# Ways to Support the Bethesda Project Mission





Since 1979, Bethesda Project has been providing emergency shelter, housing and supportive services for thousands of individuals experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia. Across its 14 locations, Bethesda Project offers a home and safe environment where guests and residents work with dedicated staff to regain their dignity and self-worth and reach their highest potential.

## Your school can join in our mission to be family to those with none in many ways - even through the COVID-19 pandemic!

#### **Promote Awareness**

- Create lessons and/or projects about homelessness
  - Invite a Bethesda Project board or staff member to speak in a virtual class, assembly, or faculty meeting
- Share upcoming Bethesda Project virtual events in mailers to parents/guardians
- Introduce Bethesda Project to school and community leaders in your networks
- Promote (and tag) Bethesda Project as a community partner on your school's social media and/or website

#### **Virtual Volunteer Opportunities**

- Promote classroom or school-wide remote volunteer opportunities such as:
  - Virtual BINGO with one of our sites
  - Make cards or decorations
  - Creating activity bags for those in quarantine or isolation
  - Organizing welcome kits for shelter guests moving into permanent housing
- Sponsor an outdoor movie night for guests and residents
- Create student artwork to create an on-site art gallery for residents to enjoy (distanced)

### Support Us Financially:

- Join our efforts by proving a company grant or other financial gift
- Promote (and match) employee giving or volunteer hours to Bethesda Project
- Participate in a workplace giving campaign
- Support Bethesda Project's annual Party
  Auction or virtual Home Run 5K
  - Event sponsorship
  - Assemble themed gift basket(s) to auction (including school swag!)
- Host a fundraising virtual or distanced event (walk-a-thon, happy hour, card tournament, "drive-in" movie, etc)

#### **Assist Our Operations**

- Organize donation drives for items such as:
  - Cleaning supplies, PPE, coats, clothes, or nonperishable food drive
  - Gift cards for Holiday gifts for guests and residents
- Make cold/flu kits (sanitizer, tissues, cough drops, thermometers, etc)
- Sponsor a meal (bagged or take-out)
- Prepare a reheatable meal