

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

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## Sweet Treats Beat Heat!

On Monday, June 19, Whitey's Ice Cream hosted **Cones for Kids**. Half of all cone and dip sales from all Whitey's Ice Cream locations in the Quad Cities during this special day-long event are donated to support the programs and services of Bethany for Children & Families. Thank you to Whitey's for supporting Bethany's work in the community.



"For more than 30 years, we have held Cones for Kids Day to help support the programs and services offered by Bethany," said Jon Tunberg, co-owner of Whitey's Ice Cream. "We are thrilled to continue this fundraising effort to support the children of our community through this great cause."



# The Generosity of the Quad Cities



Students of the **Rivermont Collegiate Chapter of the National Honors Society** hosted a trivia night to benefit Bethany's programs and services.



Members of the **Center for Active Seniors** knitted miniature Easter baskets and filled them with candy for Bethany's clients!

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**thankyou**

The **Girl Scouts of Service Unit 868** selected the staff of Bethany for Children & Families as Hometown Heroes, along with the Moline Police and Fire Departments. We loved the cookies!



# Needed Items: *Back to School*

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



Book Bags

Calculators

Colored Pencils

Crayons

Glue Sticks

Hand Sanitizer

Highlighters

Index Cards

Loose Leaf Paper

Markers

Paper Towels

Pencils and Sharpeners

Pens (Black, Blue, Red)

Pocket Folders

Rulers

Spiral Notebooks

Tissue Boxes

## Three Cheers for *Volunteers*

Volunteers from **Crossways Confirmation Camp** filled 1,500 goodie bags for the Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Program.



# Program Spotlight

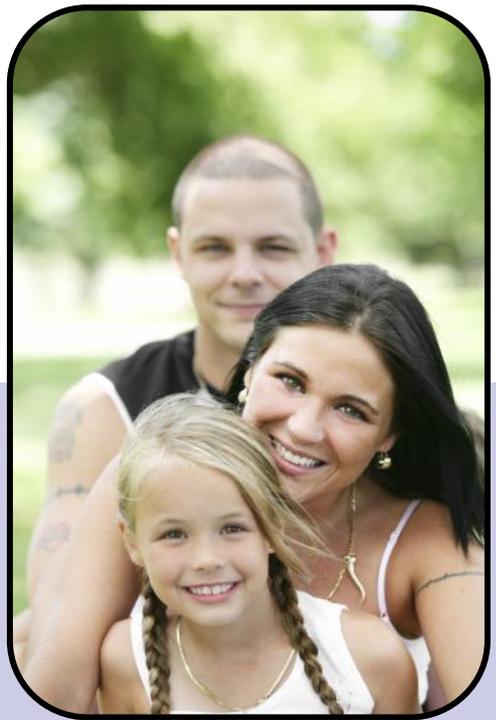
## Intact Family Services

Case managers in Bethany's Intact Family Services program provide intensive, comprehensive in-home services to families involved with the Department of Children & Family Services due to circumstances of abuse or neglect. The main objective of Intact Family Services is to stabilize, strengthen, enhance, and preserve family life by providing services and interventions to ensure children may remain safely at home.

Bethany's Intact Case Managers work with parents and children to set and meet goals while teaching families to adjust the behaviors that put the children in danger of being removed from home and placed into foster care.

Services include:

- Parenting Skills Training
- Mental Health Treatment
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Domestic Violence Counseling
- Housing/Rent Assistance
- Home Repair/Furnishing
- Transportation Assistance
- Food Assistance



Intact Family Services is designed to be preventive. Children remain in their homes during the service rather than disrupting the family unit. It is a voluntary front-end service, which aims at preventing out-of-home placements, such as into foster homes, which can be mentally and emotionally damaging to children.



# *Program Spotlight*



## An Intact Family Services Client Story

Mark was injured at work and had been on leave for months. Nicci quit nursing school and picked up a second job in order to cover the bills and provide for their daughter, Summer. The household mood was tense. One night, Summer returned home from a neighbor's house and walked in on another loud argument. It didn't end well. Mark pushed Nicci out of the way as he stormed out of the house. Nicci fell onto Summer.

A few days later, Summer's teacher noticed heavy bruising on her arm. After talking with her, the teacher learned what had happened, consulted with her peers, and called a case worker she knew at the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services. The case worker contacted Nicci, who acknowledged that their family was going through a difficult time and could use extra support. DCFS made a referral to the Intact Family Services program at Bethany to provide the necessary services and interventions to enable Summer to remain safely at home.

The Intact Case Manager met with the family in their home on a weekly basis to build rapport, help them identify their strengths and needs, and formulate a plan to address their needs in a collaborative manner. The case manager referred Mark to a Bethany therapist to address his anger issues and connected the couple with professional marital counseling to learn healthy communication and anger management techniques. The worker provided education on positive parenting skills and helped Mark and Nicci understand how their fighting impacted Summer. Summer also participated in counseling to provide her with an outlet for her feelings and to learn ways to cope.

