



Winter 2023

# NEWSLETTER



## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

A letter from Executive Director David Bethuram to the friends of Becky's Place.

## UPDATES

Becky's Place continues to change lives.

## CHRISTMAS

Community-wide support.



# Dear Friends of Becky's Place,

Last year, all of us were forced to face an uncomfortable truth – none of us are immune to a crisis. Through the work of Becky's Place, we know all too well that many families are just one missed paycheck away from facing homelessness. But we also see that even during the darkest times, our community – people like you – step up to care for our neighbors in need. Your support, combined with the passion of the Becky's Place staff, allows our organization to be at the forefront of addressing homelessness in Bedford and surrounding communities.

The challenges we faced in 2022 make me proud of the incredible things we've accomplished at Becky's Place. In this newsletter, you will read about how homeless women and children are served through community partnerships.

What we have been able to achieve together gives me much hope for 2023. While we still face uncertainty in the year to come, I know

we will get through any challenges we face together as one community. Thank you for walking this journey with us and for helping us be part of the solution for so many vulnerable women and children in need. I wish you hope, strength and good health in the year ahead. Please keep Becky's Place in your prayers.

In His peace,

**David J. Bethuram**  
Executive Director  
Secretariat for Catholic Charities

**Corrina Hayes**  
Program Director  
Becky's Place

# MAKING THE MOST OF AN OPPORTUNITY



When Miss K was forced to leave her home, she called Becky's Place. After arriving in distress, our staff spent time with her, calmed her down and gave her hope and new possibilities. Miss K was initially afraid to let people get too close. But as she settled in and learned new life skills like budgeting, cooking and cleaning, she worked on developing her social and communication skills. Her case manager helped her to communicate more effectively and has been a source of strength throughout her stay.

During Miss K's time at Becky's Place, she found employment, earned her driver's permit and was accepted to college majoring in art and business. She hopes to pursue selling some of her artwork online. Now living in her new apartment, she is in our aftercare program which offers her resources and support. Miss K hopes to give back one day, and we are excited about her journey.

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# RESIDENT UPDATE

We are currently serving 17 residents and 4 children. Becky's Place continues to serve as an unofficial call center for our community, answering two to three calls a day from women and men seeking resources for a myriad of challenges. Becky's Place had four families recently move into permanent housing, and we are excited about their future.



## RUN FOR HOPE 5K RETURNS WITH GREAT SUCCESS

After a two-year hiatus, the Becky's Place Run for Hope 5k returned in person this year. Around 250 people participated in the Thanksgiving morning run, which featured a new route. We are so grateful to all who supported and participated in this event. You raised over \$14,000 to support homeless women and children in our community. We hope you will join us for the 2023 run on November 23.

# ANNUAL BECKY'S PLACE SHELTERBRATION

Becky's Place • Saturday, March 4, 2023

*Shelterbration*

6:00 pm | Shamrock Center

Join us on Saturday, March 4th for our annual Shelterbration. The event features dinner, resident success stories, a live and online auction, a raffle and the Becky's Place awards. There will also be a performance by the band My Yellow Rickshaw. Visit [www.BeckysPlaceBedford.org](http://www.BeckysPlaceBedford.org) or scan the QR code for more information and to purchase tickets.



# CHRISTMAS AT BECKY'S PLACE

Christmas at Becky's Place is a magical time, and we are so grateful to all who support our residents during the holiday season. Here are just a few of the ways the shelter was shown love during the holidays.

Lighthouse Mortgage Services of Indiana held their 9th annual Donation Drive to benefit Becky's Place. Toys and household items were collected for our residents. Thank you to the following groups for helping to make the drive so successful: Classic Title, Lucas Indiana Real Estate, Suddarth and Company, Hawkins and Root Realty, Remax, Indiana Real Estate Connection, Benish Real Estate Group, Keach and Grove Realty, The Remnant Church, Ruoff Mortgage and World Finance.



Students from a fourth-grade class at Lawrence County Independence School stopped by to deliver handmade cards and gifts to the residents. The cards were a hit and a sweet gesture by these kids.



Grace Full Gospel Church honored all past and present residents of Becky's Place with a fabulous Christmas party catered by Carla's Catering. Pastor Brent O'Neal, his wife and many other church members worked many hours throughout the year to prepare this wonderful evening for us. We are so grateful for their generosity and support.



These are just a few of the Christmas highlights at Becky's Place this year. The community is so generous to us around the holidays (and all year long) that we cannot list everything. We could not provide for these homeless women and children without your support, and we are so very grateful.

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## Leave a Legacy

Have you considered how a planned gift to Becky's Place impacts lives for years to come? Including Becky's Place in your will continues your ability to serve our mission of providing help and creating hope to those in need. To learn more about how you can plan a lasting gift through legacy planning, contact Jim Maslar at 317-236-1588 or [jmaslar@archindy.org](mailto:jmaslar@archindy.org).

## Donate Online

Did you know you can contribute to Becky's Place online? It's easy and secure. Visit [BeckysPlaceBedford.org](http://BeckysPlaceBedford.org). Donations can be set up as a monthly or one-time gift. Contact Cheri Bush for more details at 317-236-1411 or [cbush@archindy.org](mailto:cbush@archindy.org).





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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Volunteering at Becky's Place

If you are interested in volunteering at Becky's Place, please contact the shelter at 812-275-5773.



## Shelterbration

**Date:** March 4, 2023

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Shamrock Center

For more information and to purchase tickets visit our website at [www.BeckysPlaceBedford.org](http://www.BeckysPlaceBedford.org)