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# The BUZZ @ Bethany

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## Barbara is Back!

By popular demand, Barbara Coloroso, an internationally recognized speaker and author, is back to educate in an entertaining and enlightening way.



**What:** Barbara Coloroso educational presentation  
**Date:** September 15, 2009  
**Where:** i wireless Center  
1201 River Drive, Moline, Illinois



SESSION I 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander From Pre-School to High School* — How Parents and Teachers Can Help Break the Cycle of Violence

provides a trusted guide to real solutions for a problem that affects almost all school aged kids. Barbara Coloroso offers practical and compassionate solutions for this troubling problem.

**Who should attend:** This presentation is for social service professionals, educators, nurses, school counselors, and other professionals who work with youth.

**Cost:** The cost is \$35 per person and includes breakfast and lunch.

SESSION II 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

*Kids are Worth It* — Giving your child the gift of inner discipline

An evening packed with solid, practical advice for parents of children from toddlers to teenagers that shows how to utilize the very stuff of family life—chores, mealtime, sibling rivalry, bedtime, allowances, and more!

**Who should attend?** This *FREE* presentation is for parents and others who care for children.

Event sponsors



# Awards and Excellence

- MOTIVATION
- EXCELLENCE
- RESPONSIBILITY
- INTEGRITY
- TEAM WORK



The monthly MERIT award recognizes an employee for distinguished service to the agency. MERIT awardees are nominated by their peers and are recognized for their outstanding service to children and families served by Bethany.

May 2009  
Award Winner



**Valerie Waydeman**  
Foster Care?

June 2009  
Award Winner



**Kristy Hutchison**  
Independent Living Case Manager

The nomination for Valerie stated, “Valerie has motivated me several times to get done what I need to do. She is an excellent person, outgoing, and smiles for miles. Valerie is responsible for (facilitating) my visits and if (she) cannot (do so), she finds someone else in time for them to (coordinate) the visit. Her integrity is great and she has good team spirit with me and everybody involved with my case.”

The nomination for Kristy stated, “I think Kristy should receive the award because she works hard day and night helping her clients get the things that they need whether it’s clothes, food, phone cards, or just needing to talk. I think she should get the best staff award. She’s the best!”

Congratulations on receiving this recognition and keep up the great work!

# A Charitable Contribution

Doesn’t an afternoon of kickball, a water balloon toss, and a cookout sound like fun? That’s just what the kids in the Milestone’s after-school and summer program participated in thanks to a group of employees from U.S. Cellular in Davenport.

On July 30th, the kids enjoyed an afternoon of games and activities outside the Friendly House, Davenport, where group and individual services within the program are normally held. The day started off with a hula-hoop relay, three-legged race, kickball, a delicious lunch, and cooled down with a water balloon fight.



Maureen Peiffer, U.S. Cellular store manager, said that they just wanted to get out in the community and do something for kids in the area. U.S. Cellular believes in being more than just a phone company; they focus on creating a personal connection with customers that extends beyond their network.

“The Milestones kids really enjoyed the field day with the U.S. Cellular staff, it allowed them to use some of the skills they are working on in a group setting such as team work, positive social skills, and positive interactions with other children and adults,” Program Supervisor Amy Phillips explained.

Milestones is an after-school and summer program for youth that focuses on eliminating unwanted behaviors and improving family functioning. Through a variety of resources, staff members work with each child to assist them with modeling appropriate behavior and ways to use healthy coping skills.



# Bethany Program *Spotlight*

**Know What to Say** Know What to Say is an informational workshop and training session designed for parents, school personnel, faith-based organizations, social service agencies, and interested community members on how to talk to their children or students about sex and its consequences.

In collaboration with Edgerton Women's Health Center and the Scott County Health Department, Bethany for Children & Families provides the community with information designed to help children or students postpone early sexual activity and avoid teen pregnancy and its ramifications.