With guidance from their Intact Case Manager, Mark and Nicci were able to create a household environment that prioritized positive activities to strengthen their family bonds. They were successfully discharged from services six months later and reported that they felt empowered and optimistic to meet the needs of their family.

# Recent *Grants*

Bethany for Children & Families extends sincere gratitude for the support received from the following organizations:

The **American Honda Foundation** awarded a grant of \$1,000 to support Bethany's Housing Families NOW program.

The **Community Foundation of the Great River Bend** awarded \$5,000 in a multi-year cycle for laptops for mobile staff.

The Housing Families NOW program was awarded \$4,000 through the **City of Rock Island Gaming Fund**.

The **Doris & Victor Day Foundation** awarded a grant of \$7,500 to support Bethany's Prevention Education services in Rock Island, Illinois.

The **Hubbell-Waterman Foundation** awarded a grant of \$22,500 for the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program.

The **Iowa 80 / CAT Scale Go Iowa Endowment** at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend awarded \$2,000 to School-Based Therapy for therapeutic sessions for school children.

The Housing Teens NOW program was awarded a grant of \$1,500 from the **Junior Board of Rock Island**.

The **Moline Foundation** awarded \$10,000 to support Bethany's Prevention Education services.

The **Muscatine Health Support Foundation** awarded \$9,560 for School-Based Therapy & Skill Building Interventions for children in Muscatine, Iowa.

The **Regional Development Authority** awarded \$15,000 for Prevention Education services.

The **Roy E. Murray Foundation** at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend awarded \$500 for toys for Therapeutic Play for School-Based Therapy.

The **Scott County Regional Authority** awarded \$10,000 to Housing Families NOW.



# Bethany *Welcomes* Three New Directors



**Greg Lundgren**

**Greg Lundgren** works as President of the Quad Cities office for Ryan Companies US, Inc. Greg provides overall leadership and direction for the Ryan development, design, construction, and real estate management divisions in the Quad Cities market. Greg served as President of the Eastern Iowa Community College District Foundation and serves as a Board Member for the Quad City Regional Opportunity Council and for Christ Family Church Day Care. He is a member of Professional Developers of Iowa and the Davenport Design Review Board. Greg has also served as President of the Davenport Library Trustees and as an Executive Board Member of Davenport One. Greg and his wife, Pam, live in Davenport, Iowa, and have two children and six grandchildren.



**Audrie Roelf**

**Audrie Roelf** spent twelve years as an editor in the Chicago area before joining John Deere Construction & Forestry as a Content Analyst. She holds a Bachelor's in English Literature from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, and a Master's in Writing from National University in San Diego, California.



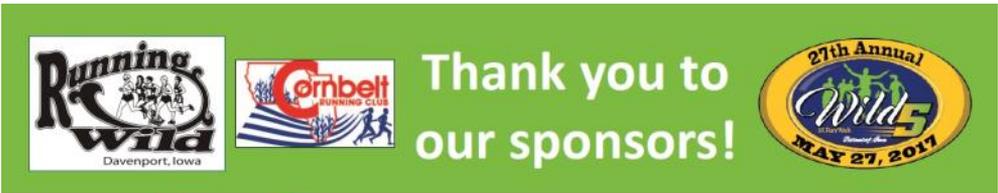
**John Schaaf**

**John Schaaf** is a Moline native and the owner of Hill Valley Chiropractic in Moline. John is also an honorably discharged U.S. Army veteran. After studying at Blackhawk College, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, John earned his DC degree and national board certification. He is a previous member of the Rotary chapter in Bloomington, Illinois, and a current member of Twin Rivers Rotary in Moline and the Illinois Prairie State Chiropractic Association. John and his wife, Elizabeth, have been married since 2003 and live in Moline with their two young daughters.

# Wild 5 5K Run/Walk

Bethany for Children & Families extends sincere thanks to **Running Wild** for organizing the **Wild 5 5K Run/Walk**, which took place on May 27. All race proceeds benefit Bethany's 22 programs and services. Although the morning began with fog, it cleared up just in time for race participants to enjoy some perfect 5K weather!

The **Wild 5** is a Memorial Day institution in the Quad Cities. 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.



Thank you to our sponsors!



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# Wild 5 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 and are recognized for their outstanding commitment to children and families served by Bethany.



**Carrie Hatler**  
March 2017  
MERIT Award Winner

**Carrie Hatler** is a School-Based Therapist in Davenport, Iowa. The nomination stated, “Carrie works diligently as the school-based therapist at Wilson Elementary School. She is available to assist the school staff during times of troublesome situations and works cooperatively with the school administration to coordinate services to children and their families.

