

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 our 16 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 drive
- Invite a Bethesda Project board or staff member to speak at a virtual meeting
- Share upcoming Bethesda Project 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 like:
 - Clothes, men's accessories, or nonperishable food
 - Gift cards for guests and residents' holiday gifts
- Make cold/flu kits (sanitizer, tissues, cough drops, thermometers, etc)
- Sponsor a meal (bagged or take-out)

Volunteer Opportunities

(Virtual + Onsite)

- 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:
 - Making cards or decorations
 - Organizing welcome kits for shelter guests moving into permanent housing
 - Volunteering on-site as a group (in accordance with our Phase-In Plan)
- Sponsor an outdoor movie night for guests and residents

Support Us Financially:

- Join our efforts by providing 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 at the Party & Auction
 - 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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