

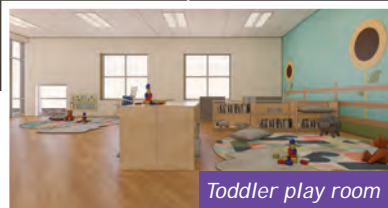


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Aerial rendering of Bethany's new home.



Toddler play room



Elementary play room



Dining room



Shelter room

New Building Update

The journey to consolidate our aging and rented facilities and design a family-focused, trauma-informed shelter and services center began in 2015. Today we are closer to our vision than ever before.

Site work has begun on our new home at 4769 Reading Road in Bond Hill, and construction will begin this summer.

The building will be a game changer for both our families and our staff. For our families, on-site medical and mental health care for children and adults will be right down the hall from shelter bedrooms. Our staff, now scattered among seven buildings, is excited about the increased collaboration and efficiency.

What is trauma-informed design? Being homeless is traumatic, and often the families that we serve have experienced trauma long before entering Bethany House's doors. We recognize and understand that the physical environment has a direct impact on families and have committed our new facility design to ease trauma experienced by homeless children and their parents. Our new facility will be a place of refuge, support and healing.

Trauma-informed features of the new facility (to name a few).

- Private Bedrooms — Each family will have their own room. This will allow families to feel safe and comfortable while living in shelter.
- Family Dining Room — Many families experiencing homelessness



Our Ask to You

We would be deeply honored if you would consider an investment to support our Capital Campaign. Your gift will help close the fundraising gap while ensuring local families move *One Step Closer to Home!*

do not know when their next meal might be. While at Bethany House, families will be able to eat three meals a day — together.

- Age-appropriate enrichment areas as well as indoor and outdoor children's play spaces — These will allow children to learn and thrive while staying at Bethany House.

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OUR MISSION: Bethany House Services empowers homeless and at-risk families with the solutions to achieve housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency.

OUR VISION: To live in a community where all families have a place to call home and no one spends a night without shelter.

CORE VALUES: Respect, Empowerment, Integrity, Excellence, Collaboration and Hospitality.

DEAR FRIENDS,



The pandemic has transformed our lives in profound ways. It has also shone a spotlight on the health, social and economic disparities that families experiencing homelessness face every day. As things begin returning to “normal,” I think about how much is not normal for our families, and how much work needs to be done to bring equity and inclusion to all families in our community.

At Bethany House we know we are making a difference. We know our new shelter and services center will have a direct impact on the unmet need in our community. By deepening our supportive services, all families will have easy and consistent access to a full range of counseling and support. It will enable Bethany House to serve more families every year. It will be more than just a shelter — it will be a place of refuge, support, security and community.

By expanding our reach and services, we will help more families reach long-term stability and, most important, we will reduce the cycle of generational homelessness and poverty, not only for the parents and children we serve, but also across the entire Greater Cincinnati community.

My sincere thanks to all who support our work. Our Board of Directors and our staff pledge our continuing commitment to end family homelessness. With your help we can do it!

Gratefully,

Susan S. Schiller
Chief Executive Officer

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- 2 Sign into your Amazon account, or create an account
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- 4 SHOP!

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Thank you for your support of Bethany House!

How your stock gift can help a homeless family



Do you own stock that's increased in value since you purchased it? Have you owned it for at least one year? Here is a unique opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.

When you donate stock to Bethany House Services, you receive the same income tax savings (if you itemize) that you would if you wrote us a check, but with the added benefit of eliminating capital gains taxes on the transfer, which can be as high as 20 percent. *Always consult your tax advisor.*

Making a gift of securities to support homeless children and their families is as easy as instructing your broker to transfer the shares!

Help our children get ready for school



Eugene Butler, Education Services Coordinator, facilitates learning with Bethany House children.

The disruption of COVID-19 has had an impact on all of us, and our families were no exception. Our children in shelter were affected more than most, due to the challenges of remote learning and the long periods they were homeless before arriving at Bethany House.

The national data tell us, and we see firsthand, that homeless children are behind in school an average of one to two years, change schools three to five times per year and are diagnosed with learning disabilities at twice the average rate.

Due to the generosity of individual donors and private foundations, Bethany House has been able to expand our Family Services Department to ensure all of our children get the support they need ... but we do need help.

Will you help us close the learning gap and get our kids ready for a new school year? Please consider a donation of schools supplies for our children.

School supplies needed:

- Scientific calculator – T183 and T184 Plus
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Folders
- Binders
- Pens
- #2 Pencils
- Composition Notebooks
- Paper – wide rule and narrow rule
- Clorox Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Face Masks
- Uniforms: All sizes, white, blue, black and red polo shirts
- All sizes khaki, black and blue pants

Thank you for making a difference and helping our children academically!

A story of progress

Your funding helps support families like that of one single mom who recently entered shelter with her young son. She spent about three weeks in shelter receiving the help that she needed. This was not her first stay in our shelter, but we do think it will be her last.

