



The mission of Bethany House is to empower survivors of domestic violence and their children by providing long-term transitional shelter and advocacy to maximize safety, ensure access to resources, and restore hope with dignity and respect.

Reverence • Service • Community • Stewardship

As a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Sylvania, Ohio, Bethany House services are developed in accordance with Franciscan values.

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from the Board

Bethany House's long-term shelter and advocacy services continue to positively impact the well-being of individuals and families who have experienced domestic violence. In addition, Bethany House is committed to systems advocacy, which - in the context of domestic violence - involves working to change the policies, practices, and structures within various systems like law enforcement, legal systems, healthcare, and social services to better support survivors and prevent further violence. Throughout the year, Bethany House staff worked tirelessly to advocate for the rights of survivors individually and systemically.

Beyond efforts to improve our own accessibility for survivors with disabilities through policy development and planned facility renovations, Bethany House staff advocated for survivors involved in the juvenile court system. Funded by the Justice for Families program grant, Bethany House is collaborating with Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Lucas County Juvenile Court, and the Children's Rights Collaborative of NWO to provide community training and to improve court processes for cases involving domestic violence.

The Board of Trustees played a crucial role in system advocacy through their strategic oversight and leadership in guiding the organization's efforts to influence policies, systems, and practices to better support survivors. In 2023, Brad Rieger ended his Board term while Dr. Tina Jindal, George Kral, Quintina Huff, and Carol Rauhut were appointed as new Trustees.

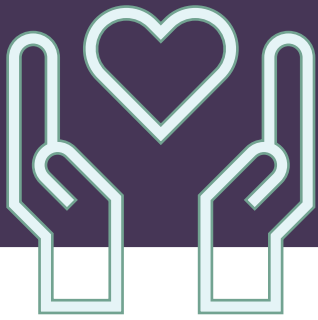
Bethany House staff advocated, in coordination with the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, for additional state funding for domestic violence shelters resulting in a significant increase for the current budget year. 2023 also brought the long-awaited return of the Celebrity Wait Night fundraising event. Diners filled two restaurants and helped to raise more than \$53,000. Revenue at year-end was boosted by three sizable estate donations and increased grant funding.

As we move into the next year, we remain committed to our mission to empower survivors of domestic violence and their children by providing long-term transitional shelter and advocacy to maximize safety, ensure access to resources, and restore hope with dignity and respect. We are immensely grateful to all who have contributed their time, resources, and expertise.

Only together can we make a difference.

Ashley Reichlin

Bethany House Board Chair



Service

Overview



23 Adults | 29 Youth

provided with safe transitional shelter



18 Months

average length of stay in transitional shelter



18,500

total nights of safe shelter and housing provided



27 Adults | 47 Youth

received housing and aftercare service from Step↑Up program



36 Presentations

provided to adult groups, reaching 2,322 individuals



19 Community Awareness Events Facilitated



31 Persons

provided education and support in Homeless Shelter Outreach program



Participant *Feedback*

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Bethany House is a true blessing. I am grateful to be here and appreciate everything they're doing to help me.

Thank you for providing this safe, pressure-free, supportive environment to heal and grow.

I'm extremely grateful and couldn't have asked for a better group of people to help me.

Bethany House provides all the necessary amenities to make residents feel more at home. The apartments are well-appointed, and the location is private and secure.

I want to thank Bethany House for helping people in need. The staff is to be commended for their dedication and kindness toward the residents. The program has made me a better person in terms of my physical and mental well-being. I'm better educated about domestic violence and no longer a victim but a survivor. My goals are now attainable!

Adult Program Coordinator helped me make myself a better person. She kept me informed of all the resources and how to access them. I feel that it's up to us to take the tools provided and apply them to our daily lives.

