

Together, we
deliver *more.*



2024 CASE FOR SUPPORT

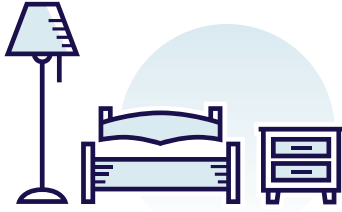
Our Work

more than beds

The mission of Beds for Kids is to provide beds and essential furniture to children and their families in need.

We come alongside families as they rise out of poverty towards self-sufficiency and supply furniture resources. We believe every child should have a bed of their own, and we strive to serve each family with dignity. *Join us as we work to end furniture poverty in our community.*

OUR PROCESS



YOU
donate



WE
deliver



THEY
dream

"It's a privilege to be a part of a team that is focused on running after a mission so much bigger than ourselves and loving our neighbor every day. It has been the biggest honor I have had in my life!"

— Zach Smith, Director of Operations

Our Team

more than a job

My first Beds for Kids delivery in 2020 opened my eyes to furniture poverty and how it affects children and their families in Charlotte. It did not take long for a once-a-month volunteer opportunity to become a twice-weekly commitment, and although I had hopes of being a part of the team, I could not have charted this path for myself. Serving at Beds for Kids is fulfilling, meaningful and one of my greatest joys.

Beds for Kids has a specific mission to provide beds and essential furniture to those who need it most, and our partners rely on us for those much needed items. We are the largest furniture bank in Charlotte, and we pride ourselves on our ability to deliver to 20+ families per week. I love knowing that our small but mighty team of 12 is running after our mission each day.

As a mother of two young boys, interacting with the moms and children when we deliver the beds and furniture is humbling and impactful. Seeing the excitement on the children's faces when they jump on their new bed or having a moment with the mom as she shares that this is her first bed in over a decade are just a few of the memories that stand out most vividly to me. We help these families turn their house into a home and provide a crucial resource to families as they transition out of homelessness and work their way out of poverty.

My goal at Beds for Kids is to serve as many people as possible in an efficient and intentional way. We are sourcing furniture at record levels and increasing our capacity to serve. I know 2024 will be our best year yet, and I hope you will consider joining us as a donor and/or volunteer as we continue this important work. Please visit our warehouse or email me directly to learn more about Beds for Kids!

Lauren Evans
Lauren Evans, Executive Director, Beds for Kids

*Interested in learning more?
Send a note to Lauren at
levans@bedsforkids.org or by
scanning this QR code with
your smart phone.*



Delivering Dignity

more than just furniture

The paths of our families are diverse and complex, but all are marked with incredible perseverance. Some are transitioning out of homelessness, leaving domestic abuse situations, trying to secure stable employment or signing their first lease. Once they pay rent, utilities and grocery bills, there is little left to purchase essential furniture. Entire families are often sleeping on air mattresses or soiled, old mattresses on the floor. This is furniture poverty, and we're doing something about it.

DELIVERIES

Because the families we serve are the heart of our mission, deliveries are the heartbeat. At all stages of the delivery process, we ensure excellence, treating families with the dignity and respect they deserve. When we arrive at their home, our staff and volunteers get to work unloading and assembling the furniture and arrange it according to the family's vision. Then we end our time praying over our neighbors and their home.



In 2023 we
served

3,948

individuals



in

1,002

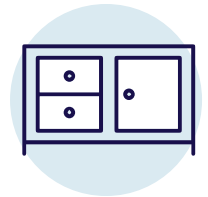
families



and
delivered

2,826

beds



&

19,926

furniture units

With over a thousand deliveries, we grew **36%** in our capacity to serve!





REFERRALS

We partner with 60+ organizations in Charlotte that are walking alongside families as they transition out of housing insecurity. Social workers at each organization send referrals directly to Beds for Kids, and then we reach out to verify their needs.



1,227 *from* referrals



60+ partners

“As a social worker, it is heartbreaking to see children and adults sleeping on the floor or on an air mattress. Bed for Kids is providing an essential need to our families by providing clean and gently used furniture. Our families are always so appreciative and share what a relief it is to come home to a furnished home.”— Xiomara Butler, Circle de Luz

Humble Service

more than just volunteers

The capacity of our staff is maximized by the faithfulness of our team of volunteers. They're integral to our mission and are a living testimony to the calling of loving our neighbor. In 2023, **3,000 volunteers** made our mission possible!

