

Keeping *children* safe, strengthening *families*, and building
healthy *communities* since 1899

2016 Volume 3

Cones for Kids!

We all scream for Whitey's Ice Cream!

On Monday, June 20, the day after Father's Day, Whitey's Ice Cream and Bethany for Children & Families celebrated **Cones for Kids Day**. Whitey's donates half of all cone and dip sales on this special day to benefit Bethany's programs and services. Thank you to Whitey's Ice Cream for sponsoring Cones for Kids and for the continuing support of Bethany for Children & Families!



The Generosity of the Quad Cities



The **Blue Thong Society** donated beautiful Easter baskets to the Therapeutic Recreation Program.



Nolan & MadaLyn sanitized surfaces and toys in Bethany's visit rooms, and then donated some fleece blankets!



Girl Scout Troop 5772 of Rockridge School District donated 25 boxes of personal hygiene items to the Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth program.



Above: **Jace** donated 50 books just for Bethany as part of a larger collection of over 1,000 books for local agencies.



Left: **Underwear Because We Care** gave a big box of underwear and socks for Bethany's clients.

The *Generosity* of the *Quad Cities*



The Starbucks team at Hy-Vee on 53rd Street in Davenport made a large gift of cleaning supplies for Bethany clients.

John Deere Davenport Works Gift Shop donated brand new clothes for families in need.



The Healthy Lifestyles group at the Moline Township Activity Center made gorgeous May Day baskets for the kids in Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program.



Darcy from Ruhl & Ruhl Realtors, with help from Lynn (seated), organized a large donation of backpacks, duffel bags, and suitcases for clients in Bethany's Foster Care program.



A good Samaritan made an anonymous donation of household supplies for Bethany's Foster Care program.



Phoenix Graduation 2016



Congratulations to the 2016 graduates of the Bethany-Blackhawk Phoenix Day Treatment School. You've come so far and have a wide open road of opportunity ahead!



Family Night: Therapeutic Recreation



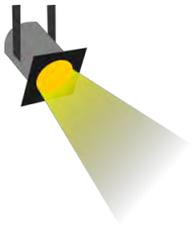
On March 31, students in the Therapeutic Recreation Program celebrated Family Night and received awards commemorating their achievements in the program. Congratulations to the TRP kids on your successes!



Staff Appreciation 2016

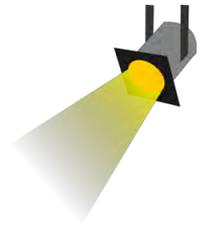
To celebrate National Social Work Month, Bethany's Board of Directors treated staff to a special breakfast. Thank you to all Bethany staff for your hard work and dedication.





Program Spotlight

Adoption



The decision to adopt a child is truly life-altering. It should be made after careful thought and thorough exploration of the adoption process. Adoption requires a lifetime of commitment, but the rewards are wonderful!

Bethany for Children & Families offers infant, special needs, domestic, and international adoption services to families.

The Adoption Process involves:

- Attending group adoption preparation classes
- Interviews with a Bethany Adoption Specialist
- Reference letters, doctor statements, and family and financial information
- Criminal background and child abuse registry checks
- Several visits to your home by Bethany's Adoption Specialist



Services to prospective adoptive families:

- Adoption preparation services and training
- Pre-placement services
- Home studies, including assessments that meet international and immigration service guidelines
- Preparation of international documents and coordination with international placement agencies
- Post-placement services until the finalization of the adoption
- Post-legal services

For more information about Bethany's Adoption services, please contact:

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Wild 5 5k Run/Walk

The "Wild 5" 5k Run/Walk, organized by Running Wild in Davenport, Iowa, and benefitting Bethany for Children & Families, took place this year on May 28. It was a very cloudy day, but the temperature was perfect for the morning event!

