



Bethany House of Hospitality

offers housing and support services
to young immigrant women
as they journey to independence.

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"I am free!"

One of our residents reflected on what Bethany House of Hospitality (BHH) means to her. "Oh, I'm free!" she said with no hesitation.

This is exactly what the Board of Directors and staff envision. We work so these young immigrant women truly can be free of a traumatic past. Perhaps more importantly, we want them to feel free to dream widely, and sometimes wildly, about their future.

This young woman, who is a joy to be with, has become very resourceful in moving her dreams to reality.

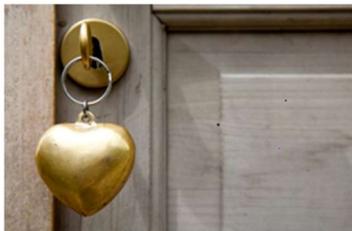
She has accomplished so much during the six months she has lived at BHH. She works a full-time factory job. She deposits her weekly pay check by phone. She saves her money for driving lessons and a future apartment. She studies the Illinois driver's manual. She prepares to take the GED tests by self-directed learning. "I can do things that I was never able to do in my past life," she shares.

After every interaction, she says "Thank you." This is more than a courtesy. The meaning behind her simple words of gratitude conveys:

"Thank you for believing in me."

"Thank you for providing guidance about how to live in this new country. "

"Thank you for encouraging me to know I can accomplish my dreams."



We are actively recruiting volunteers to assist us in the important work of helping our young adult immigrant women move forward.

One wife-husband team are providing much needed support by driving our residents to and from the local train station; this helps the residents keep their commitments to school and work. They tell us, "These young women are enthusiastic about learning. They are responsible, cheerful, and kind to one another."

We hope you will consider offering your time and talents. Please contact BHH staff to express your desire to learn more about becoming a volunteer.

The work will be challenging, eye-opening, engaging, and rewarding. After just a few weeks of driving, our volunteer-couple shares, "They are gifts to us!"

OUR CURRENT NEEDS

- Monday and Friday AM and PM drivers to the Metra stop
- Bicycles and helmets
- Gardening help and supplies
- Transportation Fund to bring women here from border areas or donate your frequent flyer miles
- Scholarship Fund to send our young women to college
- Honor to memory of a loved one by making a donation to BHH

We are a 501c3 not-for-profit organization.

Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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