Since 1979, Bethesda Project has been providing emergency shelter, housing, and supportive services for thousands of individuals experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia. Across its 14 locations, Bethesda Project offers a home and safe environment where guests and residents work with dedicated staff to regain their dignity and self-worth and reach their highest potential.

Your house of worship can join in our mission to be family to those with none in many ways - even through the COVID-19 pandemic!

### Promote Awareness

- Discuss homelessness as a part of a service. Share information about Bethesda Project and/or hold a collection.
- Invite a Bethesda Project board or staff member to speak at a virtual meeting.
- Share upcoming Bethesda Project virtual events and encourage participation.
- Introduce Bethesda Project to business and community leaders in your network.
- Promote (and tag) Bethesda Project as a community partner on your social media and/or website.

### Virtual Volunteer Opportunities

- Encourage members to volunteer through a skills-based project or service.
- Promote remote team-building opportunities for small groups, leadership teams, staff, youth groups, etc. through volunteering with projects such as:
  - Virtual BINGO with one of our sites
  - Make cards
  - Creating activity bags for those in quarantine or isolation
  - Organizing welcome kits for shelter guests moving into permanent housing
  - Sponsor an outdoor movie night for guests and residents

### Assist Our Operations

- Organize donation drives for items such as:
  - Cleaning supplies, PPE, coats, clothes, or nonperishable food drive
  - Gift cards for Holiday gifts for guests and residents
  - Make cold/flu kits (sanitizer, tissues, cough drops, thermometers, etc)
  - Sponsor a meal (bagged or take-out)
  - Prepare a reheatable meal
  - Coordinate a rotating schedule of members to serve as volunteer couriers of supplies to sites

### Support Us Financially:

- Join our efforts by proving a grant or other financial gift from your house of worship.
- Support Bethesda Project’s annual Party & Auction or virtual Home Run 5K.
- Event sponsorship.
- Assemble themed gift basket(s) to auction off.
- Host a fundraising virtual or distanced event (walk-a-thon, happy hour, card tournament, “drive-in” movie, etc).

### Other ideas? Let’s get creative!

Contact Sarah Carter, Development and Communications Manager, at scarter@bethesdaproject.org for more information!