Not long after leaving, she returned with invitations to her graduation from Dohn Community High School. The staff members at Bethany House made such a strong connection with her that she wanted to share it with them. Our Assistant Shelter Director Janice and this guest's case manager both gladly attended her graduation ceremony (taking pictures to mark the occasion).

Her son later had his mother send Janice a text message: "Can you show Ms. Janice that I'm going to school too?" In the coming weeks, she plans to meet with Janice to complete her financial aid forms for attending Empire Beauty College. Bethany House is helping to provide the support system that she and so many others never had.



▲ Our client's son shows us that he's going to school too!



▲ Janice (right) and her client share the joy of graduation.



Memorials and tributes support Bethany House mission

Bethany House Services memorials and tributes allow you to express your support, respect, gratitude or love through a gift that honors an individual while furthering the mission of Bethany House Services. Gifts can be made in celebration of a special event, such as a birthday or anniversary, in honor of an achievement, or in memory of a loved one. When your gift is received, an acknowledgement will be sent in your name to the individual you are honoring or the family of the person remembered. Gifts will be acknowledged in the Bethany House newsletter.

Memorials and tributes received January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

IN MEMORY OF

KJ and Jane Baker

Sean Pratt

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Kathleen Mahoney

Kathleen Stautberg

Barb Schehl

Mary Ann Stevenson

G. Albert Stevenson

Community support helps families heal

Even as children prepare to return to a "normal" school year, it is vital for the families to heal from the trauma of the past year. Families need to interact and enjoy each other's company, participate in new experiences, learn together and just have fun!

If we are to break the deep generational cycle of poverty in Cincinnati, we have to give our families a vision for a different and better future. Children living in poverty need to be exposed to cultural experiences, as well as to new people and places. Horizons are broadened and bonds strengthened through family activities.

Funding for this year's summer field trips, supplies, community excursions, play equipment, respite care for parents and camps for kids has been provided by the Charles H. Dater Foundation, US Bank Foundation, Junior Women's Club of Wyoming, Summertime Kids, and SC Ministry Foundation. These activities promote family bonding, health and healing. We are very grateful for this important support.

▼ Children enjoying a summertime treat.



▲ Children and staff ready for a summer field trip.



▲ New playground equipment at the Fairmount shelter.

Bethany House welcomes new board members

Many thanks to new members of our Board of Directors for supporting our mission and ensuring our families find stable housing and reach self-sufficiency.

Gina L. Bannister

V.P., Payments Advisor, Elan Services, a Division of U. S. Bank

Cornelius A. (Tony) Chambliss Jr.

Project Executive, TriVersity Construction Group

Darin C. Hall

CEO, Civitas Development Group

Gregory W. Olson

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Please help our families

Many children and families in our community are in desperate need of not only shelter, but also a pathway to stability. Bethany House helps these families reach housing and long-term self-sufficiency.



Ales to Zinfandels 2021
Saturday Oct. 23, 7-10 pm,
Newport Syndicate

*Wine and beer tasting with
heavy hors d'oeuvres
Music by the Ultra Sonics*

For information,
513-921-1131, info@bhsinc.org
or [bethanyhouseservices.org/
ales-to-zinfandels/](http://bethanyhouseservices.org/ales-to-zinfandels/)



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Bethany House provides safe shelter, food, clothing and all of the necessities to hundreds of children and families in our community. Here's how you can help:

- ▶ **BECOME** a sponsor
- ▶ **BUY** a Party Pack, and host your friends; introduce them to Bethany House Services
- ▶ **DONATE** a bottle of wine (minimum value \$20/bottle, please) for our Wall of Wine
- ▶ **DONATE** a bottle of bourbon or other spirits
- ▶ **SHARE** the event on social media from our Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn pages
- ▶ **MAKE A MONETARY DONATION**

A life of commitment and dedication

Our sincere thanks to Cynthia Kimber, who recently retired as a Shelter Case Manager at Bethany House. Cynthia joined Bethany House in 2005 and has served countless families, supporting and empowering them along their journey to self-sufficiency.

Cynthia had a unique ability to connect with families in crisis. She was always hands-on and was frequently seen comforting children while helping a new family with paperwork. She helped each of her families develop their plans for personal growth and connected them to the resources needed to find permanent housing.

Cynthia, we thank you for your dedication to our families and to our mission ... and most important, to helping our families *get one step closer to home.*



▲ L. to R. Susan Schiller and Cynthia Kimber.

IN MEMORY OF (continued)

Martha Stockman Bennet
Whitney DuBois
Barbara Thacker
Michael Stock
Carolyn Voss
Mary Reuss
Annie Watkins
Barbara Tuchfarber
Louise Wauligman
Jane Wauligman
Joan Wellbrock
Mary Jo Gruber Haverkamp
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Vincent Wilmes
Sandra and Donald Wilmes
The Young Family
Milford Classified Employees Association

IN HONOR OF

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What are Bethany Basics?