When there was the possibility that she might be transferred to another school, the school administration made it known that she was an asset to Wilson Elementary, and they would prefer that she continue to provide quality services to the students at Wilson Elementary School. Carrie is very personable and friendly to the students, and the students look forward to meeting with her.”





**Lindsay Millea**  
April 2017  
MERIT Award Winner



**Grace Ruhberg**  
April 2017  
MERIT Award Winner

**Lindsay Millea** and **Grace Ruhberg** are Case Managers for Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP). The nomination stated, "Since Grace and Lindsay started working for TRP, the quality of services for the students has gone up and both have really injected new life into the program. Grace and Lindsay bring an infectious, positive energy to the group and are willing to go the extra mile for the students. Both staff joined the program at the same time and instead of having months where the transition could have been difficult for the program, both adapted quickly and got to know the students as quickly as possible. Grace and Lindsay jumped in ready and willing to do whatever was necessary, not just to do what was being done before, but to do things better and enhance the daily experience for all of the students.

They also have worked very hard with the students in the group to understand that they have goals that they are working towards and help them to believe in themselves to achieve these goals. Both Grace and Lindsay are team players who always have the best interests of the students in their minds. Both of these staff members took students who didn't know them and who have trust issues and, through their kindness and determination, immediately came in and built wonderful rapport and earned the trust and respect of every student in the program."



# Phoenix *Graduation* 2017

The **Bethany Black Hawk Phoenix Day Treatment School** is a program run by the Black Hawk Area Special Education District (BHASED) in cooperation with Bethany for Children & Families. The Phoenix Program educates students between the ages of 11 and 22 years old who have not been successful in their home school districts due to the severity of their behavioral and emotional problems.

Local districts within BHASED place students at the Phoenix Program for pooled, specialized services to address specific needs as identified through the Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) process. The Phoenix Program has provided specialized services to identified students since 1983.



Bethany provides extensive individual and family counseling to participants of the Phoenix Program. Family counseling can take place in the home and outside of traditional school hours. The Phoenix Program also maintains a strong emphasis on case coordination through maintenance of relationships with mental health systems, private agencies, DCFS, court, probation, and parole. A great deal of effort is put into treatment planning with these agencies as needed and community services as indicated in order to support the best possible outcomes for Phoenix students.

For over 35 years, Phoenix has provided successful interventions to improve student behavior, address the behavioral and mental health issues that put students at risk, and prevent the placement of area youth in residential or correctional settings. In a typical year, students meet 88% of their behavioral goals, and 100% of academically eligible seniors graduate. Some students show so much improvement that if they wish, they are permitted to return to their home schools and complete their education at their community high schools.

# Phoenix *Graduation* 2017



## Congratulations to Bryce, Demetrius, and Briannon!

Michelle Hammond, Principal at the Phoenix Day School, presents graduates with their certificates.

Case Managers Neal, Caryn, and Shannon highlight the challenges and successes of the graduates.



# Foster Care Alliance: Traveling Quilt Show

Bethany is a proud member of the Foster Care Alliance, which just recently launched its "Voices of Foster Children" Roaming Quilts campaign. Quilt squares were designed by foster children and sewn together by caring individuals who support foster care in the Quad Cities.

During July, the quilts will be displayed at Quad City Arts and will then move monthly to the Putnam Museum (August), the Martin Luther King Jr. Center (September), the Family Museum (October), Black Hawk College (November), and the Quad City Botanical Center (December).

The Foster Care Alliance is a new initiative to promote cooperation among foster care agencies in the Illinois Quad Cities. The goal is to recruit, recognize, and support foster families and to nurture and protect children in the child welfare system.



# Caring Caseworkers



Samantha and Emily made Easter baskets for the clients in Bethany's programs for homeless families and teens.



During Foster Care Month, which takes place in May, Bethany's Foster Care workers created baskets of appreciation for all of Bethany's foster families taking care of foster children in the Quad Cities.

# A *Very Special* Thank You

In May, after a thorough review process by approximately 150 community volunteers, the United Way of the Quad Cities Area announced the agencies selected for funding through the Community Impact Fund, their new strategy for funding measurable outcomes in three categories:

Education, Financial Stability, and Health.

Bethany for Children & Families was chosen to receive **\$103,500** per year for the next three fiscal years. The funds leverage matching grants for

Bethany's Phoenix Day Treatment Program, Direct Family Interventions program, and Housing Families NOW and Housing Teens NOW programs.

The programs align with the United Way's strategies for Education and Financial Stability. For more information about the United Way Community Impact Fund, please visit [www.unitedwayqc.org](http://www.unitedwayqc.org).

Bethany for Children & Families is proud to partner with United Way of the Quad Cities Area to serve our community.



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