

BETHANY HOUSE

Bethany house is a Catholic Worker house of hospitality serving the needs of homeless women and their children. We shelter, feed, and clothe the women who come from experiences of eviction, rape, abuse, imprisonment, abandonment, illness of both mind and body - experiences which radically deny love.

Women live at Bethany House for a period of approximately 45 days. During this time, they search for a more permanent residence. We act as advocates on their behalf, putting them in touch with employment opportunities and social services in Rochester. Professional counseling is not offered at Bethany. Referrals to appropriate counseling services are made when it is indicated or requested. The greater part of our work is hospitality. We are able to provide emergency housing for 10 women and their children.

Together at Bethany, the staff members, volunteers, guests, and former guests strive to create a peaceful, welcoming atmosphere where everyone is at home.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Women are referred to Bethany through a variety of sources and agencies. Our primary focus is to serve the needs of homeless women 21 years of age or older with or without children. (Less than 21 years with children.)

Upon referral, an interview will be set up for the women to meet with the staff. Women accepted at Bethany are encouraged to participate in counseling, day treatment, educational, and job training programs in the community if those services are needed or recommended.

Bethany House also operates a clothing room, a drop-in center, and an emergency food cupboard for women and children.

Referrals can be made between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Those in crisis situations will be accepted after 5:00 p.m., space permitting, on a temporary basis.

Please contact any staff member when making a referral.



VOLUNTEERS

Bethany house depends on the generosity of many in the Rochester area to help us meet the needs of homeless women and their children. Any time or talents you could offer would be greatly appreciated.



Bethany House is supported solely through the goodness of individuals, churches and charitable groups.

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