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2017 Volume 4

Join Bethany for Children & Families on  
**Thursday, November 2** to honor those who  
make a difference in the lives of children in the  
Quad Cities!! See the back cover for details.



Individuals  
recognized  
at the 2016  
Family Awards  
Celebration



# Family Awards 2017



## Congratulations Winners!!

### **Ruth Evelyn Katz Adoptive Family of the Year**

This award honors an adoptive family that shows a strong commitment to strengthening and encouraging an adopted child's growth. This award honors any adoptive family structure.

#### *Les & Elizabeth Butler*

*"When Les and Elizabeth went to the hospital to meet their son, Ezra almost immediately opened his eyes, and he looked at his parents, like he had been waiting for them to come visit him."*

### **Foster Family of the Year**

This award honors a family that creates a safe home for children who have been displaced. The foster family exhibits extraordinary courage, patience, and care while working with foster children.

#### *Travis & Tina Eygabroad*

*"Travis and Tina include the biological parents in all of the children's activities. They created a private Facebook page so that the biological parents can keep up with the children's activities through photos. They even took both children to Florida on a family vacation."*

### **Community Champion of the Year**

This award honors a Quad City individual, business, or organization that demonstrates compassion for and dedication to the community, as well as a strong commitment to supporting Bethany's mission.

#### *Dr. Jacquelyn Richardson*

*"Dr. Richardson has served on the Give Kids a Smile Dental Advisory Board for the past six years, and she is always willing to share her expertise to create greater awareness in the community regarding dental health for children."*

# Family Awards 2017

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# The Generosity of the Quad Cities

In the summer issue of **Buzz@Bethany**, we asked for your assistance to provide new school supplies for children in need. Almost all of Bethany's 22 programs and services benefit from donations of school supplies, and the Quad Cities delivered again this year! Here are some donation photos — from caring organizations, families, and individuals — throughout the Quad Cities. (And the backpacks were full of supplies!)



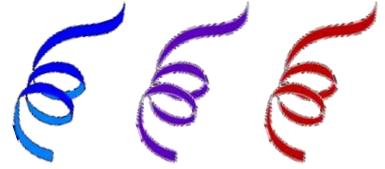
Left Column: Royal Neighbors Chapter of the Windsor Crest Club, the Doherty family, Kathleen and friends

Right Column: GFWC Hampton Rapids Junior Woman's Club, Marie and friends, IBEW Local Union 21

# The Generosity of the Quad Cities



Modern Woodmen Summit Chapter 18111 donated school supplies, as well as cleaning and hygiene products.



thank you!



Above: Brian delivered a generous donation of diapers and baby wipes from **First Presbyterian Church** in East Moline, Illinois.



Left: Jane from **The Project of the Quad Cities** presented Bethany with over 200 electric toothbrushes for children who participate in the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program.

# A *Special Visitor* for Therapeutic Recreation



On July 6, WQAD News 8 reporter and anchor **Jesyka Dereta** visited Bethany for Children & Families and spoke with students in the Therapeutic Recreation Program.

Jesyka discussed the importance of getting a good education, the process of setting and working towards goals, and the challenges for women in the workplace.



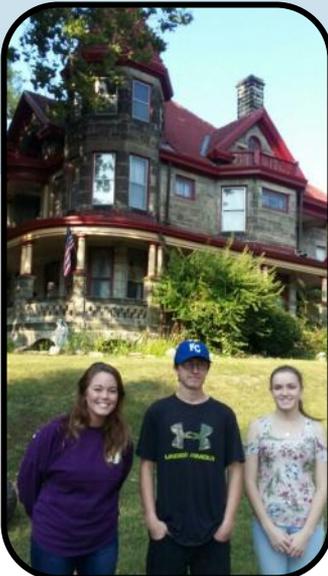
Jesyka Dereta joined the WQAD News 8 team in June 2016. She is of Serbian decent and grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah. Jesyka has a soft spot for issues and stories that shed light on abused children, empowering women and young girls, and animals.



Thanks so much to Jesyka for taking time out of her busy schedule to help at-risk kids in the Quad Cities.

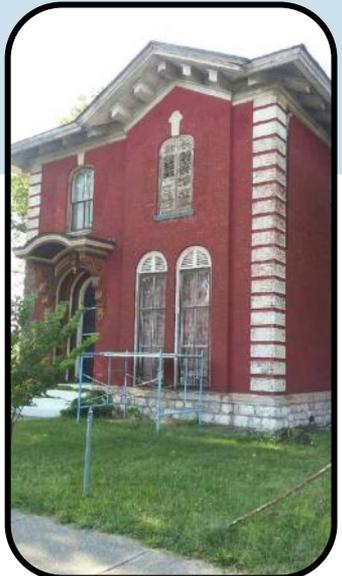
# Therapeutic Recreation *Adventures*

In July, Students in the Therapeutic Recreation Program participated in the program's annual homerun derby at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa.



