

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 house of worship can join in our mission to be family to those with none in many ways - even through the COVID-19 pandemic!

Promote Awareness

- Discuss homelessness as a part of a service. Share information about Bethesda Project and/or hold a collection
- Invite a Bethesda Project board or staff member to speak at a virtual meeting
- Share upcoming Bethesda Project virtual events and encourage participation
- Introduce Bethesda Project to business and community leaders in your network
- Promote (and tag) Bethesda Project as a community partner on your social media and/or website

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
- Coordinate a rotating schedule of members to serve as volunteer couriers of supplies to sites

Virtual Volunteer Opportunities

- Encourage members to volunteer through a skills-based project or service
- Promote remote team-building opportunities for small groups, leadership teams, staff, youth groups, etc. through volunteering with projects such as:
 - Virtual BINGO with one of our sites
 - Make cards
 - 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

Support Us Financially:

- Join our efforts by proving a grant or other financial gift from your house of worship
- Support Bethesda Project's annual Party & Auction or virtual Home Run 5K
 - Event sponsorship
 - Assemble themed gift basket(s) to auction off
- Host a fundraising virtual or distanced event (walk-a-thon, happy hour, card tournament, "drive-in" movie, etc)

Other ideas? Let's get creative!

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