

# The **BUZZ** @ **Bethany** for Children & Families

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healthy *communities* since 1899



2017 Volume 2



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Bethany for Children & Families*

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# The *Generosity* of the *Quad Cities*



Jason B., Julie J., and Amanda S. deliver a generous donation of diapers from a collection at **DuTrac Community Credit Union** in Davenport.

Students from **Assumption High School** in Davenport, Iowa, delivered diapers to Bethany as part of Scott County Catholic Schools' observation of Catholic Schools Week.



Patti M. at the **John Deere Davenport Works Gift Shop** has facilitated donations of brand new clothing and accessories to Bethany for five years. Her work and John Deere's generosity have helped hundreds of people in need.



# Daring to *Dream*

The Therapeutic Recreation Program at Bethany for Children & Families is an after-school program designed for Emotionally Disturbed/Behavior Disordered youth between the ages of eight to 17. The program uses leisure and recreational activities in a constructive way and provides anger management training with an emphasis on developing positive social relationships.



Each year, students in the program visit local points of interest—such as the Lincoln Museum & Library in Springfield, Illinois; the Hoover Museum & Library in West Branch, Iowa; and the Hauberg Indian Museum and Lock and Dam 15, both in Rock Island, Illinois—to learn about local history and cultural impact. This March, students visited the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa, where they spent a couple of hours touring the grounds and playing homerun derby on the famed baseball diamond.



# National *Social Work* Month

Did you know that March is National Social Work Month? There are over 600,000 social workers in the United States, and Bethany for Children & Families is proud to be a leader in the Quad Cities social work community. Bethany's team of social workers, licensed counselors, case managers, and educators confront some of the most challenging situations and issues facing people in the Quad Cities, helping people overcome the obstacles in their lives while making the community a better place to live.



Children throughout the Quad Cities rely on Bethany's services. In Iowa, School-Based Therapists help children address the emotional or behavioral challenges they face, and case managers in Behavioral Health Intervention Services provide supportive, directive, and skill-building interventions to improve a child's level of functioning as it relates to mental illness. The Illinois Foster Care team provides a vast array of support services to children in foster care and the families who welcome them into their homes.



# Preparing for the *Future*

Bethany offers an array of education services to youth, parents, and the community that are designed to help elevate youth self-esteem, strengthen communication skills, and develop responsible decision-making skills in an effort to prevent or reduce risky behaviors and to meet the many challenges that youth face today. The Boys-to-Men program is designed to teach high school males to become responsible men by raising their self-esteem, promoting self-sufficiency, developing positive and healthy relationships, and reducing the likelihood of unprotected sex.



Clay Huffstutler, Supervisor of Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program, spoke about being a good influence and being respectful.

Abel Zertuche, Dean of Students at United Township High School in East Moline, Illinois, urged students to use their spheres of influence to make positive differences.



Demetrius Singleton, an Education Specialist for the "Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates" (iJAG) Program at United Township, encouraged students to avoid playing into stereotypes and becoming statistics.



# *Program Spotlight*

## Behavioral Health Intervention Services



Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) are supportive, directive, and teaching interventions provided in a community-based environment designed to improve a child's level of functioning as it relates to mental illness. The primary goal is to assist the individual and his or her family to learn age appropriate skills to manage his or her behavior, and regain or retain self-control.

When a child is referred to the program, individual family members may also receive services if treatment intervention is indicated. The program goal is to enhance the family's ability to support the child in making behavioral changes, which will in turn promote an improved mental health.

Behavioral Health Intervention Services are skill-building interventions. These services are not the same as therapy services. Areas addressed may include:

- Social skills development
- Anger management
- Relationship problems
- Behavior management
- Depression or other mental health issues
- Communication skills
- Problem solving skills



Each individual is seen by a licensed therapist who completes a thorough assessment, makes diagnostic and treatment recommendations, orders behavioral health intervention services as indicated, and provides referrals to community resources.



# *Program Spotlight*

## Behavioral Health Intervention Services

### *A True Story*



First-grader Alex was defiant and aggressive, and he lacked coping and social skills. He would sometimes be put into therapeutic holds by school staff to keep him from banging his head against the walls. He was often removed from class, spending the majority of his school day in the main office secluded from his peers. Alex's teacher and school counselor recommended Bethany's Behavioral Health Intervention Services program to his mother, Lisa, who agreed to the referral.

Bethany's case manager, Aaron, met with Alex and Lisa weekly. Aaron spent time building a relationship with Alex and introduced him to techniques to help control anger and other emotions. Aaron and Lisa discussed ways to manage Alex's emotions. Alex and Lisa began having more positive interactions with each other.



