2024-2025

ANNUAL REPORT



The Church in Central and Southern Indiana



Becky's Place is designed to "provide shelter and create hope" for women and children who are experiencing homelessness and moving toward a life of self-sufficiency.

- 02 | Message from Executive Director
- 03 | Fiscal Year in Review
- 04 | Financial Information
- 05 | Becky's Place Review
 Success Story

THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE



AT THE HEART OF OUR WORK IS A SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY.



The mission of Becky's Place is rooted in faith, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to helping women and children experiencing homelessness move toward stability and independence. Guided by the values of Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, we dedicate ourselves to creating a safe, supportive environment where each woman and child can begin a new chapter filled with hope.

As this Jubilee Year of Hope, proclaimed by Pope Francis and carried through by Pope Leo, ends, we are reminded of our call to extend mercy and offer tangible hope to those facing adversity.

Over the past year, Becky's Place has remained unwavering in its mission—responding with love, dignity, and resilience to the evolving needs of the women and children we serve. Through safe shelter, nutritious meals, life-skills programming, case management, and support in achieving employment and housing, Becky's Place continues to be a beacon of hope for those seeking a path to self-sufficiency.

At the heart of our work is a spirit of collaboration and community. Through partnerships with local organizations, churches, and volunteers, we are creating opportunities for lasting transformation. This united approach not only addresses immediate needs but also empowers families to build brighter, more secure futures.

As you read this report, you'll see the profound difference your support makes in the lives of women who have found new beginnings, children who feel safe and cared for, and families who have discovered renewed purpose and stability. None of this would be possible without the generosity of our donors, volunteers, and community partners who walk beside us in service.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Archbishop Charles C. Thompson for his faithful leadership, to our Catholic Charities leadership for their guidance, and to our dedicated staff and volunteers who live out this mission every day.

As we approach the close of this Jubilee Year of Hope, may our hearts be renewed in faith and our actions inspired by the Gospel's enduring call to love and serve one another. Your presence in this mission has been invaluable—thank you for walking with us in hope and compassion.

David J. Bethuram
Executive Director
Secretariat of Catholic Charities

Natacii Watson Program Director

> PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE. SERVING ALL.



FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

03

women and children served

52% of residents have no income source upon arrival





140
former residents have participated in aftercare programming



42 average age of adult women served

67 average length of days stayed





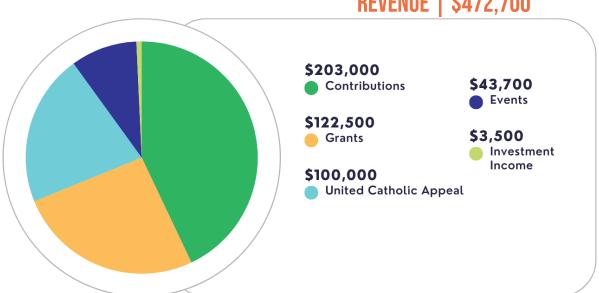


of families found permanent housing. The remaining 41% continue to work to find stable housing.

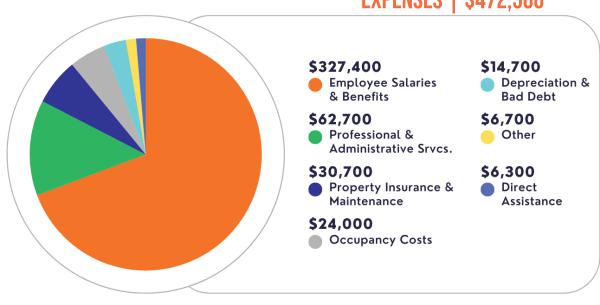
\$.92 of every dollar are used to provide critical support, genuine care, and gentle relief for those who seek our help.

FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE | \$472,700



EXPENSES | \$472,500



04

BECKY'S PLACE REVIEW

Becky's Place provides safe shelter services for women and children in Bedford and the surrounding communities, averaging 32 residents each night. In addition to housing, the shelter serves as an unofficial community call center, answering 2—3 calls daily from women—and men—seeking resources for a variety of challenges.

The challenges facing those seeking assistance are great. Many residents face one or more physical or mental health conditions and have no income. Approximately 45% have experienced some form of domestic violence. Understanding their fragile situation, our dedicated staff work closely with each resident to complete the shelter program.

Care starts with emergency housing, but Becky's Place cares for the whole person by providing three meals a day, hygiene supplies, laundry facilities, access to phone and transportation and a safe, supportive environment. Case management follows to ensure that all residents have the ability to move toward self-sufficiency. Children continue in school and are supported to in their education efforts. For residents who are unable to complete the program, staff connect them with temporary housing options to ensure continued support.

Becky's Place is deeply grateful for the generosity of Bedford and the surrounding communities. Local organizations donate materials, time, and resources, with over \$122,000 in funding granted to support the shelter's mission. These contributions are essential, allowing Becky's Place to provide compassionate care and vital resources to homeless women and children in our community.

SUCCESS STORY

In early January 2025, Margaret* and her grandson, James*, arrived at Becky's Place, seeking stability and a fresh start. Margaret, a resilient and resourceful woman on disability with a limited income, had recently timed out of another program. Despite her challenges, she remained determined to find permanent housing and provide a stable home for James, a respectful and kind-hearted teenager.

From the moment they arrived, Margaret's warmth and generosity touched everyone around her. She was incredibly knowledgeable about available resources and never hesitated to share information with staff and other residents. She took care of her housemates as if they were family, often cooking meals for everyone and creating a sense of home within the shelter. James, following his grandmother's example, was always eager to help—whether it was assisting with chores or simply offering a kind word to those who needed it.

Margaret never lost sight of her goal. With determination and the support of her case manager, she tirelessly searched for housing that would be both affordable and comfortable for her and James. Her persistence paid off. In late February, they secured a wonderful apartment that suited their needs perfectly.

Though their time at Becky's Place was short, their impact was lasting. Margaret's kindness and wisdom uplifted those around her, and James left an impression with his maturity and generosity. We are incredibly proud of them both and thrilled to see them move forward into their new home. Their story is a testament to the power of perseverance, community, and the unbreakable bond of family.



PROVIDING HELP. CREATING HOPE. SERVING ALL.



BECKY'S PLACE 1108 5th Street Bedford, IN 47421 (812) 275-5773







