**HOW PEOPLE CAN HELP RIGHT NOW!**

**IMMEDIATE:**

* #1 – please spread the word! The family homeless crisis in Cincinnati is at an epidemic level but there are so many people who have no idea the number of people – mainly children – that are suffering. Cincinnati is a very generous city – people will help if they know there’s an issue.
* #2 – schedule a tour of the shelter to learn more about Bethany House - review the lists below and find a way to get involved and make a change in your corner of the world!
* #3 – organize a third party fundraiser and donate the proceeds to Bethany House
* #4 – contribute financially
* #5 – attend and support one of our three annual fundraisers
* “Ales to Zinfandels” Wine and Beer Tasting – November 4, 2017
* “Mardi Gras for Homeless Children” – February 13, 2018
* 25th Annual Golf Classic – June 18, 2018

**BHS TOP 10 SUPPLY NEEDS**

* Individual snacks for after school kids programs (juice boxes, granola bars, boxes of raisins, bag of apples/oranges, string cheese, grapes etc…
* African American hair products
* Air mattresses with attached pump– all sizes (gently used OK)
* Twin & Full size sheet sets (gently used OK if marked and in separate bags)
* Pillows (new only)
* Sets of dishes & pots and pans (gently used OK)
* Kitchen items – silverware, other utensils, baking pans, etc (gently used OK)
* Gift cards to Kroger – increments of $10, $15 & $20
* Diapers – sizes 4 and up
* Bath towels & wash cloths

**BHS TOP 5 VOLUNTEER NEEDS** (volunteer with friends, family, co-workers, church group, neighbors!)

* Child Care (Mon-Thurs from 7-8:30pm at 1836 Fairmount)
* Kidz Zone groups (Mon-Thurs from 6-7:30pm –offsite)
* Provide dinner (Mon-Thurs at 6pm) for 40 moms & kids at Fairmount
* Provide breakfast (Sat/Sun at 9am) for 40 moms & kids at Fairmount
* Use your expertise and experience to join a committee at Bethany House
* Learn more about family homeless and join our Speaker’s Bureau to help raise awareness
* We always need groups to help with yardwork, organizing donations, etc…

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