In August, students went on a tour of landmarks in Rock Island, Illinois.

Staff and students visited the John Looney House (left), where the famous gangster lived in the early 1900s, as well as the home of Harry Schriver (right), who was Mayor of Rock Island at the time.



# Break the Cycle Benefit

**RAISING \$21,000 FOR 21 FAMILIES IN 21 DAYS**

During the month of September, a unique fundraiser was hosted by three Quad City bikers. Called "Break the Cycle," the bikers left Itasca, Minnesota, on September 10 and biked all the way to the Gulf of New Orleans. On each of the 21 days it took



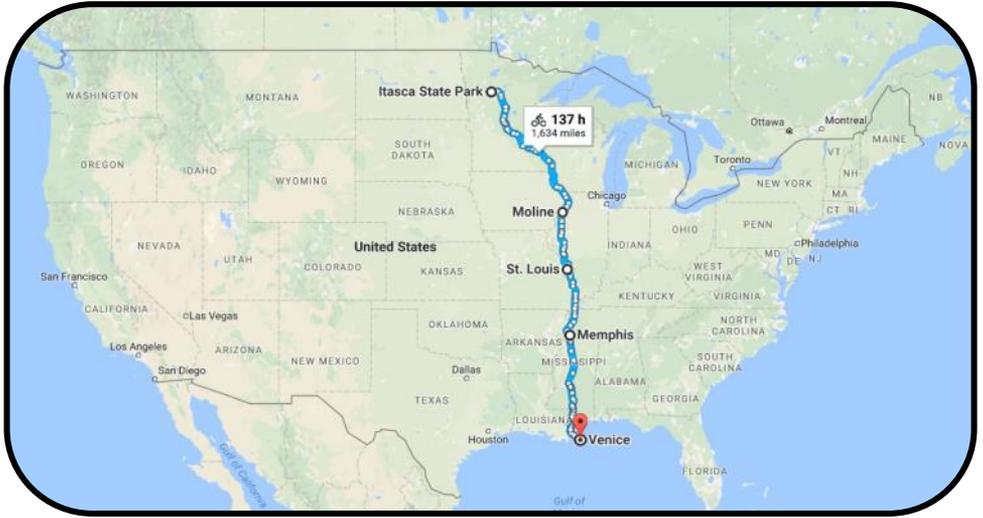
to complete the 1,600 mile journey, a story was shared about a Quad City family and their needs to help Break the Cycle – whether it's a down payment on a car or home, deposit for rent, grant for school tuition, or caregiver services.

Jim Millman, Tom Rowe, and Tom Thoms covered 100 percent of the trip expenses and personally pledged \$21,000 to fund Break the Cycle. Additional funds were raised through private donations before and during the trip. Learn more and check out the stories on the Facebook page at [facebook.com/BreakTheCycleQC](https://facebook.com/BreakTheCycleQC).



Photo Credit: Andy Abeyta, *Quad-City Times*

# Break the Cycle Benefit



Proceeds from the fundraiser are being administered by the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend and will be split between three Quad City charities — Alternatives for the Older Adult, Bethany for Children & Families, and the Child Abuse Council.



**Community Foundation**  
**Great River Bend**





# Program Spotlight

## Wraparound Services



In Summer 2017, Bethany for Children & Families launched a new partnership with the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services to provide **Wraparound Services** aimed at helping families achieve the vision they have for themselves. Serving Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, and Whiteside counties, Bethany's Wraparound staff work daily to help families acquire healthy habits, learn appropriate relationship skills, and stay together.



Wraparound is a planning process that follows a series of steps to help children and their families realize their goals. It is a process that brings people together from different parts of the entire family's life. Wraparound is different for each family served, since the plans that are developed are tailored by and for each family.



Wraparound plans are comprehensive and address issues for clients at home, at school, and in the community -- including living environment; basic needs; safety; and social, emotional, educational, spiritual, and cultural needs. Another defining feature of Wraparound is that it is unconditional; if interventions are not achieving the outcomes desired by the team, the team regroups to rethink the configuration of supports, services, and interventions to ensure success in home, school, and community settings.



# In Kind Drive: *Hygiene Products*

Each year, Bethany for Children & Families helps over 9,000 children and adults in the Quad Cities. One category of items in which we are in constant need is personal hygiene products.

