



June 2023

# NEWSLETTER



## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Executive Director David Bethuram and Program Director Corrina Hayes reflect on the ministry of love.

## UPDATES

Stories of how Becky's Place continues to change lives.

## RUN FOR HOPE

Join us for our annual Run For Hope 5K and 1 mile family walk on Thanksgiving!

# Dear Friends of Becky's Place,

"For this is the message you have heard from beginning: we should love one another. The way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (1 John 3:11,16-18)

The First Letter of St. John offers a perfect frame for our spring newsletter. As we continue to highlight our service to the community, we are reminded that our work is, and has always been, about love. The inseparable love of neighbor and the love of God guide our support for those we encounter at the margins. As we celebrate this milestone, we are also reminded of Jesus' words from John's gospel: "You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." (John 12:8)

Jesus did not promise that care for our poor would be easy. On the contrary, He tells us that it will be mankind's most challenging and important work. In order to endure, that work must be grounded in something that is fundamentally bigger, stronger and deeper: that inseparable love of God and love of neighbor. For 11 years, Becky's Place has been a ministry of love, not just in word, but in action. Nowhere is that more evident than in our dedicated staff and volunteers. Our volunteers and staff give unconditionally to the homeless women and children we serve. Their work with Becky's Place has helped build upon that legacy of love for the least of our brothers and sisters.

If you are reading this newsletter, chances are that you are a part of the Becky's Place legacy as well. Your gift of volunteering, financial investment, and prayer has ensured that Christ's wish for mankind to look out for our poor continues to be fulfilled. Your love made manifest is a beacon for those who battle poverty. Until the poor are no longer with us, we will stand with you in working to provide a light. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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# MAKING THE MOST OF AN OPPORTUNITY



Susan\* came to Becky's Place in August of 2022. She was fleeing domestic violence. She came to Indiana to stay with a friend and could only stay for a short time. When she arrived at Becky's Place, she had a hard time maintaining eye contact and often looked at the ground. She had little to no confidence in her abilities and said "I'm sorry" frequently. Staff reassured her as much as possible that she was worthy of care and respect.

Susan found a job and started to work in home health care. She was saving her money and working on goals like fixing her car, addressing trauma, paying off debts, learning boundaries, and filing for a divorce. Susan was dedicated to healing and took all advice from professionals on how to cope with her past.

Susan dove headfirst into not only healing, but growing. She decided that her health care job was not where she wanted to land long-term. She applied for another position with higher pay and secured the job. She addressed her mental and physical well-being. She was accepted into higher education for phlebotomy classes. Lastly, she became a confident person and felt proud of her accomplishments.

Susan found housing nearby and is adjusting well. She has already been back to Becky's Place to volunteer her time. She often tells staff that she couldn't have completed these goals without their support. Staff remind her that she did the work to complete these goals and that we were just her cheerleaders.

**During her time at Becky's Place, Susan got a job, began saving money, addressed trauma, and found healing.**

\*Name changed for privacy



# RESIDENT UPDATE

We are currently serving 14 residents and three children. Becky's Place continues to serve 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. Twelve residents are employed and the other two are working with their case managers to find employment. Becky's Place had two families recently move into permanent housing and we are excited for their futures.



**14 Residents**  
and three children are at  
Becky's Place



**2 Families**  
have moved into  
permanent housing



**2-3 Calls**  
every day are fielded by  
our team at Becky's Place

# SHELTERBRATION IS A SUCCESS

Thank you to all those who joined us for our annual Mardi Gras Shelterbration on Saturday, March 4 at the St. Vincent de Paul Shamrock Center in Bedford. It was a great evening, and a fun time was had by all. We were able to raise over \$40,000 in support of the homeless women and children at Becky's Place. Be sure to mark March 2, 2024 on your calendar to join us for next year's Shelterbration.



For sponsorship information, contact Cheri Bush at [cbush@archindy.org](mailto:cbush@archindy.org) or 317-236-1411.

# VOLUNTEER USES PASSION TO ASSIST BECKY'S PLACE



Stephane is one of the fantastic volunteers at Becky's Place. She came wanting to help and we had the perfect project for her. There is a store in the basement where donations of clothing, shoes, dishes, baby items and more are kept. The ladies use "Becky Bucks" they earn from doing things around the house to purchase items.

Many have worked on the basement and tried to organize it, but to no avail.

In comes Stephane and she didn't give up. With her experience in architecture, she drew up a diagram for a new layout and shared it for approval. The plan was approved, and she got to work. Stephane provided all the supplies including storage totes. She said "it was her way to give back and serve Christ." Stephanie worked for 4 months to complete this project.

Today the job is done, and the space does not look the same. When asked what she liked most about her work she said, "Now people can actually come down here and get what they need." We are grateful to Stephane and all of our volunteers that help us to provide help and create hope for homeless women and children.

