

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

## 2018 Volume 2

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



## Wild 5k Run/Walk

Saturday, May 26, 2018 | 8:00 AM

4500 Utica Ridge Road | Bettendorf, Iowa

\$26 before May 21 | \$30 after May 21

[runningwildusa.com/wild-5.html](http://runningwildusa.com/wild-5.html)

Race proceeds benefit  
Bethany for Children & Families



**UnityPoint Health**  
Trinity



**Bethany**  
for Children & Families



# The Generosity of the Quad Cities



**Scott County Catholic Schools** donated 20,000 diapers and 40,000 baby wipes to local agencies, including Bethany for Children & Families.



**Total Health Dentistry** in Moline, Illinois, donated toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss to the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program!



The **Illinois Order of the Eastern Star** organized a state-wide campaign to support children in Foster Care. It was so successful that they were able to make two separate donations of 15 duffel bags filled with hygiene products and school supplies ... and the effort is still ongoing.



# The Generosity of the Quad Cities

Two third grade classes at **United West Elementary** in Monmouth, Illinois, donated 30 brand new pairs of pajamas!



Students at **West Central Elementary** in Biggsville, Illinois, also donated pajamas for Bethany clients!



**Michael** donated oral hygiene products to the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program.



**Michael** also donated brand new shoes, as well as winter hats and gloves, for children in Bethany's Foster Care program.





# The Generosity of the Quad Cities



**Underwear Because We Care** donated brand new t-shirts, underwear, and socks for women, men, and kids!



**Marie and friends** donated baby clothing, diapers, and supplies! They gathered these items in honor of a friend who has a baby on the way.



**Salon MXIX** in Moline, Illinois, donated body wash, shampoo, and a gift card to a Bethany client!



**Lisa** donated dental hygiene supplies for Bethany's Give Kids a Smile program!

# Accreditation Review

The Council on Accreditation (COA), an independent, nonprofit, human service accrediting organization dedicated to improving service delivery outcomes by developing, applying, and promoting accreditation standards, is conducting an accreditation review of Bethany for Children & Families.



Bethany is asking for your help to respond as a general observer of how our agency is viewed in the community.

The survey is quick and easy! To participate, call **(888) 312-2176** or visit **[bethany-qc.org/survey](https://bethany-qc.org/survey)** and, when prompted, enter organization code **334** and name **Bethany for Children & Families**.

The information you provide is confidential and will go directly to COA. Bethany will not see your survey responses. **Thank you for your valuable input!**

## Recent Grants

The **Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust** awarded \$50,483 to Bethany for a new telecommunications system.

The **Rock Island Gaming Fund** awarded \$1,000 to support the Give Kids a Smile program.

## Three Cheers for Volunteers

A group of volunteers from **Menasha Corporation** in Rock Island, Illinois, helped put together dental kits for Bethany's Give Kids a Smile program. Thank you for your help!



# Program Spotlight: Foster Care

Foster care is temporary care. The goal is to reunite the child with his or her birth parents or relatives whenever possible. Matching the needs of each child to the special strengths of each foster family is another major consideration. When locating a foster care placement, the child's home community is first considered so the child may attend the same school. Permanency is achieved through Return Home, Adoption, Guardianship, or Independence. The length of time a child will be placed in a foster home will vary for each situation, but the goal is for a child to be in foster care as short a time as possible.

The Foster Care program at Bethany for Children & Families serves Rock Island, Henry, and Mercer counties. Foster Care services are supported 24 hours a day by experienced case managers and master's-level supervisors. Bethany has an on-call system to take cases, make placements, and respond to family needs and emergencies.

There is a continual need for foster parents. Being a foster parent requires a lot of patience and understanding. All children need the love and support of a family so they can grow into healthy productive members of the community! Each person has many strengths and skills and can make a unique contribution to a child's life. If you are interested in learning about being a foster parent, please contact Lynn Lohman-Anderson at (309) 797-7700.





## Providing solid foundations for children in foster care

The Foster Care Alliance is an initiative focused on promoting cooperation among foster care agencies in the Quad Cities. The goal is to recruit, recognize, and support foster families and to nurture and protect children in the child welfare system. Together, the Foster Care Alliance works to help the children in our community who need it the most.

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

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

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

Four Oaks Family Connections  
(844) 380-2533  
[fouroaksfamilyconnections.org](http://fouroaksfamilyconnections.org)

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



# Congratulations on Graduating



In January 2018, Markus graduated from the Bethany-Black Hawk Phoenix Day Treatment Program.

The Phoenix Program assists students between the ages of 11 and 22 who have demonstrated severe behavioral and emotional problems and who have been unsuccessful in their home school districts. The program offers special education services, case management services, and interventions to area youth.

Neal Shipley, a case worker for Bethany, said he's proud of how far Markus has come. "When Markus began here," Neal said, "he was very behind academically, had a history of missing numerous days of school, basically admitted he was riding his time until he could drop out when he turned 17, but fortunately, he didn't give up and decided to give us and himself a chance."

Markus' story is truly inspiring! No matter how many obstacles were thrown in his way, he didn't give up!

"No one can put you down. You're the only one who can," said Markus. "You have the choice of getting back up or staying down."

Please join Bethany in congratulating Markus on his graduation!





# TRP Carnival Day



On January 17, the Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP) hosted a carnival day to give students of the program a fun way to compete, win prizes, and work on socialization skills and good sportsmanship.

