

Battered Women Long-Term Shelter Project

The Junior League of Toledo, Inc. and the Community Planning Council of Northwest Ohio formed a committee for the purpose of assessing the need for, and the feasibility of, a long-term shelter for battered women in Lucas County.

The Committee met eight times between October 12, 1981 and April 30, 1982. The committee studied and reviewed available written materials on sheltering battered women and their children, gathered information about and visited two local shelters, and surveyed by phone two long-term shelters. Junior League members of the committees visited shelters in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Marion, Ohio.

Toledo accounts for 75% of Lucas County's population. Figures show that in 1980 82% of all domestic disputes/domestic violence calls came from Toledo and Toledo accounted for 92% of all complaints by women in Lucas County. During the first six months of 1981, Toledo accounted for 86% of all calls and 93% of all complaints by women in Lucas County.

Lucas County has one short-term facility specifically for battered women, the YWCA Battered Women Shelter, located in the Toledo YWCA building. Beach House, Toledo, is also a shelter which accepts battered women, but is not used exclusively for victims of spouse abuse.

Only battered women and their children stay at the YWCA Shelter. During 1980, the shelter housed 324 battered women and 407 of their children. In 1981, 180 women and 240 children. Although the average stay is two weeks; thirty-seven of the total stayed over two weeks; of these thirty-seven two stayed over 50 days, 3 over 40 days, for 30 days and the rest (30) left somewhere between 20 and 30 days.

The battered women and their children need counseling and emotional support, they have a need for protection, housing, financial support and a chance to seek employment. Such issues and needs are extremely difficult to resolve during a two-week stay at a shelter. Some women may require several months to resolve their problem(s) and become capable of moving into a different, more independent arrangement..

Eligibility of women coming to Bethany House:

- women having children
- must be actively working on personal goals established with themby counselor
- unable to find housing
- unable to return home, does not intend to return to the abusive situation

Services - intend to have a network - work closely with Crisis Center at the YWCA also to have counselor from Social Services Inc. in Toledo Diocese counsel the women

Security - protected by appropriate precautions

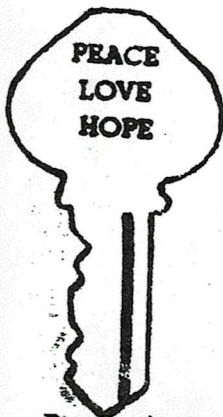
Location - Proximate to public transportaion and other needed Community Services

CONCLUSION; There s a need in the Toledo area to provide long-term shelter for abused women and their children.

A conservative estimate of the potential use of a long-term shelter service (based on 1981) YWCA ~~crisis center~~ data) is ten women and their children every three months.

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WOMEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEEDS OF WOMEN
July 14, 1983
6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph's Hall
Sylvania, OHIO

Present:

Ginny Jackson, Bernie Skeldon, Pat Danford, Joan Neuser, Kathy Deck, Kay Flack, Betsy Shea, Donna Therkeisen, Betty, Kelly, Sr. Rose Therese, Sr. Eileen Moss, Barbara Cooper, Aeriecele Williams, Vickie Bennett.

- I. Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 was enjoyed by all. Mexican American Dinner complete with authentic flam was enjoyed.
- II The business meeting began with a farewell gift and pictures with Sr. Eileen. Then a prayer service took place with a special blessing for Sister Eileen.
- III Donna set the stage for considering two distinct organizations. Bethany House and WCNW
 - A Meeting tonight is Bethany House Meeting with Sr. Rose Therese
 - B Meeting for WCNW will take place Saturday August 20, 10 A.M. at Ginnie Jackson's cottage in the Irish Hills.
- IV Bethany House - Sr. Rose Therese
 - A Y.E.S. group will be painting halls and some rooms the week of July 18th
 - B CETA girls will also help a little with the work to be done.
 - C Work to be done:
 1. Committe to work on a Handbook for Residents
 - 2/ Brochure with Mission Statement and Philosophy
 3. Committe to set up speaking engagements
 4. Committe for funding
Garage Sale - Aug. 17-18 Sylvania half for Motherhouse half for Bethany
 5. Committee to find Needs for Bethany e.g. Linens, Ironing Board etc.
 - D Publicity
In August Sr. Rose Therese will talk to the Sisters in Rosary Hall
In September we will set up a date to speak at St. Ignatius Parish
(Sr. Geraldine will make arrangements)

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August 22, 1983

To whom it may concern:

You may have read an article in the July 1, 1983 Catholic Chronicle about Bethany House, operated by Franciscan Services and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania, Ohio. Bethany House will be a long term shelter for abused women.