Over time, Alex was able to stay in class with his peers for the duration of the school day. Alex's progress was noted by school staff, and he was eventually discharged from the program. Aaron made sure that other resources were in place to support Alex's positive transition. Aaron arranged for regular appointments with the school counselor and identified social skills development programs to help Alex maintain his success.

# National *Children's Dental Health* Month

Every February, Bethany is proud to support National Children's Dental Health Month, a month-long national campaign that promotes the benefits of good oral health.

Did you know that Bethany's Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program serves **nearly 4,000 children at 129 schools** in the Quad Cities region? Children who qualify for the program receive dental cleanings, examinations, fluoride treatments, and sealants. If necessary, follow-up care for fillings, extractions, and root canals is available through Bethany's network of dental care providers throughout the Quad Cities.



Visit [bethany-qc.org](http://bethany-qc.org) to watch our Program Spotlight video on the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program!

Bethany extends sincere gratitude to all of the dentists, dental hygienists, and schools who work together to make the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program a success!

# National *Children's Dental Health* Month

Bethany would especially like to thank the following dentists for their service to the Give Kids a Smile program.

Dr. Matt Anderson	Dr. Benjamin Lloyd
Dr. Steve Anderson	Dr. Michael Low
Dr. James Bishop	Dr. Brad Lutchka
Dr. Bryan Blew	Dr. Greg Murphy
Dr. Alex Brandtner	Dr. Ryan Murphy
Dr. Fred Burnham	Dr. John Naert
Dr. Chris Cannon	Dr. Regina Nonnenmann
Dr. Matt Cannon	Dr. Clyde Overturff
Dr. Jane Chiappinelli	Dr. Katie Pins
Dr. Bruce D'Agostino	Dr. Brian Richards
Dr. Christine Dahl	Dr. Jacquelyn Richardson
Dr. Johnathan Feehan	Dr. Ron Riggins
Dr. Brian Fritz	Dr. David Samuelson
Dr. Kyle Gagliardo	Dr. Phillip Schmitt
Dr. Lori Gellerstedt-Doroba	Dr. Ben Selden
Dr. John Gnatovich	Dr. Amy Senh
Dr. C. Scott Hlady	Dr. Tim Smith
Dr. Joseph Jackson	Dr. Dustin Smolenski
Dr. Robert Keech	Dr. James Steer
Dr. Brian Kim	Dr. Marjorie Taylor
Dr. Danae Krutzfeldt	Dr. Craig Thatcher
	Dr. Chad Versluis
	Dr. Jonathan Wenger
	Dr. Monica Wilwert
	Dr. Bradley Winter
	Dr. Terry Winter
	Dr. Gregory Witt

*Thank  
You*

# Continuing *Education*: Give Kids a Smile

On February 10, the Give Kids a Smile program at Bethany hosted a continuing education seminar for local dentists and hygienists. Dr. Tad Mabry of the University of Iowa presented on Stainless Steel Crowns and Pediatric Dentistry. Nearly 50 Quad City providers attended the seminar.

Right: Jeff Cornelius,  
Program Supervisor  
for Give Kids a Smile,  
kicked off the seminar.



Left: Dr. Jim Bishop  
introduces Dr. Mabry.



Dr. Tad Mabry  
discusses Stainless  
Steel Crowns and  
Principles of  
Pediatric Dentistry.



## THANK YOU

Bethany for Children & Families expresses sincere thanks to Patterson Dental, Total Health Dentistry, Dr. Jacquelyn Richardson, Dr. Jim Bishop, Dr. Fred & Mrs. Martha Burnham, and Western Illinois University Quad Cities Campus for their support of the continuing education seminar.

## Bethany *Welcomes* Three New Directors



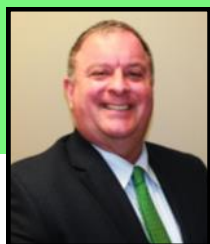
Jay DeVrieze

**Jay DeVrieze** joined the Bethany Board of Directors in 2017. In 1982, Jay co-founded and acted as President, Owner, and General Manager of Maple Leaf Lincoln Mercury in Geneseo, Illinois, which he sold in 2003. Since then, Jay has served as a Board Member and volunteer for the John Lewis Coffee Shop in Davenport, Iowa, and has been very involved with Moline High School, serving as a co-chair for Project Graduation and on the Booster Club Board of Directors. Jay is involved with Bob Vogelbaugh's Turkey Day Dinner, SCORE of the Quad Cities, and Sol's Legacy Ministry. He is an active member of the University of Iowa Foundation, Heritage Wesleyan Church, and Oakwood Country Club.



