



Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,

Through the good work of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, we try to respond to people in need in a way that shares God's love with our neighbors. Our network of agencies in southern and central Indiana extends a helping hand to homeless individuals and families seeking shelter, individuals and families struggling with addiction and those with mental illness seeking support services. We help newcomers become self-sufficient and productive members of American society by offering a combination of legal immigration consultation, English-language instruction, workforce development training, naturalization assistance, bilingual community education and refugee resettlement and assistance services. We are committed to providing transformative services to individuals, couples and families whose lives are impacted by an unplanned pregnancy, parenting in a crisis situation and/or those whose lives have been touched by adoption. We support our seniors struggling with loneliness and depression while trying to deal with the financial struggles that often cause them to choose between food, paying their rent and providing for ongoing medical needs.

Catholic Charities takes great pride in doing much more than simply providing a handout. Every day, compassionate and skilled staff members extend a hand to communities in need. Our dedicated staff helps so many get back on their feet, back on track and back on a path of independence and self-sufficiency. In doing so, we are helping residents retain their dignity and confidence, which is a vital component of an independent lifestyle.

As we move into a new year, our Board of Advisors, Agency Council members, administration, staff and volunteers are prepared to cope with the challenges that lie ahead and meet the needs of the people we serve. Catholic Charities has aided its community for over 100 years, and we are confident we will continue to build upon that tradition in the coming years.

Thank you for your continued support of our work and for enabling us to live out our mission of outreach, service and care as we change lives and build communities.

Sincerely,

David J. Bethuram
Executive Director
Secretariat for Catholic Charities

Corrina Hayes
Program Director
Becky's Place

Making the Most of the Opportunity

Kate* came to Becky's Place from a local shelter that was closing. She had no other options but was thankful to arrive at Becky's Place. She immediately wanted to contribute to our program and started helping with the Becky's Place store. Our store provides hygiene items, clothing, household supplies and much more for the women we house. All residents earn "Becky Bucks" to spend at the store by completing goals, and the store is used to teach life-skills, budgeting and meet needs. Kate was eager to assist with this project and was an amazing addition to the house.





Kate shared that she has PTSD and anxiety from childhood trauma, and this had prevented her from finding and maintaining employment in the past. Kate's case managers worked with her to address past struggles, and she began attending counseling regularly and taking appropriate medications to aid in her recovery.

Kate diligently applied for housing and employment daily and was eventually offered a job at a local flower shop. After working there temporarily, her case manager heard of a job opening in the next county for a property manager position that included housing and a stipend. Kate immediately applied and was offered the position and an on-site apartment. She has been successfully living and working at her new job for a few months, and we are proud of her persistence. She continues working with her case manager from Becky's Place and is thankful for all the opportunities she has been given.

**Name changed for privacy*



Resident Update

We are currently serving 17 residents and three children. Becky's Place continues to serve as an unofficial call center for our community, answering 2-3 calls every day from women – and men – seeking resources for a myriad of challenges. Becky's Place currently has two past residents that are regularly volunteering and continuing to thrive on their journey. One past resident is pursuing her GED in hopes to move forward to college. They are both sharing their knowledge and experience with the current residents.



Becky's Place Receives Generous Grant Funds

In July, Becky's Place received a \$30,000 grant from United Way of South Central Indiana. These funds were part of an Economic Relief Initiative Grant that was awarded to United Way of South Central Indiana through a partnership between Lilly Endowment Inc. and Indiana United Ways. The funds were a huge blessing and were used to help with the operational expenses of the shelter.

Becky's Place also recently received a \$10,000 grant from Wireless Zone Foundation for Giving. This grant allowed for some needed updates at Becky's Place. Our residents now having new bedding, alarm clocks, hampers and much more. We had the opportunity to replace old/broken office equipment with new fully-functioning items and will be getting some beautiful patio furniture and gardening supplies to start a new project! We would like to thank these two great organizations for their generous support in providing help and creating hope for homeless women and children in our community.

The Lawrence County Community Foundation awarded Becky's Place \$5,000 from an IU Health Grant to help residents entering the workforce. These funds will assist with obtaining required documentation and work wardrobe needs. It will also help to purchase a computer that will allow residents to attend virtual support groups, create resumés and participate in virtual job interviews.



Christmas at Becky's Place

Thanks to the abundant generosity of sponsors and the community, the women and children at Becky's Place had a great Christmas. They are so grateful for the encouragement and support.

We would like to give special thanks to Melissa Rowe for all her work in coordinating our Christmas donations and making Christmas possible for our residents.



Becky's Place • Saturday, April 9, 2022

Shelterbration

6:30 pm | Shamrock Center

Join Us for the Annual Becky's Place Shelterbration

Join us on Saturday, April 9th for our annual Shelterbration. The event will feature resident success stories, an auction and the Becky's Place awards. There will also be a performance by the My Yellow Rickshaw band and catering by Carla's Catering. Visit www.beckysplacebedford.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

To sponsor this event or to donate an auction item, contact Cheri Bush at cbush@archindy.org

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Becky's Place Monthly Volunteer Meeting

Date: Due to COVID-19, we are not holding in person volunteer meetings.

If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities, please call the shelter at (812) 275-5773.

Becky's Place Shelterbration

Date: April 9th, 2022

Time: Doors open at 6:00 pm

Location: Shamrock Center

For more information and to purchase tickets visit our website at www.beckysplacebedford.org

IRA Giving

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs), through an individual retirement account (IRA), have become a very popular method of giving. Donors 70 ½ and older may use qualified QCDs to donate up to \$100,000 per year to the charity of their choice, and receive unique tax benefits. At age 72, these donations count as required minimum distributions. QCD gifts can be made to benefit annual funds or appeals, capital campaigns and endowments. For more information on how you can utilize QCDs in your giving plan, please contact the Catholic Community Foundation at ccf@archindy.org or 317-236-1482.

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Donate Online

Did you know you can contribute to Becky's Place online? It's easy and secure. Visit beckysplacebedford.org. Donations can be set up as a monthly or one-time gift.