# BETHANY'S BLESSINGS

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## Director's Heart

I have been the Director of Bethany Place for 30 years. I have housed, loved and supported hundreds of women and children. I've seen many lives transformed and had my heart broken more times than I can count because some turn away and for others their lives ended in tragedy. For the past year I have seen an increase of women calling in desperate situations. In a months time, calls received are over 100. All of you that know me, know that I do not take women unless they have a "sincere desire to change." We are now housing 13 residents, (with 2 families pending), and each one of them is doing well.

I have shared all of this and am opening my heart to you to say, that we need help. Nivia, Shayla and I wear many hats and run the entire Ministry. To say that we are sometimes overwhelmed is an understatement. We have taken on repair projects that we know nothing about because there is no one to help. James 1:27 says, "Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep themselves unspotted from the world." KJV

Below is a list of areas in their order of priority that we need help in:

- 1. Financial (most residents do not have the ability to pay anything and we do not turn them away for this reason)
- 2. Help with food pickups, all locally.
- 3. MANY building repairs and projects.
- 4. Lawn maintenance

A detailed list of the above information is listed on our website. Please call me to discuss further how you can help.

Galatians 5:13 says,

"You my brothers and sisters were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh, rather serve one another humbly in love." NIV

## Please Help!

In efforts to save money and reach more people, we plan on sending our newsletter electronically in the future. We would appreciate it if you sent us your email address so we can add your name to our digital mailing list. Thank you for your participation in this venture.

Please send an email to bethany-place@comcast.net with your First & Last Name in the subject line.

#### 7,159 PEOPLE FOUND YOU ON GOOGLE

There are more seeking help than we can imagine.

### Helping to Meet the Need



Bethany Place was recently awarded a grant from the Sawnee Foundation to install gutters around the ministry. 704 ft. of fascia board, gutters and downspouts were installed during the last week of June. For 30 years, Bethany Place has never had gutters on the building but it has always been on our project list. To finally see this project completed has been a blessing. Thank you Sawnee for providing the money to make this project happen and thank you to the men who installed the fascia board, gutters and downspouts!







On June 7th, the BridgeMill Sixes
Service League held their annual Golf
Fore Charity tournament in which
they honored Cherokee County
Sheriff, Frank Reynolds. At this event,
the league presented Sheriff Reynolds
with a check that he was able to give
to the charity of his choosing. He
presented the check to Bethany Place
(shown below). It was an honor to be
recognized by him and to be given a
check with enough money to support
one woman's stay at Bethany Place
for one month.





It's always a blessing to receive thoughtful donations from people within the community like the one given to us by Junior Girl Scout Troop #14665. They collected 159 pairs of pajamas in various styles and sizes to donate to the children at Bethany Place. Some of the pajama sets were distributed to the children currently residing at the ministry, while others were set aside for the children who have yet to come to Bethany Place.

#### Do You Believe Children Are Our Future?

"Bethany Place is a home for women and children." What comes to mind when you hear that? Do you think of the countless women that have been rescued from abusive relationships? Do you wonder how many of them were close to death because of drugs, alcohol, or self-harm? Often times these are the thoughts that should arise but there is also another factor...the children. Not only do we minister to the women at Bethany Place, but to the children as well. Yes, children are resilient, but they did not ask for the situations that they were placed in. They did not ask to be a witness to abuse of any sort. Or to be directly affected by it. For these children, their wounds are deep and they have a harder time understanding the help and healing that is laid before them. Most children that enter the program with their mothers have a hard time adjusting to new people, new rules, and routine. They are given love, care, and a peaceful atmosphere of which some have never experienced before. The screaming and crying we hear from the children in the beginning, changes as they adjust to a healthy lifestyle. You can eventually hear House Mother, Nivia Reed, saying, "Okay kids, your happy is too loud." Bethany Place is here not only to rescue women, but also to change the future of the children that enter in. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me

and do not hinder them for the kingdom of

Heaven belongs to these."



Shayla Reed with the children at Bethany Place on July 4th.

I believe the children are our are future

Teach them well and let them lead the way

Show them all the beauty they possess inside.

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

**Deuteronomy 15:10** 

Bethany Place is a nonprofit ministry that strives to lead women and children to live a blessed life with Jesus Christ. This safe haven has touched the community for over 30 years. As a 2-year program, Bethany Place focuses on teaching women who they are in Jesus, how to be good mothers and help them become the person God has created them to be.

of Bethany Place, Sandy Reed, along with the Assistant Director, Nivia and now granddaughter, Shayla, manage all aspects of the ministry on their own. The workload for three people is of course possible with God, but it could be made easier with help from the community. Their need for diligent volunteers and financial support is very great.

Don't forget to come shop at our Christian Bookstore! Help us spread the word and generate more business for our boutique. 100% of our proceeds go toward caring for the women and children at Bethany Place.



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