The Cornbelt Running Club circuit race is a Memorial Day institution in the Quad Cities region. The course follows scenic Bettendorf neighborhood streets featuring lightly rolling hills and smooth running surfaces. The out-and-back course began and ended at UnityPoint Health-Trinity in Bettendorf, and the post-race party was held at the hospital's beautiful Healing Garden, where food and refreshments were provided. Awards were presented to overall male and female participants, as well as the first three placers in twelve age groups.

All race proceeds benefit the programs and services of Bethany for Children & Families. Bethany extends a warm thank you to the race organizers, Running Wild and the Cornbelt Running Club, to all of the volunteers who helped to make the day a success, and to all sponsors of the post race party, including:



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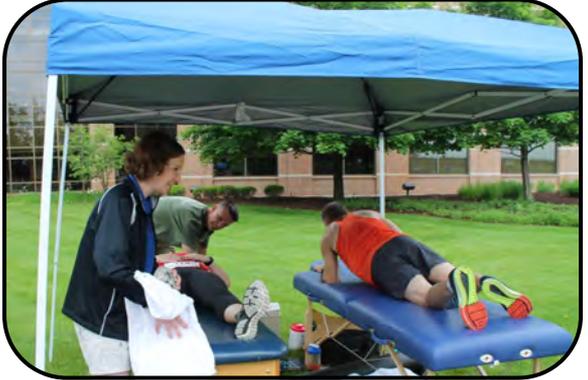
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Wild 5k Run/Walk



Awards and Excellence

MOTIVATION
EXCELLENCE
RESPONSIBILITY
INTEGRITY
TEAMWORK



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



Dylan Davis
March 2016
MERIT Award Winner

Dylan Davis is the Marketing & Development Coordinator for Bethany. The nomination stated, “A reduction in department size caused an increase in workload, but Dylan found creative solutions to the extra responsibilities. In addition to his regular duties, Dylan has made extra efforts to make his talents available to other departments and staff members. He has provided technological support, creative design work, innovative process solutions, and handles every new challenge with an unflappable can-do attitude that is very refreshing. Dylan is a delight to work with and serves the agency as an expert staff member who finds an elegant solution to every challenge.”



Deanna Solis
April 2016
MERIT Award Winner

Deanna Solis is the Division Director for Bethany’s Iowa Family Services. The nomination stated, “Deanna leads with strength and courage, strives to help the Iowa staff reach their full potential, and encourages them to broaden their reach. While she is always looking ahead to provide stability and find new ways for Bethany to meet the needs in our communities, Deanna continues to look out for her staff’s best interest and what will help them accomplish Bethany’s mission. Deanna deserves to be recognized for her leadership, dedication, and how she strives to put her staff and the agency’s mission as a priority.”

Needed Items: *Back to School*

It's July, and children are hopefully enjoying a well-deserved break from school, but in just a few more weeks, it'll be time for back to school shopping. Bethany's programs—such as Foster Care, Therapeutic Recreation, and School-Based Therapy—greatly benefit from in-kind donations of school supplies, and these types of donations are tax-deductible! To schedule a time to drop off items, contact Dylan Davis at (309) 736-6642 or ddavis@bethany-qc.org.



Book Bags
Calculators
Colored Pencils
Crayons
Glue Sticks
Hand Sanitizer
Highlighters
Index Cards
Loose Leaf Paper

Markers
Paper Towels
Pencils & Sharpeners
Pens (Black, Blue, Red)
Pocket Folders
Rulers
Spiral Notebooks
Tissue Boxes



Birdies for *Charity*

The John Deere Classic is **August 8-14, 2016!** Bethany for Children & Families is participating in **Birdies for Charity**, an easy and fun way to donate to the programs and services offered by the agency. Donations to Bethany through Birdies for Charity are guaranteed a bonus of at least 5% — in 2014 and 2015, the bonus was 10%! Please donate to this fun fundraiser and help Bethany take advantage of bonus funds!

Bethany's charity number is #178. Be sure to write it on your pledge form! Forms can be downloaded at birdiesforcharity.com. For additional information, contact Dylan Davis at (309) 736-6642 or ddavis@bethany-qc.org.