The Therapeutic Recreation Program is an after-school program designed for at-risk youth between the ages of eight and 17. The program examines use of leisure and recreational activities in a constructive way and provides anger management training with an emphasis on developing positive social relationships.

TRP provides a safe and nurturing recreational and learning environment in which staff members challenge troubled youth to replace problematic behaviors with appropriate social skills. Increased emotional and social competency allows them to succeed not only in their educational settings, but also at home and in the community.

# Give Kids a Smile

Bethany is a proud supporter of National Children's Dental Health Month, which occurs each year in February with the goal of highlighting the benefits of good dental health care.

The Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Program provides preventative and restorative care to children who do not have access to dental health care. Licensed dental staff members provide services in the mobile dental clinic, which travels to schools in Rock Island, Henry, and Mercer counties in Illinois and Scott, Jackson, and Clinton counties in Iowa.

**Give Kids a Smile has provided dental services to 18,097 children on the mobile dental clinic between 2011 and 2017.**

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



# Continuing Education Seminar

On March 16, local dental professionals attended a continuing education seminar at Bethany.

The discussion covered current trends, behavior guidance techniques, and current treatment planning guidelines in pediatric dentistry.

Thank you to everyone who attended!



## Special Acknowledgments

- ⇒ Dr. Kecia Leary from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa, for sharing her expertise.
- ⇒ Dr. Jacquelyn Richardson of Total Health Dentistry in Moline, Illinois, for her assistance in organizing the seminar.
- ⇒ Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association for its help in sharing information about the seminar.
- ⇒ Patterson Dental for sponsoring the continuing education credits.

# Awards & 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.



**Jessica Wright**

December 2017  
MERIT Award Winner

**Jessica Wright** is a Case Manager for Iowa Family Services. The nomination stated, “Jessica manages difficult caseloads in both the Davenport and Clinton offices, and she is always willing to take on more clients. She has shown a lot of effort in creating fun and productive activities for her families, especially during the holiday season, and her clients speak highly of her. Jessica displays a positive attitude and is eager to pitch in when needed.



**Jennifer Olson**

January 2018  
MERIT Award Winner

**Jennifer Olson** is a School-Based Therapist in Davenport. The nomination stated, “Jenn holds a full caseload, meeting with child clients for individual sessions, group sessions, and family sessions. Jenn has often been sought for counsel by administrators at her school as well as parents of her clients, as her professionalism, knowledge, and experience is well recognized. Jenn always makes time for them, knowing that it will ultimately help her clients.



# Downtown Moline Blood Drive

**Wednesday, June 13**  
**1:00 PM — 3:30 PM**

Bethany for Children & Families  
1830 6th Avenue  
Moline, Illinois 61265

Appointments are appreciated, but not required. For further information, please 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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## In-Kind Drive: Cleaning Supplies

Time for spring cleaning is here, and Bethany for Children & Families is accepting donations of cleaning supplies to help provide clean and tidy homes to individuals and families in our child welfare and homeless programs. Please consider making a monetary donation or donating items to support Bethany's programs and clients. Useful items include:



Air Fresheners	Glass Cleaner
All-Purpose Cleaner	Laundry Detergent
Antibacterial Cleaner	Microfiber Cloths
Baking Soda	Mops
Bathroom Cleaner	Oven Cleaner
Brooms	Paper Towels
Buckets	Rubber Gloves
Dishwashing Liquid	Scour Pads
Disinfecting Wipes	Scrub Brushes
Disposable Rags	Sponges
Dusters	Spray Bottles
Dustpans	Supply Caddies
Floor Cleaner	Toilet Brushes
Garbage Bags	Vacuums

# Birdies for Charity



## JOHN DEERE CLASSIC

The John Deere Classic is **July 9 - July 15, 2018!**

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 five percent. For the past few years, the bonus has been 10 percent!

One lucky supporter of Birdies for Charity program will win a two-year lease on a **2018 Lexus NX**, courtesy of Lexus of the Quad Cities. Additional prizes are awarded by random drawing.



**The deadline to submit your pledge form is July 13, 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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## How Can You Help?

### Legacy Giving

You can help us serve future generations by naming Bethany as a beneficiary of your will, life insurance policy, or retirement plan.

### Recurring Donations

Your monthly donations help Bethany plan for the future and provide a dependable foundation with which the agency can assist the children in our community who need it the most.

### In-Kind Contributions

Your donations of hygiene products, cleaning supplies, dental care items, school supplies, furniture, appliances, and diapers directly benefit the children and families we serve.

**Call (309) 797-7700 today  
to support a safer, stronger,  
and healthier Quad Cities**



**[www.bethany-qc.org](http://www.bethany-qc.org)**

Bethany for Children & Families is a private mental health, community education, and child welfare and social services provider that has offered aid and support to children and families in western Illinois and eastern Iowa since 1899. The agency employs a professional team of 70 social workers, licensed counselors, case managers, and educators. With 22 programs and services, Bethany helps more than 9,000 children and families annually.





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# **Cones for Kids!**

**Monday, June 18, 2018**

**All Quad City Area Whitey's Locations!**

*Half of all cone sales will benefit the  
programs and services of:*



**BETHANY4CF**

This mailing was prepared by students in the Black Hawk Area Special Education Center Vocational Education class. For more information, visit [www.bhased.org](http://www.bhased.org).