History of Baptist Friendship House

- **September 29, 1944**: opened its doors for the first time on Frenchmen St.
- **June 1, 1947**: relocated to its current location on Elysian Fields Avenue
- **August 19, 1999**: transitional housing program began

BFS seeks to minister to the whole person, based on Matthew 25:31-46. BFS meets the physical needs by providing food, clothing, shelter, and general health education. Emotional needs are met by support, counseling, and helping individuals increase their self-esteem and self-confidence. Intellectual needs are met by literacy training, GED preparation, job readiness, and helping individuals gain necessary life skills to better themselves. The greatest need this ministry seeks to meet is the spiritual need. In addressing the spiritual need, individuals gain a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. BFS is committed to sharing Jesus’ love and recognizing the dignity, sacredness and worth of individuals. Using God’s love as guide, BFS seeks to love others and assume responsibility for the well-being of our neighbors, our community, and our world. As people belong to God, people also belong to each other.

Be Part of Our Ministry Team

**Prayer Ministry**: Through your prayers, God gives us encouragement and strength to do His ministry.

**Healthcare Ministry**: Provide hygiene articles and first aid supplies.

**Food Ministry**: Provide non-perishable food items, disposable cups, plates, and utensils.

**Service Ministry**: Contact the center on ways to volunteer.

**Financial Ministry**: Sponsor women and children in the transitional housing program. Provide gift cards, postage stamps, bus tokens, etc., or donations to any of the above ministries.

We appreciate your support financially & prayerfully. All donations given to Baptist Friendship House provides for the ministries and operations for the center. We can now accept donations online via our website through PayPal.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
Mission Statement

Baptist Friendship House seeks to minister to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people in New Orleans through love, action, and truth.

**EDUCATION**
- Literacy Training
- GED Preparation
- Computer Lab
- Life Skills
- School Supplies
- Tutoring
- Parenting Resource Center
- Up2HOPE
- English as a Second Language

**HEALTH EDUCATION**
- Nutrition Class
- Hygiene Supplies
- Health Fairs
- Health Referrals
- Health Counseling
- Screenings
- Wellness Program
- First Aid Supplies
- Health Literature

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**
- Financial Planning
- Shelter
- Hot Meals
- Showers
- Housekeeping Skills
- Cooking Skills
- Sewing/Craft Skills
- Laundry Skills
- Case Management

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S JOB CORPS**
- Self-Sufficiency Skills
- Mentoring
- Needs Assessment
- Resource Development
- Networking
- Evaluation
- Covenants

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
- Bible Study
- Discipleship
- Counseling
- Chapel
- Bible Distribution
- Christian Literature
- Creative Arts Program (CAP)

**JOB READINESS**
- Resumes
- Applications
- Interview Skills
- Job Skills
- Job Bank
- Vocational Assessment
- W.I.N.G.S. (Wisely Initiating New Goals & Skills)

**EMERGENCY AID**
- Clothing
- Food
- Snack Packs
- Referrals
- Bus Tokens
- Baby Supplies

How You Can Pray

- Pray for the homeless women and children in the transitional housing program.
- Pray for strength and encouragement for staff as they minister to hurting people each day.
- Pray for victims of human trafficking. Pray that laws are passed to protect the innocent and prosecute the buyers and sellers.

**In-10se**
In-10se is a ministry of Baptist Friendship House that seeks to create awareness about human trafficking, advocate on behalf of victims, and assist survivors with needed resources.

- Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world
- 80% of victims are women and girls; 70% are forced in to sex slavery
- The FBI ranks I-10 as the highest rated corridor for human trafficking

**DIRECTOR**
Dr. Kay Bennett
Kay grew up on a dairy farm in Kokomo, Mississippi, and received a B.S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. In 1989, Kay graduated with a Masters of Divinity degree in Psychology and Counseling from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. While working on her Master’s degree, Kay served at Brantley Baptist Center in New Orleans. In January of 1990, Kay was appointed as a missionary to Brantley Center, and in 1997 moved as a missionary to Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans, where she currently serves as director. In 2008, Kay received a Doctor of Ministry Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Her Project in Ministry is titled, “Equipping the Staff Members of Baptist Friendship House to Minister to Abused Women Post-Hurricane Katrina.” Dr. Bennett travels speaking and educating on issues regarding poverty, homeless, domestic violence, substance abuse, and human trafficking.