


Dear Friends of Becky's Place,

Sometimes we owe it to one another to acknowledge pain, fear and sadness, and sit with that together for a while. This has been a time with all of those feelings and more, across all our communities. I want to assure you that our response as an agency that values dignity, humility, collaboration and excellence has been focused on the health and well-being of our colleagues, our volunteers and those we serve.

That spans the very real concerns around COVID-19 and the very deep wounds and undeniable responsibilities of race and justice. In this issue, I hope you will be energized to see how service has been bolstered and our future reimagined, and how technology, grants and donations have played major roles. We as members of the Catholic Charities family and our broader community have experienced so many feelings, but the greatest – the one that keeps all of us going – is **hope**. Thanks for letting that be just the start.



David Bethuram
Executive Director

A New Family Legacy-Hope

Eight years ago, Shelly's* husband passed away, leaving Shelly and her daughter, Madison*, to figure out how to make it on their own. Unfortunately, Shelly simply couldn't make things work. After an eviction from their home and a friend's couch that was just as unsafe as the streets, joined Madison and Shelly's grandson, Bennet*, at Becky's Place.

The family was overjoyed to be together again, but the journey to help and healing had just begun. Although Shelly was initially quiet, she began to bond with the Becky's Place staff and residents, creating a feeling of safety and trust, and allowing her to open up about the challenges she faced after losing her husband. Within months, Madison successfully found permanent housing and completed the Becky's Place program.



Calendar Fundraiser

In honor of the late Fr. Rick Eldred, Happy Travelers is selling 2021 calendars to benefit Becky's Place and the Men's Warming Shelter. Each calendar is \$20 and can be ordered online at BeckysPlaceBedford.org or by contacting Linda Fitzpatrick at (812) 797-9555. Calendar sales will end on January 15th. Be sure to order your calendar today!



Shelly was inspired by her daughter's progress and quickly found employment and worked hard to save her money. Before long, Shelly had enough saved up to begin looking for a home of her own but struggled to find something that fit her needs. But with the support of Becky's Place, Shelly didn't lose hope and eventually moved into the perfect place and completed the Becky's Place program. Shelly and Madison both actively participate in our aftercare program, which is offered to residents who successfully complete the Becky's Place program. Both women are an inspiration and testament to why we do what we do at Becky's Place!

**names changed for privacy*



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Becky's Place COVID-19 Update

Becky's Place is currently serving 7 residents and 5 children. Staff and residents continue to follow CDC safety guidelines regarding COVID-19. Thanks to grant funding, Becky's Place secured additional funding for operations and purchased additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including, masks, gloves and face shields. Thank you for your support during these difficult times!

Upcoming Events

Virtual Run for Hope 5K and Family Fun Walk

Date: Any time the month of November

Time: Registration and packet pick up from 4pm to 6pm on Oct. 28, Nov. 5, 19 and 24

Location: Chamber of Commerce

Details: All participants receive a race t-shirt. More information and registration can be found at: BeckysPlaceBedford.org

Christmas Open House Facebook Live

Date: Tuesday, December 1

Time: 7:00pm

Details: Join us on Facebook for a livestream shelter tour and interviews with special guests

Spring Shelterbration

Date: Saturday, March 6, 2021

Details: More information and registration will be available in early 2021

Becky's Place Monthly Volunteer Meeting

UPDATE: Due to COVID-19, we are not holding in-person volunteer meetings. If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities, please call Becky's Place at (812)275-5773.