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### Calendar of Events

October is Domestic Violence Month: Fairfax is sponsoring many events throughout the month.

Oct 2nd-5th The Clothes Line Project at GMU.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Nov 23rd Thanksgiving Fest at Lewinsville Church

Christmas Shoppe at Joseph's Coat Re-sale Shop.

### We look forward to seeing you there!

Call (703) 658-9500 for dates and times to attend these events with your children.

*BHNV wants to thank all the sponsors, donors and volunteers who have continued to support Bethany House over the past 25 years.*

**CFC # 8268**



Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc. is a(501)(C)(3) non-profit faith-based organization which has a mission to maintain facilities that will temporarily care for battered spouses and their children who are homeless and destitute



## Give Kids a Chance

*Excerpts taken from an article in Positive Parenting.com by Tim Jordan, M.D.*

Are you aware that the most under used, wasted natural resource in this country is not the elderly, or parents, or any minority group. It is our children. So many great ideas, so much energy, so much boundless idealism. So much limitless potential.

So many times our kids are the last person we turn to for help, information, or support. But just think of the opportunity for growth for the students that would have been so carelessly missed for the simple reason that we don't value our children's input and contributions. And, therefore, from a child's perspective, we don't value them.

There are large and small opportunities everyday to give kids a chance to be valuable, contributing members of society. And not only does the family and community benefit, but the kids benefit tenfold as well. Someone once said that you reap what you sow. If kids are getting out of themselves and sowing love and service, then they will reap feelings of love and peace and fullness.

Become aware of all the endless ways that kids could be valuable to us and their community. Volunteering at a preschool; serving meals at a homeless shelter; picking up litter in your neighborhood; saving up money together as a family for some philanthropic purpose; doing some yard work for grandma and grandpa; asking their ideas or opinion about a problem you are working on.

There is no better way to support kids in feeling good about themselves than to help them be of service to others. In this day and age of so many questions about teen anger, teen violence, teen pregnancies, and teen suicides, perhaps the best answers lie with the kids and teens themselves. Let's give kids a chance!

See, **children** are a gift from the Lord. The **children** born to us are our special pay.

[Psalm 127:2-4](#) (NLV)

## A Child's View of Mom

- 4 YEARS OF AGE
- 8 YEARS OF AGE
- 12 YEARS OF AGE
- 14 YEARS OF AGE
- 16 YEARS OF AGE
- 18 YEARS OF AGE
- 25 YEARS OF AGE
- 35 YEARS OF AGE
- 60 YEARS OF AGE
- 65 YEARS OF AGE

- MY MOMMY CAN DO ANYTHING!
- MY MOM KNOWS A LOT! A WHOLE LOT!
- MY MOTHER DOESN'T REALLY KNOW QUITE EVERYTHING.
- NATURALLY, MOTHER DOESN'T KNOW THAT EITHER!
- MOTHER? SHE'S HOPELESSLY OLD-FASHIONED.
- MY MOTHER? ?? SHE'S WAY OUT OF DATE!
- WELL, SHE MIGHT KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT.
- BEFORE WE DECIDE, LET'S GET MOM'S OPINION.
- WONDER WHAT MOM WOULD HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT IT?
- WISH I COULD TALK IT OVER WITH MOM ONCE MORE.

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**NEW BHNV CRISIS HOTLINE NUMBER (703) 658-3555**

### **BHNV PARTICIPATES IN THE FOLLOWING CHARITABLE CAMPAIGNS:**

- Combined Federal Campaign: Federal Employees
- United Way Campaign: Participating through your donations.
- Fairfax County Combined Charitable Campaign.

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*Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc. under its Family Assistance Program, provides crisis intervention for families who are homeless and destitute because of abuse.*

*The program provides safe housing, food, clothing, support, and assistance in obtaining Life skills training, on-the-job training, counseling services, financial and legal help for victims.*

*Bethany House also provides education and outreach to area adults and youth through speaking engagements with local clubs, churches, businesses, and organizations.*

*The communities of Northern Virginia rely on Bethany House to provide vital services to victims of domestic violence.*

### **Joseph's Coat**

#### **Take Donated Items**

Linens  
Beds  
Tables  
Desks  
Sofas  
Clothing  
Accessories  
Shoes  
Framed Art  
House Wares  
Toys and Books  
Baby Items

To schedule pick-up quality used furniture items, please call Joseph's Coat between the hours of 10 AM to 5 PM Monday through Saturday.

## **Joseph's Coat Re-Sale Shop**

***A Unique Re-sale Shop benefiting Bethany House of Northern Virginia***

Joseph's Coat Re-Sale Shop is an integral part of the Family Services Programs of Bethany House of Northern Virginia (BHNV). Funds and goods from Joseph's Coat provide clothing and other necessities for women and their children living in our shelters. Ninety-five percent of our clients would not be able to furnish homes if BHNV did not supply these basic needs.

Joseph's Coat reaches out to the community by providing volunteers from schools and colleges an opportunity to learn and or enhance their skills. Volunteer Groups are also welcome for special projects.

Joseph's Coat receives in-kind donations which are distributed directly to needy families or are sold to continue the work of providing necessities and services to families and persons in need. Your donations of used quality household furnishing, linens, clothing and other household items are greatly appreciated.

**Joseph's Coat Re-Sale Shop**  
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