

HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY

3,200

Individuals in Housing Crisis in Baldwin and Mobile County

300

Homeless Children in Baldwin County School System

18%

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

THE NEED:

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- 35% fleeing domestic violence
- 24% grew up in foster care and/or has never been independent
- 17% could not maintain reliable childcare
- 12% were stably housed until landlord refused to make necessary repairs
- 6% had a health care crisis and drained emergency savings
- 6% struggling with addiction
- 70% of residents who are able to work were employed when they entered the program

THE PROGRAM:

- To be operated by Dumas Wesley Community Center (DWCC), which has been recognized nationally for its expertise in working with the poor and addressing homelessness since its founding in 1903
- DWCC operates a transitional housing program, Sybil Smith Family Village with an 88% success rate, significantly higher than the national average
- Residential accountability is critical to the program's success: mandatory life skills classes, covenant to remain drug and alcohol free, work and/or education requirements

THE RESPONSE:

Baldwin Family Village (BFV), Baldwin County's first transitional housing program for homeless women and children - The BFV 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 PROGRESS:

- Baldwin Family Village Foundation established as the fundraising arm of BFV
- \$700K raised in less than 4 months to purchase the facility
- \$540K to be raised prior to opening doors to residents (\$145K raised)
- Establishing plan for sustainability through years 2 and 3

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