and children who are experiencing temporary or chronic homelessness by providing meaningful hope and assistance to overcome barriers.

We are ever so grateful for our professional staff and dedicated volunteers who

compassionately love and serve women and children in crisis. We believe there is but one answer for each person looking for help and comfort: hope.

Hope is what keeps fear at bay. Hope opens the doors to possible solutions. Hope is our future. Hope is the echo in every neighbor's "thank you." Hope is knowing that our mission, despite the challenges and obstacles that come our way, is possible because of you, our faithful supporters and benefactors. Thank you for believing in our mission of providing help and creating hope.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Bethuram".

David J. Bethuram
Executive Director
Secretariat for Catholic Charities

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Corrina Hayes".

Corrina Hayes
Program Director
Becky's Place

MAKING THE MOST OF AN OPPORTUNITY



Sammy* originally came to Becky's Place after losing everything due to alcoholism. Sammy was a model resident during her stay and avoided drinking but did not talk about her substance use. She quickly found a job, saved money and secured housing.

Shortly after leaving Becky's Place, Sammy began drinking heavily again. She was in legal trouble and was considered a habitual offender facing years in prison. She reached out to Becky's Place and a problem-solving court while she was incarcerated. After being accepted into the problem-solving court, Sammy was allowed to begin their 2–3-year program.

She returned to Becky's Place on home detention, found a sponsor and attended meetings at Becky's Place and other community organizations. She quickly found a job to begin saving money for housing. Most importantly, she started counseling to face her addiction and address the core issues that led up to her drinking. Sammy recently found the perfect apartment and moved out on her own. She is continuing with aftercare at Becky's Place, has remained sober and is a thriving member of the community.

She reached out to Becky's Place and a problem-solving court.

*Name changed for privacy

RESIDENT UPDATE

We are currently serving 16 residents and 18 children. Becky's Place continues to serve as an unofficial call center for our community, answering 2-3 calls every day from women – and men – seeking resources for a myriad of challenges. Becky's Place currently has two past residents who are regularly volunteering and continuing to thrive on their journey. One past resident is pursuing her GED in hopes to move forward to college. They are both sharing their knowledge and experience with the current residents.



BECKY'S PLACE AWARD RECIPIENTS



The Becky's Place awards are given out annually to supporters of Becky's Place who have gone above and beyond to support the mission of the shelter. The 2021 Becky's Place award recipients are Hoosier Home Builders and Toby Adams. Chelsea and Jarod Jennings at Hoosier Home Builders have been great supporters of Becky's Place and help to keep the shelter running efficiently and effectively. They also provide housing for graduates of the program and have even employed some Becky's Place residents. Toby Adams has been a supporter of Becky's Place for many years and sees the impact made on women and children. Toby is a member of Mt. Pleasant Christian Church and has gathered volunteers from his church to hang Christmas lights on our building for several years.

2021 Becky's Place award recipients are Mike Egan and Darren Fortner. Mike helps fill in the gaps at Becky's Place and routinely calls to ask what items are needed. Mike has helped to create a homey atmosphere for residents for many years. Darren Fortner is the president of the Bedford Verizon store and has recommended Becky's Place for Wireless Zone Foundation for Giving, Inc. grants several times. Thanks to Darren's recommendations, Becky's Place has received over \$18,000 from this grant over the past few years. These funds have helped us serve residents and update equipment at the shelter.

Please join us in congratulating the recent Becky's Place award recipients, and thank them for all they do for the homeless women and children in our community.

SHELTERBRATION RECAP

Thank you to all who joined us for our annual Shelterbration on April 9th at the Shamrock Center in Bedford. It was great to be able to gather in person again after being virtual last year. A fun time was had by all, and we were able to raise over \$60,000 in support of the homeless women and children at Becky's Place. We would like to give a special thanks to all our sponsors for supporting this event:

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Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 4, 2023 for next year's Shelterbration featuring My Yellow Rickshaw and Carla's Catering.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Becky's Place Monthly Volunteer Meeting: Update

If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities, please call the shelter at (812) 275-5773.

Leave a Legacy

Donors 70 1/2 and older may use Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) to donate up to \$100,000 per year to the charity of their choice. At age 72, these donations count as

required minimum distributions. For more information on how to utilize QCDs in your giving plan, please contact Kim Pohovey at Kpohovey@archindy.org or (317) 236-1568.

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