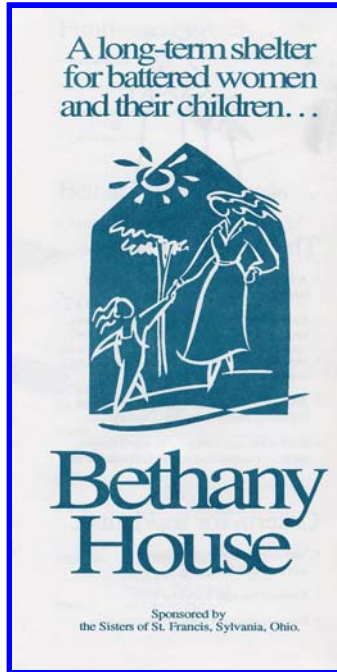




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**Bethany House
Shelter for Battered Women and their Children**



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- Referred through social services
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History of Bethany House...

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Residents of Bethany House...

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The women who come to Bethany House have few resources—family, friends, education, job skills, and money—to enable them to become self-sufficient.

Bethany House provides direction in life-planning while encouraging independence and autonomy in its residents.

Thoughts from former residents of Bethany House...

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"They helped me change my problems into goals."

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Funding sources....

- Individuals
- Private Foundations
- Governmental Agencies
- Organizations

Bethany House needs...

- Teen and Adult Volunteers
- Your Support!

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