

Annual Report 2023-2024



Mission Statement:

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.



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Message From Executive Director

Dear Community Partners and Friends,

We are pleased to share this annual impact report with heartfelt gratitude to our community partners, friends, staff, council members, and clients. We are committed to upholding best practices and maintaining the highest standards of care. Our actions are guided by the core values of respect, compassion, and accountability.

Thank you for helping us support the dignity of all our neighbors. Together, we serve homeless women and children during one of the most challenging times in their life.

Our mission is to create lasting solutions that break the cycle of intergenerational poverty, a root cause of trauma for so many. Through strategic advocacy, we work to foster equitable solutions that honor the dignity and aspirations of a better future.

The mission of Becky's Place is deeply rooted in our faith-based commitment to charity and justice. These principles form the foundation of our exceptional service as we continue to grow and adapt to meet the evolving needs of our community. Our evidence-based practices ensure responsive, compassionate care, while our innovative approaches drive our social services forward. We are dedicated to excellence and to transforming lives.

With open hearts, Becky's Place embodies our commitment to love our neighbors. In the 2023-2024 fiscal year, we impacted over 200 lives across Bedford and surrounding counties.

We are profoundly grateful for your ongoing support of our mission to touch hearts and transform lives. Your contributions have made a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors, and we thank you. Together, we are stronger, upholding a culture of integrity and responsibility.

Sincerely,



David J. Bethuram

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Executive Director
Secretariat for Catholic Charities



Natalie Watson

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Program Director
for Becky's Place

Fiscal Year in Review



93

women and
children served

95

average length of
days stayed

60%

of residents have no
income source
upon arrival

40

Average age of adult
women served

123

former residents
who participated in
aftercare programming

56%

of families found
permanent housing

Financial Information Operating Funds Only

Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/24

Revenue: \$357,381

Expenses: \$470,957



Revenue

Contributions	\$275,507
Events	\$40,289
Grants	\$37,600
Investment & Interest	\$3,985

Expenses

Employee Salaries & Benefits	\$356,997
Professional & Administrative Services	\$41,434
Property Insurance & Maintenance	\$28,287
Occupancy Costs	\$20,736
Depreciation & Bad Debt	\$12,583
Direct Assistance	\$7,429
Other	\$3,491



Becky's Place Review

Becky's Place provides shelter services for women and children in Bedford and the surrounding communities. The shelter averages 28 residents each night. 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.

The majority of women at the shelter are dealing with one or more physical or mental health conditions and have no income. Around 50% have experienced some sort of domestic violence. The staff works with them to complete the shelter program, move into permanent housing and participate in an aftercare program. Residents who do not complete the program are connected with options for temporary housing.

Becky's Place is grateful to receive support from Bedford and surrounding communities. Various organizations donated materials, time and resources to support Becky's Place and granted over \$98,000 in funds. Becky's Place would not be able to provide compassionate care and vital resources to homeless women and children without the continued generous support of the community.



Becky's Place Success Story

Julie* had found herself in some legal trouble and was placed at Becky's Place to complete 40 hours of community service. During her time completing community service, Julie confided in staff that she really needed a place like Becky's Place to stay. She and her teenage daughter were living in a home with drugs and abuse and had been kicked out previously. Julie shared that she had been in recovery for a few months, and this was quite a challenging situation for her.

Julie and her daughter, Christina*, were accepted into Becky's Place with open arms. Julie was working as a waitress at a local restaurant but found it hard to move to a more rewarding position due to her past. She eventually saved enough money to purchase a car, and this broadened her options for employment. She was hired as a Behavioral Health Technician which doubled her pay and allowed her to start saving for housing. She felt confident that she could provide safe and stable housing for her and her daughter.

Julie's past again provided some barriers to work through. Julie applied for housing assistance and for several rentals through private property owners but was always denied. She started to feel hopeless. She eventually found a property owner willing to give her a chance and was able to rent a two-bedroom apartment for her and Christina. Christina had also found employment and was learning some independence. Staff noted that Julie's positive progress towards independence served as a great model and motivation for her daughter to develop a strong work-ethic like her mother.

During their time at Becky's Place Julie and Christina were able to overcome obstacles that had burdened them for years and start a new life they could be proud of together.

*Names changed for privacy





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