# COMMUNITY MPACT



60,784 shelter bednights provided to children & their parents

17% Increase over 2020

### 962

family members found safety in shelter, received food, clothing, and housing assistance

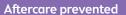
640 children were safe in shelter



**68** families with

129 children got assistance with housing

212 completely avoided homelessness



88 families with 230 children from re-entering shelter

331 moms & kids remained housed



**38%** of families exited from shelter with increased income

5% increase over 2020

## **GENERATIONAL** MPACT

in 2021



413 school age children and teens received increased educational support during virtual learning

140 Children 0-5 years were screened for developmental delays





conditions requiring follow

89

high-risk children received follow-up services after leaving shelter





to community partners



## In Their Own Words



## What Help and Family Really Mean

Hello, I am Shayla, a grateful Bethany House client — though I do feel more like family!

I have experienced an abundance of abuse in my life, coupled with a lack of genuine care and concern. After becoming homeless, I was paired with Bethany House Services.

That's when my outlook changed on what help and family really means. My housing specialist found us a home that would meet my family's needs — including those of my son, who struggles with autism.

We got help with all the needs that come with a new home, and the genuine care and concern for our livelihood, our education and our long-term success continued.

Today my family is thriving!
Bethany House has been more
than just "services" for my family.
I am grateful to have worked with
their family!



#### **A New Career**

Former shelter guest Antwain explains "Life is not about you and people helping you, it's about you trying to help yourself."

The single father of a 4-yearold son, Antwain received the help he needed to recover from homelessness and stabilize his family. Wrap-around shelter, re-housing, and post-shelter stabilization services helped Antwain find permanent housing and the means to maintain it.

For the last 11 months, Antwain worked closely with Bethany House's Aftercare program to ensure his continued progress. During this time, he has completed a construction training program and received several certifications. He is currently completing an apprenticeship and soon will begin a career in construction.

"Because of the support from Bethany House, I have been able to have a stable home for me and my son and start the process of being stable on my own. Thank you, Bethany House."



#### **Giving Back**

Shanice had a good job at a call center and was laid off right after the pandemic started. She explains, "My two daughters and I had already been 'bed hopping' for five months when we arrived at our last stop. There was no heat, we were sleeping on cots, and we were told to get out. Then I found Bethany House. My case manager was welcoming, nonjudgmental, encouraging and her connections helped us find housing. Two years after we left the shelter, I still have a home for my girls, a better paying job, and I am achieving my goals."

"Today I am self-sufficient and I am giving back. I have started a donation drive for Bethany House because I understand how much the families need. When my family was homeless, we had exhausted all of our resources. The 'hand-up' saved us from who knows what."