**TAKE A SLICE OUT OF HOMELESSNESS**  
\$1 from every slice goes to help homeless women and children at Becky's place

**WHAT'S YOUR SLICE?**  
**Where:** Mamma's & Pappa's, 2615 Mitchell Rd, Bedford, 47421  
**What:** \$1.00 from every slice of pie goes to help the homeless  
**When:** Every Tuesday

A close-up photograph of a slice of cherry pie on a white plate. The pie has a golden-brown crust and a vibrant red cherry filling. In the bottom left corner of the image, there are two logos: "BECKY'S PLACE" with the tagline "Providing Shelter, Creating Hope" and "MAMMA'S & PAPPAS" in a stylized, colorful font.



# JOIN US! RUN FOR HOPE 5K AND ONE MILE WALK

**RUN FOR HOPE**



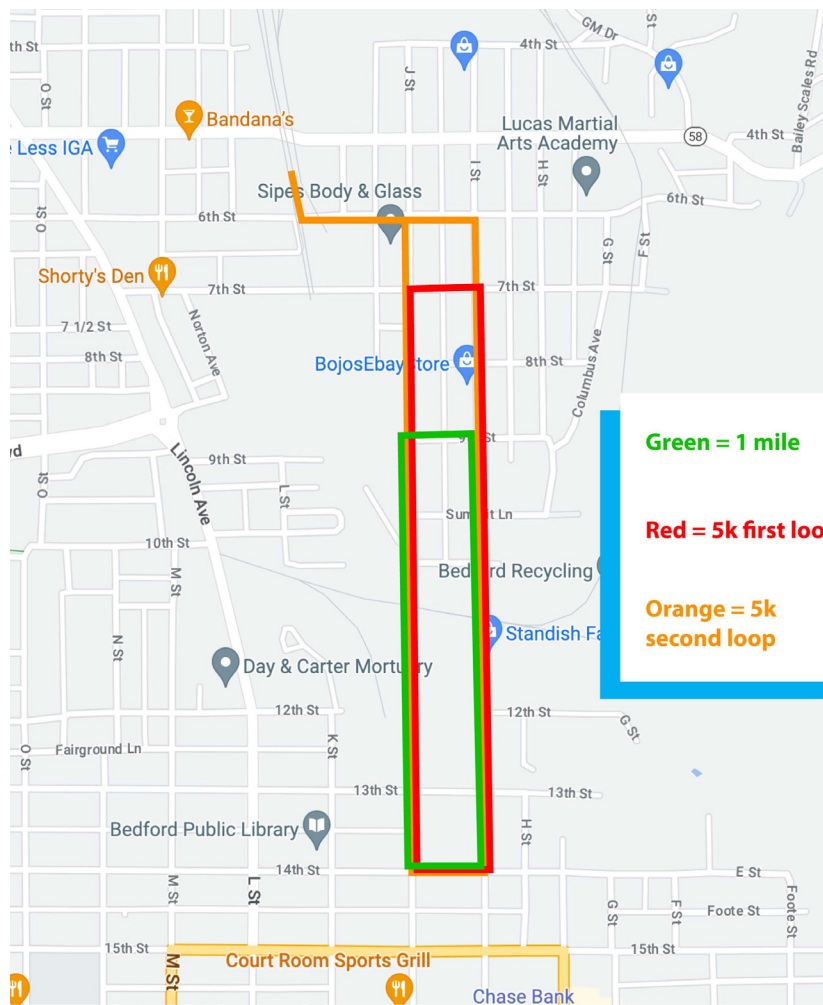
**Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, November 23, 2023  
Downtown Bedford - The Depot  
Starting at 9:00am**



Join us for the annual Becky's Place Run for Hope 5k. All ages and fitness levels are welcome! The race will start and finish in Downtown Bedford at the Downtown Depot. All participants will travel through the downtown.

Enjoy a festive atmosphere with music, friends, family, and snacks before and after the race at the start/finish line and during your time on the course. Race time is limited to 1 1/2 hours. This is a chance to test your fitness, enjoy a race experience and help to support Becky's Place.

Information and registration can be found at [www.BeckysPlaceBedford.org](http://www.BeckysPlaceBedford.org) or by scanning the QR code.



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# HOW YOU CAN HELP

## **Becky's Place Monthly Volunteer Meeting**

If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities, please call the shelter at (812) 275-5773.

## **Leave a Legacy**

Have you considered how a planned gift to Becky's Place can impact lives for years to come? Including us in your will continues your ability to serve our mission of providing help and creating hope to those in need. To learn more about how you can plan a lasting gift through legacy planning, contact Jim Maslar at 317-236-1588 or [jmaslar@archindy.org](mailto:jmaslar@archindy.org).

## **Donate Online**

Did you know you can contribute to Becky's Place online? It's easy and secure. Visit [BeckysPlaceBedford.org](http://BeckysPlaceBedford.org). Donations can be set up as a monthly or one-time gift.