The value of a child’s bed cannot be overstated. It is their true personal space, even if they share a room. Of course, it is essential for a good night’s sleep, but it is also great for making a rainy day fort or a pirate ship sailing into tomorrow. This is possible in the best of times, but imagine what it means for kids in crisis who do not have the basic necessity of their own bed.

Hazel, 9 years old, and her sister Ruby, 5 years old, sadly know what it is like to not have a bed to sleep in at night. Family circumstances took them from not only their beds, but their home as well. Their grandfather, who was awarded temporary guardianship, graciously took them in and provided shelter and a warm place for his grandchildren to sleep. Unfortunately, Grandpa Frank, 85, did not have bed for Hazel or Ruby. Restlessly sharing a couch was the only immediate option for the girls, and their health and focus in school noticeably suffered. Seeking normalcy and comfort for his grandchildren, Grandpa Frank reached out to the school for help, who in turn reached out to Sharing Connections. Our Program Director, Lilly, sprang into action to get the kids beds, bedding and clothing to help this grandfather in need. Grandpa Frank has since shared with us how the girls’ lives have changed from sleeping in their own beds. They are able to get a good night’s sleep, focus in school, and finally have a space of their own again. Like many of our clients, it was Grandpa Frank’s courage that gave true hope to these kids in crisis.

Day after day Sharing Connections furnishes hope to those going through similar situations. Year after year we break our service records. In 2022, thanks to the generous support of our donors, we were able to get 797 children off of the floor and into a bed by providing twin mattresses and box springs. YOU can help provide hope to others like Hazel and Ruby. With an average cost of $250 per twin set, our costs are rising. In 2023, with increased need, we have already exceeded the total spent last year to date by 48%.

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