



Thank you to all our supporters who continue to give each month so we can help women and their children meet basic needs like food, shelter, and counseling that offers hope, encouragement, and connection to resources that can change the course of their lives. We need your generosity more than ever right now.

Bethany House

Spring 2023

April showers bring May flowers. Most of us are familiar with that longuttered phrase. Many of us take comfort in those words.

We trade gloomy skies (mostly) for sunshine and the brighter hues of new flora and greenery. It is a time of new growth, rebirth, and fresh starts. And nothing says "fresh starts" like brand new life. Like babies! The Bethany House Program welcomes two new little ones into our extended family fold. For these growing families, the future looks bright...as it should. Yet, for the women that contact us daily, their futures remain uncertain and unstable.

Since the COVID crisis began in 2020, the Bethany House Program has experienced a major influx of calls from homeless moms and homeless pregnant women. We do everything we can to help them find sponsor families or connect with other resources in our community. But as we've mentioned over the course of the past several years, even with your generous giving, and our years of serving this particular population of young ladies, the need continues to increase at an alarming pace.

Just look at those two pictured babies! Because of your generous support, we are able to help women overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles to find healing, hope, and ultimately homes and the fresh starts spring reminds us of.

Unfortunately, even our combined efforts just aren't enough. But our program has an exciting plan to help increase the level of services we provide. The time is now to take action. The time is now to extend our hands to women and children hungry for their very own new beginning.

KEEP READING and Discover how the Bethany House Program plans to expand and grow. Like those flowers blooming, Hanna's Pathway will enable women to rise from the ashes and embrace destinies only before dreamed about.



The Time is Now to Make a Difference

If you have spent any time in Portland and its surrounding areas, you know homelessness, drug abuse, and financial devastation are rampant. The Bethany House Program has always been about helping pregnant women and women with children. To successfully make a dent in the current demand for services, we have taken our decades of experience and developed a new, extensive program that will assist women who are ready and wanting to take the steps necessary to begin a fresh start for themselves and their families. Below is just a snapshot of **what Hannah's Pathway to Success** will offer future residents and program participants. FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION simply use the contact methods at the bottom of this document.

Hannah's Pathway to Success, will build on the time-tested Bethany House Program with a focus on homeless women with children who are ready to work hard and take a new path that leads to financial stability, safe, affordable housing, and skill development in multiple areas, including but not limited to: parenting classes, career counseling and coaching, financial planning, saving, and debt reduction, education options, general life skills training, and how to navigate and utilize community resources. Individual advisement and counseling will be obtained onsite and through additional community resources as needed. Support groups and classes will also be available onsite and/or in the community. *Partnering and collaborating with appropriate, specialized community programs and agencies will be a vital part of the Hannah's Pathway Program.*

Affordable housing units will be provided to the women accepted into the program. Cost will be determined by income criteria, and a portion of what resident pays into program cost will be put aside for the participant until they complete the program (12 months, typically) and given back in the form of a grant to be used for a variety of self and family enhancement goals that contribute to the family's well-being and success.

As you can imagine, an undertaking of this magnitude will require community support, and strong financial supporters dedicated to the success of the program and its participants.

WILL YOU JOIN US ON OUR LATEST ENDEAVOER? Don't forget to ask for more details.







We need more Sponsor Families! Open your heart and home to a mom and her child. The need is great. You can make a difference!

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