

Sadie's Story - Fall 2023

15 years ago when I was 7 I moved with my family to Bend to start a new life. I remember just having a backpack with a few things when we showed up to Bethlehem Inn. You took great care of us. It was a big milestone for me seeing strangers care. I remember my bagged lunches for school I was so excited for, and you guys would get me notebooks for starting school or whatever you could do for me and my little sister who was only 3 at the time, and my parents. You let them get on their feet. You gave them a chance. They used it to the fullest. We are all happy and healthy and fulfilled. We have housing and I'm married happily. I wanted to say thank you for being such a good part of my journey. We might not be here today without your help.



I needed you all to know that **the impact you make on people matters**, especially the kids. And 15 years later I still think about the wonderful people I met.

I have a job interview Monday in Portland for helping homeless youth, and human trafficking victims. Thanks to you and some other wonderful programs in Bend, I now live to give back.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

You're doing great work.