



Beyond  
NEW  
BEGINNINGS

## 2023 Update

*Lifting Up Families Through Strong Community Support*



### A Note from the Executive Director Molly Koivumaki

**Gratitude!** When I reflect on my first year with Beyond New Beginnings, that word comes immediately to mind, and for a good reason: we have exceptional volunteers and supporters. It is amazing to witness how BNB families resonate with people and prompt the questions; “How can I get involved?” and “How can I support Beyond New Beginnings?”

BNB stands as a testament to what can be accomplished when compassionate people and organizations understand the value of uplifting families. We are all creating a ripple effect of hope, resilience, and empowerment.

In the first half of 2023, we were fortunate to receive support from numerous generous individuals as well as these organizations: Allina Health, Otto Bremer Trust, Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation, Chanhassen Rotary Foundation, Chaska Lions Club, American Legion Auxiliary, St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Boveda Corporation and Swagelok MN.







## BNB Chair Update

By Russell St. John

I am immensely pleased with the accomplishments achieved by the young families in the BNB program. The program is clearly living up to its mission statement. The Board is very confident in the leadership provided by BNB's first Executive Director, Molly Koivumaki. She has made a significant impact in her first year. We are very pleased to add Anne Furlong to the Board. Anne not only brings critical skills in strategic planning and grant writing, but also the heart for the families served. We are full of gratitude for the incredible community support we receive. The Carver County Community Development Agency has been a wonderful partner. We are thankful to Pass Fencing for installing a fence around the backyard and creating a safe place for the children to play. Financial support from individuals, foundations and local businesses is very much appreciated, inspiring and necessary for our continued success. Thank you for your on-going support.



# 2022 Financials

BNB continues to spread the word about our mission and seeks ongoing financial support from individuals, service organizations, foundations, business and grants.

## Income

**60%** Individuals  
\$38,610.30

**10%** Foundations  
\$6,433.84

**30%** Corporations  
\$19,800.00

Total: \$64,844.14

## Expenses

**10%** Building Expenses  
\$6,749.92

**6%** Client Expenses  
\$4,386.43

**74%** Program Expenses  
\$52,998.86

**10%** Fundraising Expenses  
\$7,356.84

Total: \$71,482.05

## Donor Profile

We are life-affirming for young people. We like to be part of providing opportunities for success through tools, skill development and shelter to help young women and their children reach fulfilling and productive adult lives. We feel support and opportunities for youth are important, especially those who

are vulnerable. It is a joy to support these young women and their children on their journey to being fully participating members in our community and in our world.

Sharon and Bob





## Janae Vogel – Family Coach

Beyond New Beginnings is pleased to announce that Janae Vogel of Jordan has been hired as our Family Coach. She brings compassion and understanding to supporting families through the ups and downs of learning to live independently.



## BNB Program Director Update

By Jill Engeswick

In this third year of supporting young families through Beyond New Beginnings, we have experienced much success and program growth. We have reached out to more community groups and individuals who have in turn found ways to support moms and children.



Three of the moms made an inspiring video that is on our website. They explain how much they benefit from what we offer, and they share their personal goals. BNB was also nominated for KARE-TV's "Communities that Kare" feature. That video presents a good overview of who we are and what we are doing.

Moms are reaching their personal goals: one mom has completed one year of CAD programming coursework, another mom graduated with an AA in Business Administration and just found a better, higher paying job. We are focused on supporting the children's learning opportunities this summer with Learning Fun (reading and math skills) and with swim lessons!

We continue to find ways to enhance the lives of the BNB families, from attending Children's Theater to pontoon boat fishing to exploring Sever's Corn Maze. One of the highlights of the year was a family/mentor holiday cookie baking day led by our Family Coach.

We appreciate our volunteer meal providers, child care helpers and mentors. It is such a privilege to walk alongside these determined and hardworking moms and children. Their futures are unfolding before our eyes.

### What does a Family Coach do?

I work with families one on one. We work together to set goals and find ways to achieve them. We find answers to questions and concerns that arise.

### How does your experience as a teen mom help you in your role as a Family Coach?

I understand what it feels like to be in that position and how impossible it may seem. I understand the guilt and the ways being a young parent can affect your mental health.

### What would you like people to know about the families you serve?

BNB families are strong and resilient. They want to do better and break the cycle of poverty and teen pregnancy. BNB families are working to create a better future.





# Achieving Goals Through Strong Community Support

## 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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## How is BNB supporting moms and families?

By Jill Engeswick  
(As told to me by  
Tatiana Zalvala Perez)

Even though I had a decent paying full-time job as a Nursing Assistant, I was afraid I wouldn't be able to make my monthly payments for my own apartment. I had never been the head of a household before. BNB set up a meeting with Sam, from the U of M Extension Program to help me review my budget. I felt so much better after that, I finally signed the lease and have been making all the required payments in order to keep my apartment.

The next obstacle I had was custody issues with my children. I got a lot of legal advice from my BNB support people and a volunteer family attorney. I started out pretty nervous and anxious, and ended up standing up for myself in court and getting the best possible outcome for my children.

My three daughters benefit from the stability, Monday night classes and fun events BNB provides. They enjoy the BNB staff and the other families, too. They can see how much I appreciate this setting for all of us. I love the constant support and the resources I get from BNB. They are always there to



help me problem-solve and find a better way forward.

In my spare time, I like cooking, baking, doing hairstyles for events (up-do's), keeping my house clean and organized (I used to be a professional house cleaner), and I also coach my daughters' soccer teams.

My hope for the future is that I continue to find stability and mental health support for myself and my daughters. It is important that we feel grounded and cared for. I am so thankful for BNB.

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