

Two Steps Forward, One Step Back



Kayla* came to Becky's Place in 2020, hoping this stay would be successful. She had been at Becky's Place before but "did things her way" instead of taking advice from staff. Although Kayla had moved out into permanent housing previously, she was unable to maintain it. **This time, she was ready to utilize the resources, support, and program at Becky's Place.**

Staff advocated for her return and wanted to try to help her again. Kayla wanted to have "roots" for herself and her son and felt Bedford was the place to stop running from her problems. Kayla returned to Becky's Place and started working with a case manager. However, she once again became resistant to counseling, medication, housing, and our little community. She initially felt that it was too much, too hard, and was overwhelmed. After some coaxing and encouragement from staff and other residents, she decided to put in the work to ensure her safety, wellness, and success.

Kayla's hard work paid off. She was approved for housing and started planning her move, but contracted COVID-19. She and her son had to go stay in an isolation shelter at the time she was supposed to move. While in isolation, Becky's Place staff, Kayla's daughter, and members of Kayla's church furnished her future home with everything she needed. Kayla returned to her fully furnished and ready-to-live-in home. She was overwhelmed with emotions and thankful for the help.

Kayla has found that she enjoys therapy and is taking her prescribed medication. She is attending all her appointments and living independently. She believes that because she didn't have to go through these major life changes alone, she was successful this time. **She is "extremely happy that Becky's Place believes in second and even third chances."**

**Name changed to protect privacy*

Who We Serve

This quarter, Becky's Place sheltered 26 women and 13 children. Nine of our residents and their children successfully secured permanent housing and moved out. Ten of the 13 residents currently living with us are employed. **Becky's Place also serves 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.** Staff and residents continue to follow CDC safety guidelines regarding COVID-19. To stay current on the goings-on at Becky's Place, follow us on Facebook.

Upcoming Events

Becky's Place Monthly Volunteer Meeting

UPDATE: 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.

Shelterbration Recap

Becky's Place held a virtual Shelterbration on March 11. Mayor Sam Craig served as the Master of Ceremonies. The program featured success stories from two Becky's Place residents and awesome performances from the Semple Band. The Becky's Place awards were presented to Hoosier Homebuilders and Toby Adams for their service to Becky's Place.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and sponsors we were able to raise over \$25,000 to support the homeless women and children at Becky's Place. You can watch a recording of the event on our Facebook page.





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Dear Friends of Becky's Place,

The year 2020 was a uniquely trying time for the poor. Our mission to serve those who are most vulnerable and have few resources and options became an incredible challenge during the pandemic. But, as is often the case, the challenge was also an incredible opportunity to discover how, with Christ's grace, our service can triumph over anything.

The accompanying articles in this newsletter demonstrate that as our neighbors' need for assistance grew, so, too, did charitable giving. As an agency, we began serving people who have never had to ask for assistance before. Previously, they may have even been donors or volunteers, but the economic impact of the pandemic hit them hard, and they too needed help. Generous donors – like you - responded to the need. We partnered with community providers to help reduce evictions, provide food to families, and provide mental health for the uninsured, and help those seeking employment prepare for and find jobs.

There is still a hard road ahead. But God's grace to assist those in need will enable us to respond. **We have been tremendously challenged this past year yet greatly rewarded with the resources to help others. I extend my gratitude to our staff and volunteers, our clients, and people of goodwill who enabled Becky's Place to offer hope and support to help transform the lives of those who are suffering.**

God bless you for your faithful witness to help the least of our brothers and sisters.

Sincerely,

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