

## The story of Brethren House

Shortly after Bethany moved from Illinois to Indiana, a group of Bethany supporters expressed interest in creating a Brethren residential presence near the campus.

The house at the corner of College Avenue and C Street was acquired and completely remodeled, mostly by volunteers from southern Ohio.

The house serves as a hosting location for visitors to campus: adjunct faculty, prospective and current students, and interested church members from many corners of the denomination.

Originally, staffing of Brethren House was arranged primarily through Clara and Ivan Patterson, who contributed countless hours of labor and inspiration to this home's special niche in the life of Bethany.

Dozens of volunteers have come over the years to be short-term hosts. **Recently renovated and updated, Brethren House continues to be a thriving center where our community and ministry intersect.** Hosts enjoy a special opportunity to participate in the Seminary experience and to enjoy free lodging as they do so.



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## The seasons at Bethany



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## Experience



**as a**

*Brethren  
House  
Host*



*Be part of our community -  
be part of our ministry*

### **What is a Brethren House host?**

Brethren House hosting offers a unique opportunity to participate in and support the Bethany community on a personal level—living, working, and fellowshiping with our faculty, staff, and students.

Hosts live in Brethren House free of charge and, in exchange, offer their time and talents to the Seminary. Work opportunities vary with the season, but often include

- **Hospitality and housekeeping** for Brethren House guests
- Airport **pick-ups or drop-offs**
- **Reception work** at Bethany
- Seasonally appropriate **maintenance and landscaping**
- Participation in the life of the Seminary in whatever other ways seem appropriate and attractive to the host

Please bear in mind that while the Seminary strives to cater to a wide range of ages and abilities, Brethren House facilities are *not* handicap accessible. Hosts should be able to comfortably handle at least two flights of stairs as well as housekeeping and maintenance work.



### **Photos (from top):**

*Exterior south side*

*Living room*

*A guest room*

### **How long do hosts stay?**

The ideal is to stay for a semester, and occasionally some hosts have stayed a year. Some, however, are unable to commit to that amount of time and have come for just several weeks.

There are a few times a year in particular when we strive to have hosts. **It is extremely helpful to have hosts during the first weeks of January and May and the month of August**, when Bethany has two -week intensive classes and new student orientation. During those times, we have an influx of students on campus who benefit from having the welcoming presence and community that hosts provide.

### **How do I express an interest in volunteering or just in learning more?**

**Send an e-mail message to Karen Duhai**, whose information is listed on the back of this brochure. We know that hosts' schedules are complicated, and it can take a while to arrive at a workable arrangement. We will, however, do our best to find a time for you to join us.