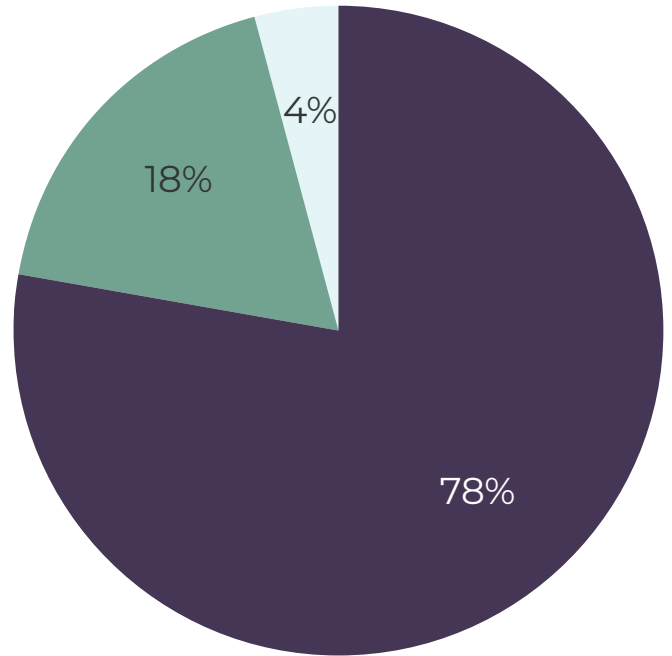
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Stewardship Report

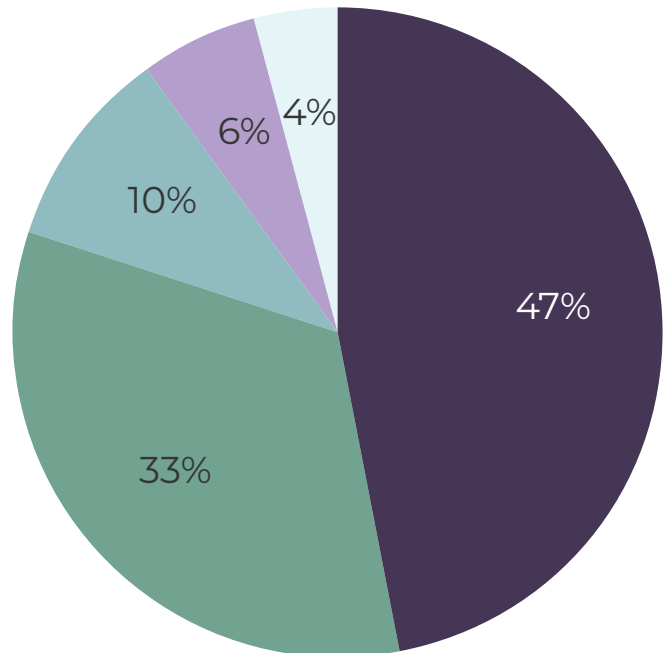
2023 Functional Expenses

● Programs	\$685,863
● Administrative & General	\$156,511
● Fundraising	\$39,572
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TOTAL	\$881,346



2023 Operating Revenue

● Grants	\$561,981
● Contributions	\$398,273
● In-Kind Rent	\$120,960
● Foundations	\$72,666
● StepUP Rentals	\$52,940
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TOTAL	\$1,206,820



The Expenses and Revenues represented here are based on Independent Third Party Audited Statements and do not include capital projects or investments. To view a full report of assets and liabilities as reported in the 990 Tax Form, you can visit www.guidestar.org and search "Bethany House Toledo".

In 2023, five women and girls were killed in acts of domestic violence in Northwest Ohio.



Bethany House houses and facilitates the Northwest Ohio Silent Witness Project, which raises awareness of the extreme danger of domestic violence and remembers those lost to it.

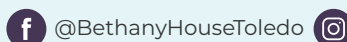
Since its founding in 2001, more than 135 local women and girls have been memorialized at the annual Unveiling Ceremony.

All were murdered in Northwest Ohio by partners, ex-partners, or stalkers.



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