We would like to come personally and tell you more about this up and coming project in the Toledo Diocese.

Please invite us to come and share with your organizations. An evening would include slides and information about Bethany and its work.

To set a date please call:

Betty Kelly - 865-3576

Vickie Bennett - 382-4223

or write to:

Sister Rose Therese
6832 Convent Blvd.
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sister Rose Therese Lange'.

Sister Rose Therese Lange,
Coordinator.

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458 Eastern Toledo, Ohio 43660



Board Meeting
Bethany House
October 17, 1983
7:00 P.M.

Present: Ginny Jackson, Donna Therkelsen, Ursula Hoffman, Barbara Cooper, Betsy Shea, Sr. Rose Therese

Excused: Kathy Deck, Bernie Sheldon

The meeting began with a prayer.

Reports were made of the following:

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: On Oct. 4th at 2 P.M. Betty Kelly and Teddy Wilson gave a presentation to the student nurses at St. Vincent's. It was a very positive afternoon. Betty and Teddy were asked to return to make the same presentation next semester to another group of student nurses.

Oct. 18 - Teddy, Sr. Rose Therese and Betty Kelly met with the P.T.O. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. About 15-20 adults were present. Betty was told by the pastor that he heard the presentation was excellent and would like to have Teddy return to speak to a gather of interested parishioners in the future.

Oct. 19 - Barb Cooper, Teddy, SRT, & Noreen went to St. Francis de Sales High School to give a presentation to the women belonging to the Chappuis Society. It was a very exciting experience. The women were very interested. We were all surrounded by the women at the end of the presentation asking questions and commenting about women they knew in such situations. We all left feeling very uplifted.

Received a \$100 donation toward Bethany and sold 19 books of raffle tickets to the women. They are all interested in receiving a Needs Sheet which we will see that they get soon.

FUND RAISING

Tickets for a raffle of a quilt and three afghans are being sold. 25¢ a ticket - 5 for \$1.00. Raffle will take place Dec. 8, 1983 in Sylvania. If you are interested in selling some tickets please call SRT.

So far we have \$43.00 for raffle tickets. Sales began Oct. 13th.

Shopping bags should be ready soon. The logo will be put on this Tuesday, Oct. 25th in Sylvania and we will see that they will be on display for sales at various doings and at our speaking engagements. We will ask a donation of \$1.00 a bag.

Bake Sale - Call Donna if you are interested in sending some

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LOVE
HOPE

- E. List of volunteer duties circulated in the group for WCNW Members to choose to work with other members.

Concern for confidentiality of residents resulted in suggestions:

1. A P.O. Box be used for mailing
2. A volunteer staff a drop off place for collections (clothes and other items) on a given day and given hours. (A place has to be found, possibly STS. Peter and Paul)
3. Security at the residence and connections with law enforcement be established as well as securing locks for windows and doors.
4. Parking accommodations for some of the women will have to be found.

- F. The Committee for house needs will fill out a more complete list after going to the residence to take inventory.

- G. Those who signed up for committees will be contacted by Sr. Rose Therese at the end of the week as to time and place for each committee meeting.

