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NEW BETHANY CELEBRATES 40 Years of Serving Our Neighbors!

On our 40th anniversary at New Bethany, Inc. (formerly New Bethany Ministries), we should take a moment to reflect on our foundation. The town "Bethany" has biblical roots, the home of Lazarus where Jesus found friendship, food, and shelter. And so in 1985 when the Episcopal Church formed a service ministry, they titled it "a new Bethany" on the Southside of Bethlehem. New Bethany Ministries was dedicated under a subsidiary of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem and housed their first family on the corner of Wyandotte and W. 4th Street in December of that year.

Forty years and 1.1 million meals served later, New Bethany is in many ways the same today as it was in 1985: a place to find friendship, food and shelter for all who seek help. In just as many ways, local community needs have guided change and growth. Some initiatives have closed: Habitat House (now our Main Office), the Used Furniture Store and Restoration House remain an important part of our history. Other programs, like Wyandotte Apartments, Columbia House in Coplay and Representative Payee, are critical to our work today. Brand new programs, like Housing Assistance provide housing search and rental help or our remodeled Choice Food Pantry as a free grocery store for all, reflect new and growing needs in Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley.

As New Bethany celebrates our 40th anniversary, we reflect on the thousands of lives changed through our programs and services. We see over 100 neighbors visit our Drop-In Center daily for a hot lunch. We

work with dozens of unhoused children and youth every month, whose families seek a stable place to call home. And in the aftermath of the Covid pandemic, we assisted thousands of households facing eviction and work to find them the help to keep them afloat.

Our commitment to empowering individuals and strengthening communities remains steadfast, and we look forward to the future with hope and determination. We invite you to join us in our mission to create lasting change. Your generous contributions to our anniversary fund will enable us to continue providing essential services and support to those in need. Together, we can build a brighter future for all.

Donate today and be a part of our legacy of compassion and empowerment. Thank you for your unwavering support.



Because of You, We Can. Thank You for Your Support.

2024 IMPACT NUMBERS

Southside Drop-in Center

2,716
showers



200
people
received case
management
services.



40,000 hot meals
to over 1,000 New Bethany neighbors



Supportive Housing

**43 families &
47 individuals**

provided with supportive
housing and case management

**13 families &
7 individuals**
moved to permanent housing



Choice Food Pantry

230,000 meals
for 2,565 neighbors

**100,000 pounds
of donated food**
from grocery stores, local food
drives, individual donations
and area farms.



Permanent Housing

20 households
remained stably
housed

Housing Assistance

\$225,000
distributed
in rental assistance

94 households
obtained or maintained stable,
permanent housing



Representative Payee Program
Assisted 90 low-income individuals



Volunteer Impact

687 volunteers | 4770.5 volunteer hours

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