“I’ve been volunteering for six years. I heard there were kids trying to do homework with their cell phones as a flashlight, and I volunteered to check lamps for safety and functionality. If it won’t go to my house, it won’t go to theirs — that’s my rule!”

— Rick Gurunian, Weekly Volunteer

The most impactful volunteer activities:

- ▶ Deliver furniture to families who need it most
- ▶ Assemble and clean furniture to ensure a dignifying client experience
- ▶ Assist loading trucks for upcoming deliveries

We're always in need of more volunteers during the week. Whether you're an individual or an organization looking for a team-building volunteer activity, we're excited to see how we can partner to serve our city!

**Volunteer
Shifts**

Monday - Friday
9 am - 12 pm
1 pm - 4 pm

Real Lives Changed

more than just a number

Meet Angie, a kind and energetic mother of three. This is her story:

In 2016, my mom was diagnosed with small cell squamous cancer in the lungs. There were various times when insurance didn't cover certain equipment or appointments that she needed. To care for my mom, I had to dip into my 401K. When she passed away, I was drained, and I couldn't afford to keep our home.

I lost the home I grew up in that held every memory of her. The grief was heavy, but facing life without my mom coupled with the reality of homelessness was almost unbearable with three children of my own. The thought of them sleeping on the floor was unthinkable.

Coincidentally, my children's school adopted Beds for Kids as their charity that year. My kids' guidance counselor kept up with our situation, and she said "Angie, if it's okay with you, I'm

going to reach out to them and see if they can help you out with at least some beds for your children." I said "Absolutely!"

I received great news soon: my kids were getting beds, and we could keep our dignity.

I will never forget the furniture truck pulling up to my home. It is one of the most vivid memories of my adulthood. The truck that came to our new home was full of much more than beds. That day, we received furniture for my kids, dining room for my kids, kitchen for my kids, and a bedroom for myself. I was so thankful for that sense of community. When I picked my kids up from school that day, their shock and expression beat mine by miles. It was such a celebratory day.

"Beds for Kids provided things that I couldn't have then, and I'm eternally grateful for that."

What really stood out to me was the person who brought the sofa in. Their spirit and their prayer made all the difference. The entire experience supported me being a mom.

Beds for Kids totally changed my family's life in a matter of hours. I'm so grateful.



Join our Mission



more than just an opportunity

The Beds for Kids Home Team was created to engage with our community of donors, volunteers, and sponsors in a more meaningful way. The success of Beds for Kids relies on the support of many, and we hope you will help us turn more houses into homes.

Raise awareness and funds for Beds for Kids by planning your own Home Team event.

Host a small gathering at your home:

- ▶ A cocktail party
- ▶ A casual cookout or seated dinner
- ▶ Watch party for a large sporting event
- ▶ Neighborhood block party

Host a tailgate before a local sporting event:

- ▶ Checkers
- ▶ Knights
- ▶ Panthers
- ▶ Charlotte FC
- ▶ Your child's sporting event

Host at a fun venue:

- ▶ Bowling at Queen Park Social
- ▶ Curling
- ▶ Putt-Putt
- ▶ Top Golf
- ▶ Wine or whiskey tasting at your favorite small business
- ▶ Create a kickball, pickleball, or cornhole tournament



Interested in hosting your own event? Send a note to Lauren at levans@bedsforkids.org or by scanning this QR code with your smart phone.



Thank you so much for all you gave us, even when you didn't have to. A mother's worse fear is not being able to provide for her children and you helped eliminate that with great beds.

it takes us *just*



\$1,000

to furnish an
entire home



\$500

for five
cribs



\$200

for a twin
bed set



\$100

for ten
lamps

will you join us?

Learn how to furnish a house or become
a monthly donor at

bedsforkids.org



"I love what Beds for Kids does, but I especially love how they go about it. Every detail keeps dignity in the process, ensuring that only high-quality items go to our families."

— Rachel Grotheer, Marketing & PR Manager

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