Even the smallest donation can help an individual get his or her life back together. Feeling clean in class can help improve academic performance, having clean hair can help with confidence at that "big break" job interview, and having clean kids can improve the health of the family as a whole.



Please consider a donation of new **full-size** hygiene products, including...

baby wipes

bar soap

bodywash

brushes/combs

conditioner

cotton swabs

deodorant

disposable razors

face wash

facial tissues

feminine hygiene products

floss/flossers

hand sanitizer

lip balm

lotion

mouthwash

nail clippers

paper towel

shampoo

shaving cream

toothbrushes

toothpaste

tweezers

washcloths

# Bethany Welcomes A New Director



Chris Vaughan

**Chris Vaughan** joined the Board of Directors in June 2017. He serves as the Chief Information Officer at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Chris began his 30-year career in Information Technology after graduating from the University of Hawaii with a degree in Communications. He and Fran, his wonderful wife of 27 years, have lived in Hawaii, Virginia, and Georgia — finally settling in the Quad Cities to raise a family. Chris has three beautiful children — Taylor, Trevor, and Lauren. He has previously served on the Board of Directors for Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and enjoys helping mission driven organizations achieve success.

## Recent Grants

The **Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) Foundation** awarded a grant of \$5,000 for the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program.

The **James R. and Anita Horne Jenkins Family Foundation** awarded a grant of \$22,500 for the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program.

The **Rauch Family Foundation I** awarded a grant of \$2,000 to support Give Kids a Smile in the City of Rock Island.

The **Rock Island Community Foundation** awarded a grant of \$2,500 to support Bethany's Prevention Education services in Rock Island schools.

## Downtown Moline Blood Drive

### Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 20

1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

Bethany for Children & Families

1830 6th Avenue

Moline, Illinois 61265

Appointments are appreciated, but not required. For further information, contact Dylan Davis at (309) 736-6642 or [ddavis@bethany-qc.org](mailto:ddavis@bethany-qc.org), or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org).

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# Foster Care Alliance



## Helping the children in our community who need it most!

Illinois foster care agencies are coming together to recruit, train, and license foster homes. The collective goal is to license foster homes to ensure successful placements and eliminate multiple moves for the children served.



For more information about becoming a foster parent, please contact us:

Bethany for Children & Families  
(309) 797-7700  
[www.bethany-qc.org](http://www.bethany-qc.org)

The Center for  
Youth & Family Solutions  
(309) 786-0770  
[www.cyfsolutions.org](http://www.cyfsolutions.org)

Illinois Department of  
Children & Family Services  
(309) 794-3500  
(815) 625-7594  
[www.dcf.illinois.gov](http://www.dcf.illinois.gov)

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
(309) 786-6400  
[www.lssi.org](http://www.lssi.org)

*Please consider becoming a foster parent!*

# #GIVINGTUESDAY™

Visit [bethany-qc.org/givingtuesday](http://bethany-qc.org/givingtuesday) on **November 28** to support Bethany for Children & Families this year. Your contribution helps us carry out the agency's mission of *keeping children safe, strengthening families, and building healthy communities.*

This year, #GivingTuesday falls on **November 28**. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber



Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

*#GivingTuesday is a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy*

If you are interested in acting as a **SOCIAL MEDIA AMBASSADOR** on behalf of Bethany for Children & Families, just email Dylan Davis at [ddavis@bethany-qc.org](mailto:ddavis@bethany-qc.org). It's super easy! All you do is change your profile picture and cover photo on Facebook or Twitter to images provided by Bethany and make a few posts throughout the day on November 28! We will even provide you with sample posts!



(309) 797-7700 or (563) 324-9169  
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## Family Awards Celebration

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Join Bethany for Children & Families as we honor exceptional community members who are dedicated to improving the lives of children in the Quad Cities.

**Thursday, November 2**

**CityView Celebrations**

6:00 p.m. hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

701 12th Street

6:30 p.m. awards presentation

Moline, Illinois

Buy tickets at [bethany-qc.org/familyawards](http://bethany-qc.org/familyawards) or contact

Dylan Davis at [ddavis@bethany-qc.org](mailto:ddavis@bethany-qc.org) or (309) 736-6642.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 31. Cost is \$25 per person.

**Ruth Evelyn Katz  
Adoptive Family  
of the Year**

**Foster  
Family  
of the Year**

**Community  
Champion  
of the Year**



**Les & Elizabeth  
Butler**



**Travis & Tina  
Eygabroad**



**Dr. Jacquelyn  
Richardson**