H. Committees:

1. Committee to work on Handbook for Residents and Brochure

Barbara Cooper
Kathy Deck
Aerielle Williams
Ginny Jackson
Bernie Skeldon
Sr. Rose Therese

2. Public Speaking Engagements

Betty Kelly
Vicki Bennett
Kay Flack

3. Fund Raising

Barbara Cooper
Donna Therkelson

V Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. with invitation to enjoy Tin Roof ice cream

Note: Sister Eileen Moss (New address after Sept 11 - May 31)
Active Spirituality Program
College of Mt. St. Joseph
Mt. St. Joseph, OHIO 45051

Sr. Rose Therese

First Newsletter
Feb, 1984

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OPERATED BY FRANCISCAN SERVICES
P.O. BOX 4221 TOLEDO, OHIO 43609



TO THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW

BETHANY HOUSE provides a supportive community experience for abused women and their children regardless of race, creed, national origin, etc. for a period of 3- 9 months.

Bethany House offers the women time to recognize their own worth and learn to better determine and direct their own lives.

JANUARY 1, 1984

Bethany House came alive! It is a cozy and warm place now that there are two adults and five children living there. Thanks to all who have made it possible for a dream to BEGIN to come true.

HAVE SLIDES/MOVIE WILL TRAVEL

Since October we have been asked to speak at a few parishes to members of the Altar Rosary Societies, Mothers' Clubs, Marriage Encounter Groups, Renew Groups, Senior Citizens. We have been to speak at the following places:

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| St. Caspar's - Wauseon | St. Ann's - Toledo |
| St. Ignatius - Oregon | Our Lady of Lourdes - Toledo |
| Renew Group - Archibald | Marriage Encounter Gr. - Rossford |
| Senior Citizens - Sylvania | STS Cyril & Methodius - Rossford |
| Chappuis Society - St. Francis de Sales H.S. | Beverly Cluster Metro Toledo Churches United - Toledo |
| St. Rose - Lima | St. Vincent School of Nursing - Toledo |
| St. Patrick's - Bryan | St. Adalbert's - Toledo |
| Salesian Group - Toledo | Renew Group - St. Thomas Aquinas |
| Good Shepherd - Toledo | Our Lady of Fatima - Lyons |
| Holy Family - New Cleveland | |

Would you like to hear our story? CALL - Barb Keyes - 244-0217
Betty Kelly 865-3576

RAFFLE

We made \$800 raffling off two afghans and a quilt (donated) on December 8th, 1983. Thanks to all who supported us.

We are having another raffle - a beautiful afghan in shades of green. It was knitted by a 92 yr. old sister and donated to us to be raffled.

Tickets are available in Sylvania. Call Sr. Rose Therese - 882-2016
5 for \$1. Raffle will be held on March 17th in Sylvania. Winner will be notified and we will list the winner in our next newsletter.

SPONSORED BY SISTERS of St. FRANCIS, SYLVANIA, OHIO

BLESSING OF BETHANY HOUSE

WE were privileged to have Bishop James Hoffman bless Bethany on December 15, 1983. Hope you saw the picture in the Chronicle.

AWAITING SPRING

Bethany needs a new roof but this cannot be taken care of until spring arrives. In the meantime as the snow melts the musical sounds of water dripping into pails will be heard in a couple of rooms.

VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in being around children for a couple of hours?

- answering phones?
- helping with the newsletter?
- driving residents for appointments?
- typing?
- teaching sewing?
- arts & crafts?

We are planning to have Orientation for Volunteers at the end of March. Please call Barbara Keyes - 244-0217 or Sr. Rose Therese 882-2016

NEEDED

Do you know of anyone who is willing to sell a good second hand car (or willing to give it as gift) to Bethany? Please contact Sr. Rose Therese 882-2016

THANKS THANKS.... THANKS... THANKS.... THANKS..... THANKS.... THANKS.... THANKS

We want all of you who have helped us in any way to know we are grateful. Be assured of our prayers and please continue to help us in any way you can. WE NEED YOU!