Volunteers Make a Difference!

On May 16, the Therapeutic Recreation Program had a special visitor. Quad City native Pat Angerer volunteered some of his time to speak with TRP students about setting goals and making smart life choices. Pat is a graduate of Bettendorf High School and the University of Iowa, and he is a former linebacker for the Indianapolis Colts! Thank you for visiting, Pat!



Crossways Confirmation Camp volunteered their time to help Bethany prepare Goodie Bags for clients of the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program and also helped prepare Bethany's next mailing.



Mary, Stacey, and Dustin from Quad City Bank & Trust volunteered time on a Saturday to help paint the duplex that was donated to Bethany for Children & Families.

Recent *Grants*

The **Quad Cities Dental Hygienists Association** gave a gift to the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program, which was sufficient to provide 17 uninsured children with a dental exam, cleaning, fluoride treatment, and sealants.

The Housing for Chronically Homeless Families program received a grant of \$5,000 from **The Amy Helpenstell Foundation Fund** at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend.

The Roy E. Murray Foundation Fund at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend awarded a grant of \$540 to the Therapeutic Recreation Program.

The John J. Quail Foundation Fund at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend awarded a grant of \$368 to Bethany's Behavioral Health Intervention Services.

The Junior Board of Rock Island awarded a grant of \$1,500 to the Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth program.

Wells Fargo awarded a grant of \$3,000 to the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program.

The Housing for Chronically Homeless Families program received a grant of \$6,000 from **The City of Rock Island Gaming Grant Program**.

The Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program was awarded a grant of \$22,500 by **The Scott County Regional Authority** to provide dental services to uninsured children in Scott County, Iowa.

The Iowa 80 / CAT Scale Go Iowa Endowment awarded a grant of \$1,600 to fund School-Based Therapy sessions.

The Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program received a grant of \$1,950 from the **Teens for Tomorrow Endowment** at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend.



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Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Illinois foster care agencies are coming together to recruit, train, and license foster homes.

Our collective goal is to license foster homes to ensure successful placements and **eliminate multiple moves for the children we serve.**

Help the children in our community who need it most!

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

Bethany for Children & Families
(309) 797-7700

The Center for Youth & Family Solutions
(309) 786-0770

Illinois Department of Children & Family Services
(309) 794-3500

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
(309) 786-6400



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Family Awards Celebration

On Thursday, November 3, join Bethany for Children & Families at CityView Celebrations in Moline as we honor exceptional community members who are dedicated to improving the lives of children in the Quad Cities.

Ruth Evelyn Katz Adoptive Family of the Year Award

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.

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.

Community-Focused Business or Employer of the Year

This award honors a Quad City business or employer that values employees, their families, and demonstrates compassion to the community.

Thursday, November 3

6:00 p.m. hors d'oeuvres and cash bar
6:30 p.m. awards presentation

CityView Celebrations

701 12th Street
Moline, Illinois

RSVP to Dylan Davis at ddavis@bethany-qc.org or call (309) 736-6642.
Please RSVP by Monday, October 31. Cost is \$25 per person.

Your Gift Makes a Difference to Children

July is National Make a Difference to Children Month!

Bethany for Children & Families works around the clock to ensure that children feel safe in school, have roofs over their heads, experience uncomplicated access to dental care, and live in safe environments free of drugs, neglect, and abuse. With 22 distinct programs and services, Bethany for Children & Families is able to address basic and higher needs of children (and families) throughout the greater Quad Cities region.

Bethany is proud to employ the talent of dedicated social workers — therapists, case managers, development specialists, and directors — who work every day to advance the agency's mission of *keeping children safe, strengthening families, and building healthy communities.*

Your donation of \$10 provides a child with enough bus passes to get to school for two weeks. A \$25 donation provides a session of Wise Guys male responsibility curriculum for a young teen. \$50 means a month's supply of diapers for a single mom, and \$100 provides her with baby formula for a month. Your donation — no matter the amount — has a direct impact on the lives of children in the Quad Cities.



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