

Bethany House Restores Hope:

1,100 Lives Improved in 30 Years of Unwavering Service



For 30 years Bethany House has helped survivors of domestic violence take back their lives. Our mission is to recognize and respond to the ever-changing needs of families affected by domestic violence (DV). Since 1984 Bethany House has helped **1,100 people** transition from being **victims** to being **survivors**.

DV is the leading cause of injury to women in the United States—research has shown it is a devastating cycle repeated generation after generation. Some studies suggest as many as 10 million children a year are exposed to DV. Children exposed to DV are more likely to exhibit destructive behaviors such as drug abuse and violence toward peers, and they are also more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety. But when victims and their children seek refuge at places like Bethany House to recover, they gain improved coping skills and increased safety.

DV is a **public health and economic issue**. When Bethany House serves survivors of DV, we also improve the overall quality of life in Northwest Ohio through significant benefits and cost savings.

Every \$1 invested in Bethany House programs saves our community \$65.43 in social costs avoided in police enforcement, lost work productivity, the justice system, and mental health services for adults and children served by Bethany House.

Public Assistance Savings Per Survivor Served

- **\$57,300** cost per survivor x 5 years

Health Savings Per Survivor Served

- **\$14,220** cost per female survivor x 15 years
- **\$5,239.74** cost per child x 3 years

Long-Term Savings Per Case of Child Abuse Avoided

- **\$210,012** low-end estimated cost per case of child abuse

Police Enforcement Savings Per Survivor Served

- **\$23.17** cost of intervention without an arrest of abuser
- **\$1,000** cost of intervention with an arrest
- **\$6,106** cost for those abusers imprisoned and jailed in Northwest Ohio 2014
- **\$1,273.85** cost of probation following sentences served

Lost Work Productivity Savings Per Survivor Served

- **\$924.48** cost of lost work productivity per DV case

Justice System Savings Per Survivor Served

- **\$1,907.40** cost of justice system to prosecute abuser

Mental Health Services Savings Per Survivor Served

- **\$31,000** average cost of treatment per DV case based on average insurance claim for 5 years
- **\$3,618.06** total annual cost of treatment for children per DV case for 1 year