



Bethany House

Providing Services for Women and Children Since 1986

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Friends, many of you know we were gearing up to expand right when the COVID-19 crisis hit hard, changing our world and impacting individuals and businesses of all sizes.

For a smaller nonprofit organization like Bethany House, we have experienced a major drop in donations but an increase of service requests.

The need for the support services we offer increases daily as frightened women reach out for help for themselves and their children. Our program wants to meet these increasing needs in our community, but we can't continue at this level without ongoing support from people like you who care and understand how crucial our role is.

Will you please consider increasing your monthly donation amount or would you be willing to give a onetime gift to help keep our program strong during these uncertain times?

We have survived multiple challenges since 1986, but this one is proving to be unlike any other.

Because we are a nonprofit that does not accept any form of government assistance, we depend on individuals, community partners, churches, grants, and other businesses that share our mission and have committed to give financially to our program. I don't need to explain how this cycle has been affected during the current pandemic. Yet, we still need to be available, and we need your help to make that happen.



*Beth E. Rhinehart, Founder
& Executive Director*

Here is a recent example of the type of calls/emails we are receiving:

Dear Bethany House Staff, "My name is ..., and I am a 22 year old college student. I am currently 8 weeks along, and in need of housing. I currently live at home, but upon telling my dad, he is forcing me out of the house, and I need a safe a supportive environment for the duration of my pregnancy and postpartum to establish my footing. I don't know to what extent you can help, but I am lost, scared, and stressed. Reaching out is better than doing nothing at all, and I hope you can help connect me to helpful resources. Thank you."

Good News in the midst of challenging times:

We can all agree the past several months have presented plenty of challenges and changes. And, yes, we continue to need help to in order to meet the needs highlighted above. However, there are still major successes in the midst of what can seem like a season filled with failure. One in particular comes to mind.

Mergy had the following to say about Beth and the Bethany House Program: *“Thank you so much. I am here because of you (Beth). Do you remember a long time ago, in 2008, when I didn’t have anywhere to go and you let me stay at Bethany House when I was pregnant with my daughter? When I didn’t have anyone, you were there. Thank you again, and God Bless you.*

Now Mergy’s care facility — a home she worked hard for and purchased — has become Mary’s Care. She offers personalized living support for older adults unable to live alone without additional assistance. She wants to give back in a way that benefits others in need. What a great way for her to combine her own experiences, compassion, entrepreneurship, and desire to serve her community and beyond in such a personal way.

It is success stories like these that demonstrate, time and time again, how the Bethany House Program changes not just one life, or even two, but how multiple people are impacted in positive ways by the experiences of our clients. Our program partners alongside these women and their children as they reach milestones that may have never transpired without our program.

When you support the Bethany House Program, you support women like Mergy and her daughter Bette as they create promising and productive futures that have the power to change multiple lives.

Please, help us continue to help the women and children who need us now more than ever as they set their sights on success. Every donation helps. Together, we can accomplish so much more than we imagine.

Multiple Giving Options Here: http://www.bethanyhousenet.org/giving_money.php OR mail to PO Box 3278, Gresham, OR 97030. Call with questions: 503.667.8409. Email: Bethanyhouse1@gmail.com

God bless you and your family, and thank you for partnering with Bethany House.

Bette Smith



**Mergy and her daughter,
Bette**



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