

Homelessness in our Community

3,200

Individuals in
Housing Crisis in
Baldwin and
Mobile County

300

Homeless
Children in
Baldwin County
School System

22%

of Residents at
Sybil Smith Family
Village hail from
Baldwin County

32%

of United Way's
211 crisis calls are
related to housing
assistance and/or
homelessness

PRIMARY CAUSE OF HOMELESSNESS:

- 41% fleeing domestic violence
- 38% eviction due to job loss or financial insecurity
- 12% medical crisis
- 9% substance abuse disorder

THE RESPONSE: *"...whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40*

Baldwin Family Village (BFV), Baldwin County's first transitional housing program for homeless women and children. BFV is operated by the Dumas Wesley Community Center and modeled after its highly successful transitional housing program, the Sybil Smith Family Village. The program is more than a safe refuge for residents. It is a proven program steeped in accountability. Each resident is engaged in a holistic plan for restored hope and personal transformation, breaking cycles of abuse and despair.

THE PROGRAM: *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people." - Galatians 6:10*

- Residents must be: homeless, 24 years of age or older, able to work or enroll in school, willing to live in a drug and alcohol free environment and participate in a case management plan
- Baldwin Family Village seeks to help homeless single women and women with children re-establish and maintain self-sufficiency by focusing on accountability, case management, life skills and behavior modification
- The program will provide 12 months of housing stability and wrap-around services for up to 100 women and children annually
- The model program enjoys an average 88% success rate among residents who completed the program and moved into permanent housing -45% higher than the national average

THE PROGRESS: *"My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." - John 5:17*

- Baldwin Family Village Foundation established as the fundraising arm of BFV
- \$1.46M raised in less than 10 months to purchase the facility and secure first year of operating expenses
- Sustainability Goal: raising \$540,000 annually for years 2 and 3

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Volunteer



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