

DESIGN A BEDROOM:

A HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS CONTEST

Homelessness is a real issue in Berks County. More than 2,000 students identify as homeless in our area. Mary's Shelter's STRONG Program is adding 20 bedrooms for unaccompanied homeless youth ages 16-22. **We need your creative design skills!**

SCHOOLS:

- Assign two or more competing groups to this project in your school
- Each group should consist of 2-3 students in grades 9-12 or college
- Assign a faculty advisor to oversee the project



PRIZES:

Each school who wins will receive the following:

- Public recognition for your school!
- A plaque with your school's name on it hanging outside the designed bedroom
- A pizza party for the winning students
- \$500 stipend for one winning school



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TRANSITIONAL YOUTH HOUSING SERVICES

CONTEST DETAILS

- Name your group. Be creative!
- Students will design a 10x16 bedroom using the table below (you may add other furniture if appropriate):
- Groups will need to present their design to the judges in May 2021.
- Send your parent permission slip for all participants and group information to Tabitha Kramer (contact information at right) by March 5, 2021.

Please send your design plans after your presentation to the judges.

Inspirational quote	Color scheme for bedroom
Twin Bed	2 sets of towels and wash cloths
Bed bug covers for box spring, mattress & pillows	Wall decorations or décor
Bedding – Comforter, 2 sets of sheets, pillows	Under bed storage container
Desk	Plastic hangers
Wardrobe – modern style open with fabric storage drawers	Lamp
1 or 2 Dressers	Alarm Clock
Chair	Trash can
Nighstand(s)	Curtains
Bookshelf	Area rug

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact
Tabitha Kramer
if you have
any questions.

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Parent Permission

I give permission for my child's name and design plans to be publicly used by the Berks County Intermediate Unit and the Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness program in Region 2. This may include, but not limited to, public display, photographing, re-printing of design plans, and sharing on websites and social media. I acknowledge that public use of my child's name and design plans will be without financial or other compensation.

Student Name

School District

Parent Signature

Date

Group Information

Group Name

Name of Each Student in the Group

School District / College

Faculty Advisor Name and Email

Review Process

Groups will present their design to the judges in May. Judges from Mary's Shelter, the Berks County Intermediate Unit, and other agencies will review each bedroom design. We will select one winner from each school by May 21, 2021. The winners will be announced on Mary's Shelter's Facebook page.

Sponsoring businesses will recreate the winning design in the bedroom. These businesses will provide the labor and purchase the furniture and supplies. On the program's opening day, the winning design groups and their business partners will have the honor of presenting their completed rooms to the community.

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