

# Mission Statement

*"To provide shelter and support to those who have become in need of temporary housing in Burlington and the surrounding areas, while maintaining the dignity and respect of these persons."*

*BAHS provides meals, shelter, budget and personal goal planning, household assistance, and a Homeless Supply Bag outreach program. The staff at BAHS partner with those in need to establish themselves as self-supporting and successful members of the community.*

*All services provided by our non-profit organization are available to all people without bias of any characteristic protected by law.*

## About Us

BAHS is a large white home next to Saunderson Park in Burlington. We have 9 beds in 5 rooms and are able to support a family of up to 5. Residents are not required to share their room, and have personal storage for their food and items.

We define **Success!** as when a Resident exits BAHS with gainful employment and has secured safe housing. Our program typically lasts 3 months.

While at BAHS, Residents do not have to pay for food, rent, utilities, personal care or hygiene items, laundry service, or bus tokens in order to fully invest their earnings towards their future.

As we often house single parents or families with children, BAHS does not provide housing to individuals with open warrants for their arrest or those who are registered sex offenders.

## How can I support the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter?

- Donate financially -
  - We are financially supported solely by the generosity of our local donors and the United Way of Southeast Iowa.

**Thank you!**

- Donate material items -
  - We post our current needs to Facebook each Wednesday.
- Like us on Facebook!
- Gather a group to assemble Homeless Supply Bags.
- Host a fundraising event in-person or on social media.
- Organize a supply drive.
- Do you have mechanical or handyman (or woman) skills? If so, please let us know! We often have repairs, painting, or small projects we could use help with.
- Volunteer your time!
- Invite us to speak to your group, or ask to visit the shelter for a tour.
- You may contact us at:
  - 319-754-6791
  - [executivedirector.bahs@gmail.com](mailto:executivedirector.bahs@gmail.com)
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# Burlington Area Homeless Shelter



*Hope for the Homeless*

# 2024 Statistics

- **1,658** nights of service provided
- **29** homeless individuals housed - **5** children
- **377** individuals seeking housing
- **366** instances of community assistance provided
- **\$10** bus tokens for **1** week of work
- **\$25** to make a warm dinner for **4** people
- **\$50** for **1** pair of work boots
- **\$100** to cover **2** Homeless Supply Bags
- **\$500** to cover **10** nights of service
- **\$1,000** to cover **1** month of utilities



# Community Garden

In 2023, BAHS established a community garden to provide our Residents and neighbors with fresh fruits and vegetables.

We have open garden nights on Tuesdays at 5:30 during the garden season.



# The Success! Program

BAHS works alongside our Residents to identify personal and career goals, find gainful employment, and set budgets.

A Resident of BAHS meets once per week with a coach to work on short-term and long-term goals, and to alter these goals as the need arises.

Specific goals, such as a successful exit date and minimum savings amounts, are planned together.

Residents partake in the daily care and upkeep of the shelter in order to help them prepare for caring for their own home when they successfully exit BAHS.

In the end, the goal is **Success!** where our Residents find safe housing and a secure plan for the future.

## 6 Steps to Success!

1. Find **Security** and **Safety** at BAHS
2. Adhere to **Rules** and **Responsibilities**
3. Attain and Maintain **Sobriety**
4. Obtain and Maintain **Gainful Employment**
5. Accrue **Financial Savings**
6. Seek and **Secure Housing**

BAHS serves the Burlington community and the surrounding areas by providing a *helping hand up - not a hand out*. With personal accountability and effort, our residents have a 60% **Success!** rate - higher than the national average.

# Homeless Supply Bags

BAHS receives significantly more requests for housing than we are able to accommodate.

In addition to housing and coaching homeless individuals for **Success!**, BAHS freely provides Homeless Supply Bags to anyone who requests one.

These bags contain food, water, personal care items, and hygiene items. Additionally, seasonal items like gloves, scarves, and coats are provided if requested or suggested.

- **Bag with 3 bottles of water.**
- **Bag with 6 pairs of socks.**
- **Amenities Bag:** shampoo, soap, wash cloths, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, deodorant, body/baby wipes, tissues, hand sanitizer, and lip balm.
- **Outside Supplies Bag:** first aid kit, flashlight, emergency blanket, rain poncho, and shower curtain liner/tarp.
- **Winter Bag:** hand warmers.
- **Summer Bag:** insect repellent and sunscreen.
- **Food Bag:** packaged and canned non perishables, plastic ware, and a can opener.
- **Community Action resource booklet**
- Seasonally appropriate outerwear, blanket.

**Donations of these items are always welcomed!**

