

Together, we  
deliver *more.*



2025 CASE FOR SUPPORT

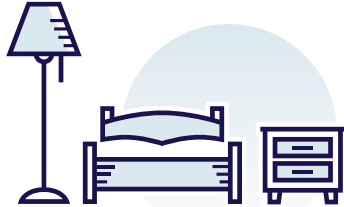
# Our Work

*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*

*"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 Director

# Our Team

*more than a job*

Since 2023, Beds for Kids has doubled our output while maintaining the quality and dignity of our service model. I'm so proud of what we have accomplished as we continue to build awareness and seek to end furniture poverty.

Beds For Kids has a very specific mission to provide beds and essential furniture to those who need it most by partnering with referral agencies. We are the largest furniture bank in Charlotte, and our small but mighty team of 13 prides ourselves on our ability to deliver to 30+ families per week. And our capacity to serve is only increasing!

As a mother of two young boys, interacting with the moms and children when we deliver the beds and furniture never fails to motivate me. Seeing the excitement on the children's faces when they jump on their new bed and spending time with their mom as she shares that this is her first bed in a decade are just a few of the memories that crystallize why we must continue our efforts. We help these families turn their house into a home.

I know 2025 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 feel free to email me directly to learn more about Beds for Kids!



**Lauren Evans**, Executive Director, Beds for Kids

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# 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.



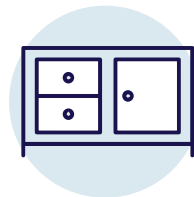
In 2024 we  
*served*

**5,514**  
people

and  
*delivered*



**3,920**  
beds



**& 31,074**  
furniture units

With over  
1,400 deliveries  
we grew **40%**  
in our capacity  
to serve!







## REFERRALS

We partner with 70+ 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.



**1,596** *from* **70+**  
referrals partners

*"Beds for Kids transforms not just spaces, but lives. By providing children with a safe, comfortable place to sleep, families are given the foundation to thrive. This foundation creates a sense of stability where our families highlight their ability to focus and pursue opportunities for long-term success."*

— Tatiyana Laws, Families Forward Charlotte

# 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 2024, **3,000 volunteers** made our mission possible!

*"I've been volunteering for seven 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 Fatime, a gracious and hospitable mother of three. This is her story:

I fled with my family from Afghanistan amidst the growing instability, seeking peace and safety in the United States. Upon arrival, we found ourselves in a small apartment, bare except for a few necessities. The unfamiliarity of our surroundings was unsettling, but we were grateful for the hope of a fresh start.

We enrolled our kids in school and my husband started to work a night shift in a warehouse. At the beginning, I worked as well to be able to pay our bills, but when my youngest child became sick, I left my job. My three kids were facing a lot with a new language and environment, so I enrolled them in an after school program at ourBridge for Kids to help them transition.

My young kids used to share an old and broken bed, while my husband and I slept on the floor.

I heard about Beds for Kids through the after school program, and I asked ourBridge for Kids to refer me. We were connected and sent a furniture delivery date. When the day came, my kids were in school. My husband and I eagerly waited for our new furniture. There was a knock on our door, and the Beds for Kids team was outside.

They brought everything in and put it together. We received a queen bed for us, beds for my kids, and other furniture we needed. It was a dream. Everything was beautiful.

As part of my culture, I made them tea and sweets to welcome them after they completed their work. They joined us on our new sofa and talked about our experiences. I was so surprised how with their busy schedule, they still sat with us. The warm talks made us hopeful. It's an amazing feeling when you meet great people. I am happy to see humanity is alive and that they respect immigrants.

*After Beds for Kids left, I had tears in my eyes as I saw the living room transformation. The new sofa reminded me of my home growing up.*

I'm grateful for this experience, and very hopeful for our new and fresh start.



# 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



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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**



*"Working at Beds for Kids allows me to fulfill  
one of the highest callings, which is to love and  
help serve families in need. I get to do it for  
God's glory"*

— Moses Dimmock, Warehouse Manager

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