Bethesda Project is a nonprofit organization that provides shelter, housing and supportive services to adults experiencing chronic homelessness in Philadelphia.

"To find and care for the abandoned poor and to be family with those who have none" - Mission of Bethesda Project

1,720 Individuals Served in 2018
10,000 Volunteer Hours
96,459 Meals Served in Our Emergency Shelter
5.7 Years Average Length of Stay in Permanent Housing

86% Report that Bethesda Project provides opportunities and personalized assistance for success & personal growth.
87% Feel that Bethesda Project staff expect them to succeed.
74% Report their ability to trust people increased while with Bethesda Project.
91% Feel respected by volunteers.

COMMUNITY LIFE

2018 FINANCIALS

REVENUE & SUPPORT
- Contributions 22.6%
- Government 52.9%
- Rental Income 3.5%
- Special Events 3.1%
- Other (including in-kind donations) 17.9%
Total $6,992,370

EXPENSES
- Program 85.9%
- Fundraising 7.1%
- Administrative 7.0%
Total $6,255,714

NET ASSETS: $2,504,355
CURTIS’ STORY

Curtis was a guest of Bethesda Project’s Church Shelter Program prior to becoming a resident at My Brother’s House Safe Haven (MBH) for the last year. Before finding Bethesda Project, he experienced street homelessness and lived in abandoned houses for over three years. He battled issues with addiction and severe anxiety and lost all hope of living a safe and fulfilling life. Bethesda Project has given him a chance to regain stability and a belief that he deserves to live in a community that values his wellbeing. Curtis thanks Bethesda Project for providing him a family atmosphere where he has been able to get help with his addiction issues and mental health and to rediscover his love of playing music. Curtis is excited to be moving into his own subsidized apartment soon and remains part of Bethesda Project as janitorial staff at MBH.

ABOUT BETHESDA PROJECT

Since 1979, Bethesda Project has been providing emergency shelter, housing and supportive services for thousands of individuals experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia. By offering a home and safe environment at each of its 14 sites throughout Philadelphia, men and women experiencing homelessness can stabilize and regain their dignity and self-worth. From outreach and engagement to emergency shelters to permanent housing residences with supportive services, its locations create a Housing First continuum of care for Philadelphia’s most vulnerable. At Bethesda Project, we meet men and women where they are, providing case management to help them achieve their highest personal potential. Now, 40 years since its inception, Bethesda Project remains committed to its initial calling to find and care for the abandoned poor and to be family with those who have none.