

*"Hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us". Romans 5:5*

The Respect Life Ministry supports our local community organization Sea Glass Initiative. The Sea Glass Initiative is an organization created in 2023 whose mission is to end and prevent homelessness in Baldwin County. The name, "Sea Glass," perfectly captures the core belief: transformation. Just as broken, discarded pieces are shaped into something beautiful and new, the Sea Glass Initiative strives to turn despair into renewed hope and stability for those experiencing homelessness.

According to the Sea Glass Initiative, over 800 individuals including seniors and families are unhoused in Baldwin County. Over 250 children are unhoused and one in three individuals 65 and older experience housing insecurity. Most of these people have been long term residents of Baldwin County. Homelessness can deeply affect a person's sense of hope, often in complex and painful ways. Homelessness can crush hope through instability, dehumanization, and disconnection. The belief of Sea Glass Initiative is every individual deserves a safe place to call home.

The Sea Glass Initiative provides a pathway for clients by providing supportive services including individualized case management, housing action plans, hot meals, community resource connections, job skills and career development. Through collaborative community partnerships with nonprofits, social service agencies, churches, stakeholders, and volunteers, Sea Glass Initiative works to provide assistance to those most in need in Baldwin County. Through their programs they are helping to transform homelessness to hopefulness. Volunteers and community support are integral to their mission. To learn more visit [www.theseaglassinitiative.com](http://www.theseaglassinitiative.com)

**The Respect Life Ministry is planning to participate as a team in the Sea Glass Initiative Battle of the Bowls in February. Look for more information to join our team or purchase tickets for this event.**

*Heavenly Father, grant divine comfort to those who are without shelter. Ignite in all of us a spirit of love so that moved with hearts filled with compassion, we may faithfully serve the most vulnerable in our community. Amen.*