One parent who recently attended a workshop stated, *"The program was helpful because it reinforced the importance of communication and awareness of what sixth graders may be talking about or may face. Thank you for offering the program. It was helpful and I liked the ideas that were offered."*

The workshops are typically 90 minutes in length and are funded by the Iowa Department of Human services through the Community Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Grant.

For more information on Know What to Say, please contact



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# Bethany employee announces *Retirement*

After 27 years of employment with Bethany for Children & Families, Fran Harvell announced her retirement, effective August 20, 2009.



**Fran Harvell**

Fran began her career at Bethany with the title Secretary I performing dictation and has worked as the phone voice of the agency for years. In addition to being the executive secretary to previous agency directors, Fran has most recently been a part of the Development Office, facilitating much of the correspondence to and from Bethany's donors.

Through the years, Fran has worn many hats and adapted to changes within the agency including the purchase of Bethany's first computer and ever-changing technological advances. After the closing of the residential treatment facility in 1995 and the move to the new building brought changes not only to the agency but to Fran's job title and her workload.

When asked what Fran will miss the most about working at Bethany, she replied, "The people—they are very dedicated to what they do and want to do the best job they can." After retiring, Fran plans to spend time with her family and friends, finish some projects, and do some traveling.

***"I am extremely grateful for continued employment for the last 27 years and the parade of wonderful people with whom I've had the opportunity to work with."***

***~ Fran Harvell***



## Bethany *Current* Events

### **Cones for Kids a Success!**

On Monday, June 22, all Quad City area Whitey's Ice Cream Stores participated in "Cones for Kids" Day. Half of the proceeds of all ice cream cone sales that day benefits programs like Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP) and Milestones after-school and summer programs.



Thank you, Whitey's Ice Cream and the Quad Cities for raising over **\$2,600** for youth in our community! Whitey's has participated in Cones for Kids day for its eighth consecutive year.



### **Lending a Helping Hand**

Area youth in Bethany's Juvenile Justice Diversion Program volunteered at the Rock Island County Animal Welfare Shelter on June 23, 2009. Kids in the program cleaned dog kennels, organized the storage area, and scrubbed cages for an entire afternoon.

This is one of many projects the kids have participated in. They have also lent a hand by picking up trash on area highways and around parks. These youth perform monthly tasks to assist other community organizations and learn ways of being a positive, involved citizen.

The Juvenile Justice Diversion Program focuses on the prevention and treatment of juvenile crime and delinquency and is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services.



## Save the *Date!*

### **Family Awards Night**

Thursday, November 19, 2009  
i wireless Center



**We need your nominations!** Bethany for Children & Families invites you to nominate a family or company for a "Family of the Year Award."

Families may be described in many ways: two-parent and single-parent families, stepfamilies, multi-generational, foster and adoptive.

#### **AWARD CATEGORIES:**

**Corporate:** "Family friendly" company that offers its employees benefits, policies, and practices that support families and that demonstrate a strong commitment to the community.

**Leadership Family:** Exhibits a strong commitment to not only raising their own children and creating a strong family, but also making the Quad Cities' community more child and family-friendly.

**Adoptive Family:** Demonstrates exceptional commitment to creating a new family that is a healthy and supportive place for a child or children to grow.

**Foster Family:** Creates a safe, nurturing environment for children who have been placed outside their own homes, while providing exceptional care for these children.

**Advocate:** An individual that has advocated for policy that enhances the lives of children and families, presented a family-strengthening initiative, or lent support to legislation to improve the lives of children and families.

#### **How to nominate a family:**

Visit [www.bethany-qc.org](http://www.bethany-qc.org) and fill out a nomination form on the *Events and News* page. Answer the questions about the family or company on an 8 1/2 X 11 sheet of paper.

Mail all forms to:  
Bethany for Children & Families  
Family of the Year Awards  
P. O. Box 697  
Moline, IL 61266-0697

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Nominees should be located within 60 miles of the Quad Cities metropolitan area. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4, 2009.

Nominated families, companies, or individuals may be asked to provide additional information. A selection committee from the community and previous award recipients will choose the winners. Questions? Call Jenny Hager at (309) 736.6633.