



Beyond
NEW
BEGINNINGS

2020 Annual Report

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.

A Message from the Founders

What a difference a year makes. It all started with a simple awakening that there is a critical need for additional support for the mothers and children who have been served by the New Beginnings Program. Our community stood up and clearly articulated that it wants to help these families empower themselves to support their children and to be freed from the ravages of housing & food insecurity, abuse, trafficking and financial uncertainty. The community rallied in support of some of the most vulnerable in our society. Today, through incredible partnerships with multiple organizations, there are four beautiful apartments with two bedrooms each enabling impact on two generations!

The Board of Beyond New Beginnings is so very appreciative of those who spoke, those who acted and those who provided support of talent, finances, and heart. Some of our critical partnerships include Carver County Community Development Agency, Grace Church, Boveda Corporation and myHealth. There has been support financially from family foundations, as well as many individuals and families. There has also been an incredibly important contribution by the volunteer mentors who are there to coach, listen and motivate the families. Thank you to all.

In the next few pages, we share the successes and also the dreams for growing our service in the future. You will be introduced to a participant in the program and to the most talented and loving support system. These young families will continue to need our support.

With Gratitude,

Jill Engemann *Russell St. John* *Sue Schwert*

Jill, Russ, Sue

BNB Objectives

- Develop a safe home for young moms and their children both during high school and after graduation – ensuring success in the next steps of their lives whether pursuing employment or continuing their education.
- Provide access to high-quality childcare where their children can thrive.
- Prepare moms and advocate for them as they find employment and/or pursue post-secondary education.
- Create a community environment where life skills are honed and peers support each other through life's ups and downs.
- Empower these young moms to be able to support their family once they complete the BNB program.

Achieving Goals Through Strong Community Support

2020 Accomplishments

- Acquired use of four, two-bedroom apartments in a home in downtown Chaska
 - Accomplished in cooperation with the Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA). Legal agreements completed
- 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation filed and approved effective 6/14/2020; registered as a Charitable Organization for solicitation purposes through MN Attorney General
- Developed a committed Board of Directors
- House leader hired
- Empowerment program, public health nurse and mental health provided in partnership with myHealth
- Mentors recruited, trained and meeting with moms twice a month
- Furniture plan developed and executed
- Gained program support & advocacy from Carver County, cities, churches, local businesses, and individuals
- Chaska PD performed security assessment with action items (building already to city code)
- Internet/video security defined and installed
- Three families identified and moved into homes
- 2020 accounts closed and balanced
- Liability insurance, accountants, bookkeepers in place
- Branding complete (pro bono): includes website development, templates, logos, etc.
- Fundraising started to cover 2020 and some of 2021
- Achieved Bountiful Basket commitment to providing ongoing food support

2021 Objectives

- Identify 4th family and move them into the home
- Complete safety/security recommendation implementation
- Learn and adjust as gain practical experience; Keep solidifying processes/protocols
- Complete website, Facebook page, Go Fund Me site
- Continue fund raising on a community scale (as many supporters as possible)
- Develop Volunteer Program and engagement activities
- Establish Board Finance/Executive/Governance committees
- Develop Phase 2 strategy
- Continue development of fund-raising strategy and engagement

PHASE 1 Complete

Implement 4-unit location in cooperation with CDA

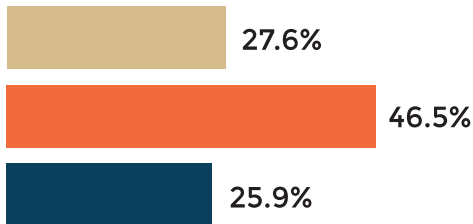
PHASE 2 In Progress

Develop increased capacity in cooperation with other local organizations



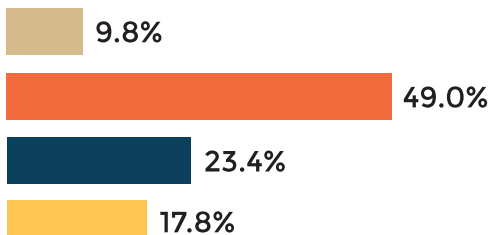
2020 Financials

Income



■ Individuals: \$11,163.70
 ■ Foundations: \$18,800.00
 ■ Corporations: \$10,500.00
 Total: \$40,463.70

Expenses



■ 501(c)(3) Expenses: \$715.00
 ■ Insurance/Legal/Deposits: \$3,569.00
 ■ Wifi/Video/Security: \$1,701.05
 ■ Web Svcs/Staff/Misc.: \$1,298.71
 Total: \$7,283.76

Tammie's Story

I went through a rough time at Shakopee High School. I dropped out for awhile, got involved in a toxic relationship and ended up pregnant. My ex forced me to drop out again. Eventually, my Social Worker got me connected with New Beginnings, a high school program for pregnant and parenting teens in Chaska. Now, I am proud to say that at age 21, I have earned all the credits needed for graduation.

When Russ and Jill came to New Beginnings in Fall of 2019, they talked to the moms about their vision for housing with support for New Beginnings students and graduates. It was exciting to brainstorm all the things we hoped the program would have.

The new program is called BEYOND New Beginnings and I was the very first applicant. Sue knew that my son, Kayden and I would become homeless if we didn't have a plan, because my mom was going to move out of state. We wanted to stay in Minnesota, but no other family members were able to take us in.

My son is nearly three years old now and we both love our new apartment at Beyond New Beginnings. We moved in December 1st and we both feel safe and comfortable. I attend weekly Empowerment classes and meet with my mentor twice a month.

I am grateful for the extra support from BNB as I work toward my goals. While I find full time employment, I'm hopeful that Kayden can continue to receive excellent care at East Creek Child Care Center (part of New Beginnings and open to the community). I know people care about us, and I am hopeful for our future! Thank you.

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