



Beyond
NEW
BEGINNINGS

2021 Annual Report

Lifting Up Families Through Strong Community Support

BNB Prepares Families for their Future by providing:

- Safe, secure, stable homes
- Individual mentors for each mom
- Weekly suppers (Meals provided by the community)
- Weekly Life Skills classes for moms (Parenting, Budgeting, Self Care & Coping Skills, Nutrition)
- Child care during class time
- Transportation and advocacy as needed
- Recognition and celebrations for individual successes
- Incentives for active participation
- Opportunities for fun family outings in the community

A Message from the Board

Our board is happy to report continued progress in 2021. The program is providing hope for the future for both the mothers and their children. Most importantly, the program served four families including five children. 2021 was a year of building a sustainable program. Services for the families continued development. The foundation of a strong organization was put in place. We closed our books in good financial health and have finance and governance committees in place.

The board hired Molly Koivumaki as our first Executive Director of BNB on April 1st. We have confidence for the future of BNB with a professional of Molly's caliber leading BNB in growing its service capacity. We know that more families need support in their journey to independent living. Molly understands the critical need for supportive housing. She brings passion and energy to rally community engagement.

This program wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of the community. This support comes from families, corporations, foundations, churches, local governments, and agencies. We ask for your continued support for this program.

Russell St. John - Board Chair and Co-founder

A Message from the Executive Director

These are exciting times at Beyond New Beginnings! I am grateful the Board of Directors has placed their trust in me to lead the organization into the next phase. Being the first Executive Director comes with a unique set of challenges but also an abundance of opportunities to collaborate with our community partners.



As I begin my new role, I am amazed by how the Beyond New Beginnings story resonates with people, compelling many to offer a personal story of a family member who would have benefited from this kind of program. Young moms and children bring out the compassion in folks that we depend upon to help our families succeed. This report will highlight some of the individuals and organizations who provide support and hope to our families. These are the people “who make this happen” and we are inspired by their commitment.

The spirit of determination that ignited the founding of Beyond New Beginnings remains strong and we continue to build our network of supporters. There is much work to be done and I look forward to the upcoming year with great enthusiasm and hope.

- Molly Koivumaki

Our fun and faithful child care helpers – Nadira and Hannah

Nadira and Hannah found BNB through Key Club at Chaska High School. Key Club is a student-led, high school organization. Members make the world a better place through service and in doing so, they grow as individuals. We are so grateful for the love of children and sense of play Hannah and Nadira bring to BNB.



Meet Leslie B. the #1 Meal volunteer for BNB Family Dinners



“I first heard about Beyond New Beginnings at a family gathering, and was immediately interested in volunteering for the BNB organization. I know the challenges of being a young mother, and having the opportunity to provide “family-style” dinners now

and then is very rewarding. Beyond New Beginnings does very valuable work, providing housing and mentoring for young moms, and I’m pleased to be a part of it.”

Thanks so much Leslie and Best of Luck as you finish up your Bachelor’s Degree at the University of Minnesota!

2021 Financials

BNB continues to spread the word about our mission and ask for financial support from community service organizations, businesses and grants.

Income

31% **1%** **68%**

Individuals

\$16,119.80
(includes
Girl Scout troop
\$363.89)

Foundations

\$500.00

Corporations

\$35,000

Total: \$51,619.80

Expenses

18% **11%** **71%**

**Building
Expenses**

\$4,842.50

**Client
Expenses**

\$3039.79

**Operations
Expenses**

\$18,942.23

Total: \$26,824.22

Liz's Story

Liz came to Beyond New Beginnings at the end of her senior year at New Beginnings High School. Her son, Archer, was 2 years old. They were looking for stable, supportive housing and found it at BNB.

Here are some of the outcomes Liz achieved:

- I gained custody of my son, due to stable housing.
- I earned my High School Diploma!
- I learned how to live by myself.
- My relationship with my mom improved.
- I learned household management skills and how to budget and pay bills.
- I set myself up for a better future.