As families exit shelter into their own homes, we make sure each is equipped with the basics to set up housekeeping, like bed sheets, blankets, pots and pans, waste baskets, dishes, just to name a few! These are the items that our families ALWAYS need, and we call them the Bethany Basics. We rely on the generosity of the community to provide these household items to help our families get established in their new homes!

For more information on how you can provide Bethany Basics for our families, please scan the QR code or visit our website: bethanyhouseservices.org.



▲ The Hadder family donated slow cookers, cookbooks and sheet sets.



▲ Kim Chiodi delivers cleaning supplies to Susan Schiller, Bethany House CEO.



▲ New Board member, Gina Bannister, and U.S. Bank provided bedding for our families.

Bethany House helps with COVID-19 vaccines

Thanks to the City of Cincinnati Health Department, Bethany House recently hosted a vaccination clinic to educate shelter families and staff about the benefits of the vaccine, and even extended the opportunity to our neighbors.



▲ Master Chef Tom kept everyone fed.

DJ Barry provided the music, Master Chef Tom fired up the grill and provided lunch and most important, clients, staff and neighbors rolled up their sleeves, got the vaccine and are now safe and protected!

Congratulations to the Bethany House's Family Services Department for a fun day and very successful clinic!



▲ Children made posters telling everyone about the clinic.



▲ Family Services staff planned the day.

Bethany Homes gets new playground

Bethany Homes, Bethany House's 24-unit apartment complex, provides permanent, safe, well maintained, affordable housing for low-income families, most of whom are supported by a single mom. Thanks to U.S. Bank Foundation and the Charles H. Dater Foundation, a new playground was installed just in time for summer!



▲ Bethany Homes has a new playground, just in time for summer.

Congratulations and thank you, award winners!

At the recent annual meeting, Bethany House was honored to recognize some of our most dedicated volunteers.

The Bethany Beacon Award was presented to Gordon L. Snyder, President of Commonwealth Hotel Collection, LLC. Thirty years ago, under Gordy's leadership, the Northern Kentucky Restaurant Association launched the first Mardi Gras for Homeless Children, to feed children in our community's family shelters. This annual event held on Fat Tuesday has raised over \$2.14 million, including this year's event, which raised \$122,000.

Bethany House was pleased to present the Group Volunteer Award to the Board Members of the Northern Kentucky Restaurant Association, staff from Commonwealth Hotels and the Commonwealth Hotel Collection. Behind every great leader is always a group of workers who make the vision a reality. For 30

years, these volunteers have spent months planning the annual Mardi Gras event. They work long days to transform the Northern Kentucky Convention Center into the French Quarter in New Orleans — all to feed homeless children.

Lucy Crane was honored with the Individual Volunteer Award for her decades of dedication supporting Cincinnati's most vulnerable families. She has shared her experience and expertise with Bethany House staff, while supporting children and families experiencing homelessness. Today, Lucy serves as Vice Chair of the Board and as a member of both the Social Services and Ales to Zinfandels Committees.

Bethany House is grateful for all of our wonderful volunteers. We thank you for your commitment to our mission and our families.



▲ Susan Schiller presents Lucy Crane with the Individual Volunteer Award.



▲ Susan Schiller presents Gordy Snyder with the Bethany Beacon Award.



▲ Susan Schiller, Bethany House CEO, presents Board Members of the Northern Kentucky Restaurant Association, staff from Commonwealth Hotels and the Commonwealth Hotel Collection with the Group Volunteer Award.

Everyone loves an ice cream party

Our sincere thanks to the Gates family for making our children's day a little brighter and a lot more fun when they hosted an Ice Cream Party for our children in shelter. The Kidzone in Westwood was transformed into an Ice Cream Bar, and our children loved creating their very own sundaes from a variety of ice cream and toppings. The smiles on their faces tell the story!



▲ The Gates children enjoyed throwing the party!



▲ Big smiles and big bowls of ice cream!

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Saturday, October 23, 7-10 pm
Newport Syndicate

"We have a need for a place that is called home ... most of all, it's a place that provides us with a centering — a place from which we leave each morning and to which we return each evening."

— Graham Rowles

- ▶ Wine and beer tasting with heavy hors d'oeuvres
- ▶ Music by the Ultra Sonics



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TO LEARN MORE about how you can leave a legacy to Bethany House in support of families experiencing homelessness, please contact us at 513-921-1131.

Will you decide this month to be a recurring donor?

Bethany House depends on recurring monthly donors to help our families reach housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency. With increasing family homelessness due to the COVID-19 pandemic, your monthly gift to Bethany House will provide hope for Cincinnati's most vulnerable families.



To become a monthly donor to Bethany House, visit our website: <https://bethanyhouseservices.org/donate/> and simply check the box marked "Make this a monthly gift." For more information, please email info@bhsinc.org or call 513-921-1131. Thank you!