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BETHANY HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

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

Since October, 2017 Bethany House of Hospitality has housed more than 40 women and 7 children from Central America, Africa and the Middle East. The average length of stay has been 6 months.

Virtual Volunteers

In these challenging times of coronavirus threat and stay-at-home orders, Bethany House provides an essential service and its staff continues to accompany the young women (and children) staying with us. We are, after all, “home” for those who are here, and every effort is being made to keep all here safe and healthy.



Many of our volunteers have been forced to stay away—for their safety and ours. But for some, especially our English tutors, that has not stopped the valuable service they offer. We continue to have English tutoring and conversation classes for the women at Bethany House four days a week through Zoom videoconferencing.

The most recent monthly Board meeting was also held on Zoom with all participants safely in their own homes.

Virtual Open House???

We were planning an Open House for the first weekend of April to invite sponsors, friends and benefactors to see our new house in Chicago. That has been suspended for now.

Though Open House plans are on hold, some of our benefactors have found creative ways to share “housewarming” gifts they would have brought to the open house. Some have used our Amazon wish list (*see link below*) to send us much appreciated gifts of pots and pans, laundry baskets, etc. A couple of convents have sent gently used sheet sets and towels, placemats and a sewing machine.

If you are so inclined, know that we could really use paper products (toilet paper—of course!—and paper towels), cleaning supplies, laundry detergent...anything a house full of women and children might need.



Creative Ways to Share in Our Mission: Time, Talent, Treasure

Do you like to cook or bake for a crowd? We would welcome dinner or cookies (for 15). Just call to let us know and drop it at the door. Could you be a mentor to one of our women--online? It would be especially helpful if you speak Spanish, Portuguese, French or Swahili.

We still need bilingual trauma-sensitive therapists (English/Spanish/ Portuguese). Perhaps you know someone who could help? We can always use gift cards—Jewel, Target, Whole Foods and Trader Joe’s are all in our neighborhood. You can consult our Amazon wish list: [Bethany HH Wish List](#) for more ideas.

Monetary donations can be mailed to:

Bethany House of Hospitality
c/o Patricia Crowley OSB,
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Learn more on our website:

bethanyhouseofhospitality.com

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Thank you for considering how you can help!

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