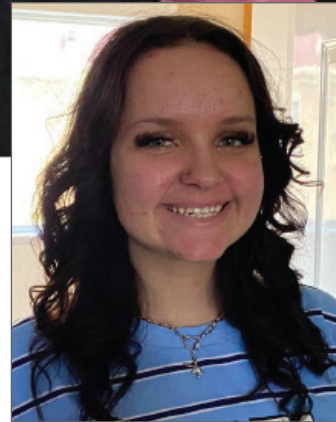
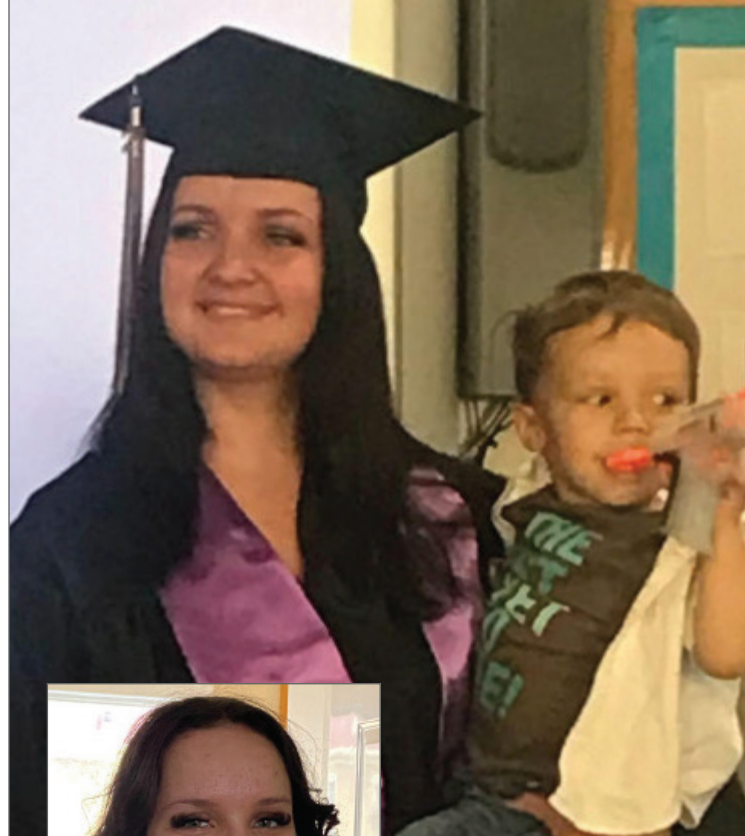
She appreciated the Cooking, Nutrition and Self Care classes we offered.

Her future goals are:

- To save more money so I can live without assistance from the county.
- Explore careers in Interior Design because I enjoyed decorating my own apartment and have an eye for creative decor.

Reasons to continue offering BNB to other moms:

- Helps prevent homelessness.
- Learn how to take care of yourself and your child.
- Helps women get out of unhealthy relationships.



▲ Summer 2021:
High School
Graduation!

◀ April 2022: Move
out/Move on day
- feeling proud
and hopeful!

Family Meals and Volunteers Keep Us Going Strong!



Mission

Beyond New Beginnings supports and nurtures young moms and their children as they gain self-sufficiency in safe, stable housing while being actively involved in the New Beginnings High School Program, post-secondary education and/or employment in order to become healthy, contributing members of our community.

Board of Directors

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DONATE

We appreciate and need your continued financial support as we work to support more families and hire staff.

Design: Beth Harvey, Beth Harvey Design

With Gratitude

We are so grateful for the work and dedication of the following individuals and organizations.

Boveda Inc. (Minnetonka)

The global leader in 2-way humidity control for a multitude of industries and applications. They continue to be instrumental in providing financial support for our operating costs. They believe in supporting young families as they find their way to independence.

Swagelok Company (Chaska)

They design, manufacture, and deliver an expanding range of the highest quality fluid system products. They had a personal connection with one of the moms at BNB and are committed to helping our program succeed. They are even providing volunteers to help install our backyard fence this summer!

myHealth

Since 1972, myHealth has sought to bring easily accessible high-quality care to young people in the west metro. myHealth is a longtime partner of New Beginnings High School and continues to serve the moms at BNB with public health, self care, nutrition ed and mental health providers.

U of M Extension Services

(Carver County)

Extension provides communities with research-based assistance in planning quality out-of-school programs. They help families make wise choices about their finances. BNB specifically uses extension educators for Financial Management, Budgeting and Understanding Credit.

Liz Foltz

Licensed therapist who leads groups on Coping Skills and other critical life skills.

Willeck Designs

Jennifer Willeck creates and maintains our BNB Facebook, Instagram, website and email list.

Carolyn Barinsky

Parent Educator who teaches lessons on child development and gives ideas about ways to engage with and advocate for the children.

St. John's Church (Chaska)

Monday night meals come from St. John's when we need them. Thanks for the delivery, Norm!

Grace Church (Eden Prairie)

Grace Church is a founding partner with BNB and continues to be a critical part of our move-in/move-out team as well as providing a faith-based support option for interested moms on Wednesday nights.

Mentors

Each mom has a mentor to connect with and to get additional support.

Lift Up

Lift Up is a non-profit organization that allows you to allocate 100% of donations to certified projects with the greatest impact around the world. Lift Up donations will be used to fund our backyard fence this summer.

Bountiful Basket Food Shelf (Chaska)

Offers groceries for families twice a month.

Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA)

Provides affordable housing opportunities and fosters community and economic development.

Metro Housing Authority (Metro HRA)

Administers the Housing Choice Voucher program for Carver County.



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