



Bethany House of Hospitality

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

Above: Jessica and Sr. Kathlyn (far left and second from left) join staff and residents in celebrating Darlene (center, holding rose) in a pre-Covid (maskless) celebration.

Transition at Bethany House

Being in transition is a constant in the lives of the women at Bethany House. Most arrive transitioning (in the legal sense) from child to adult on their 18th birthday, and then they spend their time at BHH preparing for a transition to greater independence.

Farewell and *Welcome* are heartfelt words heard frequently here as women transition in and out of the Bethany House community. Those words are particularly meaningful this month as we bid farewell to our beloved founding director of Bethany House, Darlene Gramigna. Since Bethany House first opened its doors in Bartlett through the move to Hyde Park and then sheltering in place during the pandemic, she has been a compassionate listener, wise advisor, creative problem-solver, faithful friend, emergency contact...and so much more! She has been not only the “face of Bethany House” for our residents but also its heart and soul. We wish her all the best as she retires and enjoys more time with her family.

Just as endings bring new beginnings, farewells lead us to welcome the new. As Darlene leaves BHH, we welcome her successors. Sr. Kathlyn Mulcahy, OP, will be the new executive director and Jessica Alaniz will

be the associate director starting May 1.

Sr. Kathlyn has been a house coordinator at Bethany House since June, 2019. A Springfield Dominican sister, she has served in education, pastoral ministry, and congregational leadership in the U.S. and Peru for the last 40 years. Jessica has been at Bethany House since its beginning, initially as house coordinator and most recently as Case Manager for BHH residents. Both are deeply committed to Bethany House's mission *to offer housing and support services to young immigrant women as they journey to independence.*

Message from Sr. Patricia Crowley, OSB Chair of the Board of Bethany House

As the initial president of the board of directors, I know that Bethany House would not be what it is today without Darlene Gramigna at its helm. Darlene began volunteering with us in the infancy stages of Bethany House. The idea for Bethany House was born in February of 2017 and we opened at the end of October that same year. Darlene called to express interest, took on multiple tasks as a volunteer and then was hired as the first co-director and subsequently first executive director. Without her enthusiasm and dedication, Bethany House would not have become the organization it is now. Darlene brought both resilience, good judgment, and compassion to make our house a welcoming home for over 53 young women and 11 small children over the last 4 years.. On behalf of the board of directors for Bethany House of Hospitality, I am sad to see her go and am hopeful that after a few months of retirement she will want to return in some capacity. In the meantime, I lovingly wish her the very best in such a well-deserved "retirement"!



Ramadan

With several Muslim women at Bethany House now, the rhythms of Ramadan are heard in the night (in the kitchen in particular). To all of our Muslim sisters and brothers we wish a blessed and generous sacred month of Ramadan.



Bethany House counts on your support!

Monetary donations can be mailed to:

Bethany House of Hospitality
c/o Patricia Crowley OSB,
7430 N. Ridge Blvd.

Gift Cards

Gift cards are always welcome for groceries or the women's personal needs. (We frequently shop at Local Market Foods, Costco, Jewel, and Target).

Amazon Wish List

The Bethany House Wish List on Amazon includes personal and household items we regularly use. The wish list can be found [HERE](#).



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