OUR BENEFACTORS

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
Mrs. Cosky
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mack
Schumaker, Loop & Kendrick
Mrs. A. Wiese
Mrs. Robert Mouch
Ginny Jackson
St. Teresa Altar Society
Sisters at Jacoba House
St. Ignatius Altar Rosary Society
Sr. Beverly Hillis
Sr. Joesetta
Mrs. Ursula Hoffman
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Mrs. Tressler
Gerry Hadley & Renew Group
Mr. Wayne Ferguson
Shirley Bairir (Lutheran Group)
St. Louis Parish
Fr. Armstrong
Cleo Kotula
Fr. Dan Zak

Kappa Delta Sorority
Mrs. John Kerin & family
Ladies of Charity
Christian Concern Club/Catholic Central
Maureen Gartner
Helen Richardson
Helen Jane Gabel
Regina Coeli Sisters
Sr. Joan Jurski
St. Caspar's - Wauseon Altar-Rosary
Queen of Heaven School - Detroit
Mrs. Mary Ann Brown
Mrs. Mary Jane Dahle
Mike & Pam Zbierajewski
Edward Jarczyński
Mr. John Healy
St. Ann's
Joyce Torganski
Sisters at St. Joseph's - Sylvania
St. Anthony School Children -
Grand Rapids
Sr. Joelyn

If we have missed your name we are sorry - please let us know and we will include it in our next newsletter . We also received a few anonymous donations.

A few more Benefactors we came across:

Blessed Sacrament
Sisters at Sts. Peter & Paul - Toledo
Fr. Scharf
Sister Inez
Sister Faber
Sister Laurentia

Dorothy Lange & friends
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Majba
Francis Thompson OFM
Our raffle ticket buyers

NEEDS

We take anything that is offered to us. At the present time these are some of the things we are most in need of:

Cleaning supplies (Pledge, cleanser, detergents, etc.)

Light bulbs	Safety Pins
Laundry soap	Straight Pins
Paint brushes	Thumb tacks
Household tools - hammer, screw driver etc.	Laundry hamper
Large garbage can for outdoors	Pillow covers
Plastic garbage bags	Cots
Dish towels	Baby clothes
Bath towels, wash cloths, face towels	Diapers
Vacuum cleaner	Childrens' Books
Toilet tissue	Games, toys
Kleenex	Aluminum foil
Alarm clocks	Paper napkins
Mattress Covers	Room deodorizers
Extension Cords	Spic & Span
Needles, thread, scissors etc.	Lysol
Shower Curtains	Bleach
Curtains	Umbrellas
Blankets	Material for sewing

Call Barbara Keyes or Sr. Rose Therese to find out where to send the articles or have them picked up.

I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

We have a small savings account. This month as I looked over our bills I realized there was not enough in the checking account to pay for heat. I prayed..... I disliked the idea of touching our savings. The next day we received an anonymous donation which took care of our heating bill and a few incidentals. I CONTINUE TO PRAY.....

A BABY IS COMING TO BETHANY

Any day now a little one will be arriving at Bethany. The mother is due and we are holding our breaths that we get her to the hospital in time. Thanks to all of you who made it possible for this little one to come to a safe and cozy home.

NEWSLETTER

We hope to send out a Newsletter every two months. This will be our way of sharing with all of you who have been interested and helpful in making Bethany a reality.

ADVISORY BOARD FOR BETHANY

The following are women who help keep Bethany moving regarding ideas, fund raising, volunteer program, speaking engagements etc.

Mrs. Bernie Skeldon	- 385-6897	Mrs. Kathleen Deck	- 248-2811Bus.
Mrs. James Hoffman	- 882-3738	Barbara Keyes	- 244-0217
Mrs. Ginny Jackson	- 473-3003 Bus.	Betsy Shea	- 885-3962
Donna Therkelsen	- 248-2811 Bus.	Teddy Wilson	- 244-8849
Sr. Keith	- 577-447-3500	Betty Kelly	- 865-3576

NO PHONE NUMBER - NO ADDRESS

For the safety and anonymity of those living at Bethany we do not give out our address or our phone number. If you call any of the above numbers you will get the information you seek.

DEAR FRIENDS

I thank each of you for your generosity. May God in the fullness of the Divine Heart, bless, reward and be ever present to each of you. Know that you are in my daily prayers. I continue to ask the Father to bless each one of you with good health, peace and joy that He alone can bestow on us.

Sister Rose Therese - Director

Barbara Keyes Co-Director

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