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BULLETIN

2026: A YEAR OF STRATEGIC VISION

Dear friends,

Bethany for Children & Families and Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center are standing at an exciting and meaningful moment in our organization's journey. As we embark on a comprehensive **strategic planning process to better integrate mental health services across child welfare, housing, and community services**, we are grounding that vision in the real, measurable impact we've had—and will continue to have—in the lives of children and families throughout western Illinois and eastern Iowa.

Together, Bethany and Bridgeview serve **nearly 15,000 children and families each year**, providing more than 30 programs that range from foster care and behavioral health support to housing stabilization and school-based therapy. During this time of strategic growth, we will continue delivering all current services while boldly imagining expanded and innovative programs that are aligned with our mission and built for long-term sustainability.

Behind every number is a story of resilience and transformation. Young, homeless mothers have joined our housing programs and, with intensive support, have found stable employment, achieved financial independence, and have thriving children. Teenagers have improved their self-esteem and decision-making skills as they are bombarded by technology and social pressures. Neglected children have been placed in stable, loving homes.

Your generosity has made these stories possible. You've helped us **keep children safe, strengthen families in crisis, and build healthier communities** across the Quad Cities and beyond. I invite you to join with us as we chart our course forward—building a resilient, thriving organization that meets the needs of our community now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Lara Ingram
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President/CEO

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS AND ANGEL TREE

You helped create a happy holiday for hundreds of Quad Cities' kids and families! Bethany is grateful to more than 17 individuals, 35 businesses, churches, and many volunteers who gave gifts and spread joy and kindness this holiday season.

Because of your generosity, 740 gifts were delivered to children and families. Also, 150 Thanksgiving food baskets were provided to families to make a memorable holiday meal.



HOLIDAY HOP

Bethany for Children & Families partnered with Hutchison Engineering to hand out cookies and hot chocolate to families at Holiday Hop in November. Kids enjoyed ornament-making and writing letters to Santa.

Holiday Hop is presented by the Moline Centre and many businesses celebrate the season with live music, food, drinks, and shopping.



"IN A CHILD'S WORLD" HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

Bethany's "In a Child's World" holiday campaign intentionally centered the holiday experience of children rather than the expectations of adults.

The goal of the campaign was to raise \$50,000 to support children and families during a season that can be overwhelming and uncertain. Thanks to the generosity of donors, Bethany **exceeded that goal and raised \$51,212!**



"JUST IN TIME" APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING

Do you ever make an appointment in advance, then forget? We all do. That's why Bridgeview implemented "Just in Time" - a new appointment scheduling system. Just in Time is a new way to schedule your medication appointments! We will schedule appointments with Joan Anderson or Ann Mojeik within 3 to 5 calendar days of when **YOU** call for an appointment.



Bridgeview

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Bridgeview's Services

Psychiatric
services

Mental health
Therapy

Crisis services

School-based
mental health
therapy

Community
support services

Intensive psychiatric
services

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: HOUSING FAMILIES AND HOUSING YOUTH

Bethany for Children & Families provides transitional housing services for families, young adults, and teens in the Quad Cities who are experiencing homelessness.

The Housing Families and Housing Youth programs are built on the Housing First model, providing permanent, affordable housing as quickly as possible and then surrounding families and youth with services and community connections to build long-term stability.

Bethany serves families with little to no income who often face challenges related to mental health, substance use, or generational poverty. Families are placed in neighborhoods that minimize disruption to work, school, and support networks whenever possible. Immediate needs are addressed, and intensive case management helps families tackle the root causes of homelessness.

Bethany serves youth aging out of foster care, emancipated minors, homeless teens, young adults, and single-parent teens. As stability grows, clients progressively assume responsibility for their own living expenses. Participants are expected to: secure employment or increase income, complete educational opportunities, maintain permanent housing, and develop leadership, responsibility, and community engagement skills.

Bethany welcomes donations to support families moving into their homes. Needed items include:

- **Kitchen:** dish towels, utensils, pots & pans, plates, cups, bowls, trash cans
- **Bathroom:** shower curtain liners & rings, bath towels, plungers, toilet brushes, toilet paper
- **Cleaning Supplies:** bleach, sponges, paper towels, glass cleaner, mop, broom & dustpan, mop bucket, oven cleaner, disinfectant wipes & spray, all-purpose cleaner, vacuums
- **Bedroom:** pillows, comforters, sheets, pillow cases



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Recurring Donation

Set up a recurring donation at www.bethany-qc.org.

In-Kind Donations For Bethany's Hygiene Closet

You can help fill the hygiene closet by donating shampoo, conditioner, razors, deodorant, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, diapers, and wipes. Please call (309) 736-6642 to inquire about in-kind donations other than hygiene items.



Capital Campaign

Donate funds to Bethany's Capital Campaign by enclosing a donation in the remittance envelope. Please indicate that it is for the Capital Campaign.

Legacy Giving

Name Bethany as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance, or in your required minimum distribution.



Give Gifts of Stock

Bethany now accepts gifts of stock. If you have any questions, reach out to Christina McNamara at cmcnamara@bethany-qc.org.

Bethany Brokerage Firm: Charles Schwab and Co. Inc.

Bethany Gift Contact: Christina McNamara

Account Name: Bethany for Children & Families

Account Number: 2930-7059

DTC Number: 0164

EIN: 36-2166973

Want to donate online? Visit www.bethany-qc.org.

Prefer to mail your donation? Mail donations to:

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