Martha Burnham

**Martha Burnham** was an educator and substitute teacher, and has volunteered on several community boards throughout the years. She is employed as a floral designer for Flowers by Staack's and as a bookkeeper for her husband's dental practice. Martha enjoys gardening, participating in sports, and keeping up with her three grown children and nine grandchildren.



Steve Fieweger

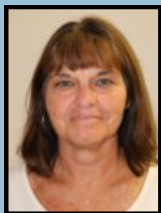
**Steve Fieweger** is a life long resident of the Quad Cities. He graduated with honors from Alleman High School, from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance, and from Northern Illinois Law School with honors. A civil trial lawyer for the past 30 years in Illinois, Iowa, and the Federal Courts in both states, Steve was selected by his peers as a Leading Lawyer in Illinois for the past five years. Prior service includes Catholic Charities board, St. Pius X Parish counsel member, President of the Quad Cities Notre Dame Club, and fundraising for St. Pius X Jubilee 2000 capital fund drive, Jordan Catholic School's holiday raffle, and Alleman High School's Heritage Ball. Steve is the proud father of John, Thomas, and Claire, who are beginning their own adventures as young adults.

# 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.



**Patti Sorensen**  
December 2016  
MERIT Award Winner

**Patti Sorensen** is a Case Manager for Bethany's Prevention Education program. The nomination stated, "In December, the Prevention Education program was short-staffed when one of the three staff members became seriously ill. Timing couldn't have been worse, as those three staff members also coordinate Bethany's Christmas Giving Program, a massive collaborative effort to deliver community-donated gifts to the agency's clients in need. Patti Sorensen jumped into action, teaching extra classes to make sure that children in schools were still able to participate in groups and learning opportunities."



**Anne Taets**  
January 2017  
MERIT Award Winner

**Anne Taets** is the Associate Division Director of Iowa Services. The nomination stated, "Anne works tirelessly supervising the school-based therapy staff in Iowa and makes herself available to her staff any time they need assistance, even when she is busy with other things on her to-do list... Anne has taken on more responsibilities since being promoted to Associate Division Director of Iowa Services and has done so without hesitation or complaint. Anne is also very responsive to client inquiries and goes the extra mile to ensure they are referred to the appropriate program within the agency based on their needs."



**Lisa Balk**  
February 2017  
MERIT Award Winner

**Lisa Balk** is a School-Based Therapist in Bethany's Davenport office. The nomination stated, "Lisa covered two schools for six weeks during the absence of a coworker. She was responsible for 99 children in two schools during that time. She worked diligently to meet the needs of all of the children on both caseloads and to be responsive to the concerns and needs articulated by the administration in both schools. She also managed and completed all of the paperwork requirements for all of the clients during this time. Lisa is consistently available to provide support and consultation with coworkers during the workday and after hours."

## Downtown *Moline* Blood Drive

### Will you give?

#### Blood Drive

Thursday, June 15

1:00 PM — 3:30 PM

Bethany for Children & Families

1830 6th Avenue

Moline, Illinois 61265



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## Recent *Grants*

The **American Dental Association Foundation** awarded a grant of \$864 to support Bethany's Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Program.

The **Community Foundation of the Great River Bend** awarded \$2,000 to support Bethany's Homeless Services.

**Black Hills Energy Corporation** awarded a grant of \$500 to provide skill-building mental health and behavioral health therapy services to Maquoketa children who are uninsured or who have limited access to mental health services.

## *Volunteers* Make It Happen!



Students and staff of Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program adopted a river mile in Bettendorf and volunteer their time at least once a month.



Thank you to Ashley R. for the help in keeping Bethany's visit rooms clean and sanitized for family visits and therapy sessions!

# Birdies for *Charity*



## JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

The John Deere Classic is **July 10 - July 16, 2017!**

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 2015 and 2016, the bonus was 10%!

Please donate to this fun fundraiser and help Bethany take advantage of these bonus funds!

One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program will win a two-year lease on a 2017 Lexus NX, courtesy of Lexus of the Quad Cities.



**The deadline to submit your pledge form is July 14, and Bethany's charity number is #178!** Use this number to donate online or write it on your pledge form. Donate online or download the pledge form at [birdiesforcharity.com](http://birdiesforcharity.com).

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



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