



Bethany House of Hospitality

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Offering Housing and Support Services to Young Immigrant Women as they Journey to Independence

Unaccompanied Children at the Border

We hear daily in the news about the many unaccompanied children who are being allowed to stay in this country while their cases for asylum are considered.* Many of the children will join parents or other family members already here in the U.S. as soon as those homes can be vetted and verified. Others will stay for a time in foster care or children's shelters. But what happens to them when they turn 18 and age out of foster/shelter care? Like most 18-year-olds, many are not quite ready to take on full adult responsibilities independently—think housing, finances, education, jobs—all complicated by trauma, language and cultural transition. That's where Bethany House steps in. We provide a safe and supportive environment during a young woman's transition to greater independence. At Bethany House, as we hear about the "surge" of unaccompanied children at the border, we prepare for a similar "surge" in vulnerable 18-year-old women—some with children—who need a home. Will you join us in preparing a welcoming home?

** Welcoming unaccompanied children is a step in the right direction, even as we continue to hold concern for the many families and adults who have risked their lives in hope of finding a safe home that upholds their*

Kinkikotik – I am happy!

One evening last week after supper, Catarina offered those of us gathered in the dining room our first lesson in K'iche', her indigenous language. "Welcome to our home" and "I am happy" were the first phrases she gave us.



Waiting to Meet Classmates—In Person!



Our high school students are anticipating (with somewhat mixed emotions) a return to in-person classes next month. For one, this will be her first time meeting her Chicago classmates since she came to Bethany House during the past year when online learning had become the norm. Another looks forward to meeting her classmates in person—but not to getting up earlier to take the bus to school (of course!)

Planning for Ramadan

As we and our Muslim friends prepare for the holy season of Ramadan, please join us on April 8th at 6pm Chicago time. During this Zoom event, you will learn how Viator House of Hospitality and Bethany House of Hospitality care for young Muslim immigrants. ***Click here to register***

To Our Muslim Sisters and Brothers,
Please join us for this special pre-Ramadan event to learn more about what we do to support young Muslim women and men seeking asylum in our country.

Thursday, April 8th | 6-7pmCST | via Zoom

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