

Heart of the Community Award is presented to Bethany House

Bethany House was founded in 1978 in response to a need for shelter for women, and women and children experiencing homelessness on Long Island. Throughout its forty-four years, Bethany has provided safe, supportive emergency and housing support services for homeless single women and women with dependent children. Bethany House exists to strengthen and assist those women and children from Long Island who are deprived of the basic resources required for natural and healthy growth and development.

Michaela McTurk was first introduced to Bethany House through the philanthropic efforts of the Garden City Welcoming Club. She is a strong advocate for woman having more options available to them when facing hardships, especially women with children. One of the initiatives Michaela is very supportive of at Bethany House is that they strive to keep kids in school through virtual learning, even when they are unable to make it to the classroom so they don't have to miss out on their education.



L to R: Michaela McTurk, Jaspan Schlesinger LLP and Doug O'Dell, Exec. Director, Bethany House