



Blessings to Begin the New Year

We celebrate with Rosette, for whom 2024 offers new blessings and new beginnings. She spent almost three years at Bethany House, arriving after months living on the street and in homeless shelters. Bethany House with its stairs wasn't ideal accessible living, but it offered a safe, warm and loving home. New prosthetics and eventually a power wheelchair improved her mobility.

Rosette was our most dedicated English-learner at the house. Whatever she did she had videos with English lessons playing in the background. She was always eager to learn and deeply grateful.



She finally received asylum and work authorization--and was able to look for accessible housing. She worked stocking shelves at a neighborhood grocery store and moved into an apartment in March 2023. These were huge steps forward in her life, but the best was yet to come.

Throughout the years at Bethany House, Rosette's spirit was nourished by regular phone contact with her husband Sadiki who remained in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. We all prayed for his safety through anxious times of civil war there.

When Rosette received permanent resident status, she began the process of applying for a visa for her husband to join her in Chicago. And on December 10, Rosette's Christmas wish came true! She and Sadiki were finally reunited. They look forward to beginning the new year TOGETHER, the best place to be!

Thank you to all who helped make Rosette's dream come true!

2023 Year-End Statistics

- As of December 31 and including both women and children, we had a total of 6750 "participant days" (total number of days each woman and child was in residence at Bethany House). That makes an average of 18.5 persons per day in 2023 who received shelter, food and support services in the house.
- 24 women received Beyond Bethany rent assistance in 2023 for their first months in a new apartment. At least 15 more received other support

services (furniture, household items, food, social assistance orientation, etc.) through Beyond Bethany.

- 4 babies were born to mothers at Bethany House in 2023, the most recent on the day after Christmas.
- 334 individual gifts, donations or grants were recorded in our donor database in 2023. That included donations from 102 first-time donors and 97 consecutive-year donors.

Thank you to all of you who are a part of this amazing legacy of loving support!

Bethany House counts on your generosity to continue to offer a safe, caring home to young women in 2024. We are expecting two new women in January as well as another baby! You can make a difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable women and children who come to Bethany House. Please **contact Sister Kathlyn Mulcahy**, executive director, or reply to this email with any questions about our ministry or the needs of the community at Bethany House.

Monetary donations can be mailed to:

Bethany House of Hospitality
P.O. Box 15070
Chicago, IL 60615-5138

Online donations can be made through PayPal:

Donate to Bethany House

Gift Cards

Gift cards are always welcome for groceries or the women's personal needs. We frequently shop at Local Market Foods, Costco and Jewel. The women appreciate the opportunity for personalized selection at Ross, Amazon or Target. Temu is also very popular now.

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