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Intern & Educational Opportunities



Did you know that our counseling and shelter programs both offer opportunities for college interns? For information on Becky's Place shelter, please call Corrina Hayes 812-275-5773. For information on our counseling program, please call O'Connell Case 812-332-1262.

[Learn about positive parenting skills](#)

A huge THANK YOU!

From April 15th to June 30th, you helped us to raise \$64,460.09 for Becky's Place shelter for homeless women and children! This will enable us to continue serving over 100 women and children each year with our residential and after care programs. For more on all the services we offer, please visit www.BeckysPlaceBedford.org

The Becky's Place Family is Forever

Carrie Watson was a resident of Becky's Place when we first opened in 2012. Carrie completed our program, became the first resident to become a staff member and then landed a job for General Motors. Carrie shared her story at our first event that the [Limestone Cafe](#) hosted for Becky's Place. During her stay at Becky's Place, she was able to reunite with her two daughters.

Carrie's youngest daughter, Shayla Nelson, pictured here, became a resident about two years ago. Shayla also completed the program. Shayla



landed employment and started saving her money. She was a single mom of two beautiful children. She managed to work a full-time job, take care of her children and maintain a home after leaving Becky's Place. We were all so proud of her!

Life took an unexpected and sad turn in June for Carrie and Shayla's family. Carrie was called

to the hospital to find Shayla clinging to life and on life support. Carrie reached out to her Becky's Place family for support. Within hours, two members of our staff, Corrina and Natalie, were at the hospital by Carrie's side. On June 26th, Carrie made the hardest decision that any parent would ever be faced with. Carrie had to take her baby girl off life support.

Remembering Shayla. Shayla was a strong, intelligent, and beautiful young lady. The staff at Becky's Place had the privilege to be able to see her achieve so many milestones in her life: graduating from high school, reuniting with her mother, becoming a mother and becoming a wonderful woman and friend. Shayla was just 22 years old when she passed away.

Our hearts are broken for Carrie, Shayla's two young children and all of their family. We ask that you pray for these babies and their grandmother, who will be raising them. Thank you in advance for your support. If you'd like to help Carrie, visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/please-help-shayla039s-family>

Counseling Program Teams up with Food Pantry

Hoosier Hills provides over 3 million pounds of food for agencies across six counties to distribute to those in need. Our counseling staff saw that some of the children and families who came for healing were hungry. Of course, when a basic need goes unmet, it is more difficult to address other issues such as depression, anxiety and trauma. Special thanks to Hoosier Hills Food Bank's Casey Steury, Director of Programs, and Erin Hollinden, Agency Relations Coordinator, for working with Kaitlin King to make our counseling program a member agency. Now, we can provide a snack for the hungry, which will help individual and group therapy sessions to be more productive. We are also grateful to Hoosier Hills for the pallet of food that comes to Becky's Place each week.



1 in 5 children are food insecure in our region!



Grants Awarded

Our counseling program was awarded a \$13,000 City of Bloomington Jack Hopkins Social Services Grant to provide more therapy consultations for EMDR and more play therapy consultation and training for trauma. *Special thanks to the City of Bloomington for this prestigious award!*

Our shelter program was awarded a \$1,370 Safe and Secure Home grant from the Lawrence County Community Foundation's Board of Directors. Funding for this grant will be used to maintain a clean and healthy environment at Becky's Place.

Upcoming Events



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5TH ANNUAL RUN FOR HOPE 5k FAMILY FUN WALK

THANKSGIVING DAY

To become a sponsor, please [click here](#).

Ways to Join our Mission

Becky's Place hosts a volunteer information night at 7:00pm on the third Monday of every month. For details, contact Melissa Rowe mrowe21@ivytech.edu

Our counseling program needs materials for play therapy and an occasional painter

Egg cartons-Styrofoam & cardboard
Bubble wrap
Newspaper
Packaging/shipping materials

Take a slice out of homelessness

The entire sale price of your \$1.99 fruit pie goes to help homeless women and children at Becky's Place.



What's Your Slice?

Where: Pappas, 2615 Mitchell Road, Bedford, IN 47421 (NEW LOCATION)

What: The entire sale price of your \$1.99 fruit pie goes to help the homeless

When: Every Thursday starting August 10



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