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Community Celebration

In an age of inequity, violent news stories, and social media turmoil, Bethany's staff joins together with the community to celebrate transformed lives and healthier homes. The agency's intimate gathering is an annual **celebration of ordinary people** in the Quad Cities who make extraordinary contributions to our community.

At the event, Bethany will honor the Ruth Evelyn Katz Adoptive Family of the Year, the Foster Family of the Year, and the Community Champion of the Year as attendees enjoy food, drink, a raffle, and live music.

The Bethany for Children & Families Community Celebration will be held at 6:00 pm on Friday, November 4th, 2022 at The Stern Center in Rock Island. Would you like to attend? RSVP at <https://www.bethany-qc.org/community-celebration>

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Give Kids A Smile

Bethany for Children & Families has relaunched its "Give Kids a Smile" mobile dental clinic post-COVID. The program plans to schedule school visits as soon as November.

Give Kids a Smile is a community program and nationwide effort aimed at increasing access to dental care to underserved, low-income children. Local dentists and hygienists provide preventative care. Bethany began coordinating the program locally in 2011 and has provided services to more than 25,000 children since then.

Restarting the program required Bethany to replace expired sealants, toothpaste, and fluoride. The agency has also replaced dental sterilization supplies, gloves, alcohol prep pads, masks, and more. The mobile dental bus was also in need of repairs and service.



School nurses are excited to hear the mobile dental clinic is returning, saying it alleviates issues of transportation, insurance, and even eases fear, as kids can step on the bus and into the dentist's chair with a group of peers.

For many students, the GKAS bus is their only access to dental care and oral hygiene instruction. Bethany hopes to serve more than 2,500 children this school year.

Please consider a donation to Bethany in the enclosed envelope, write "GKAS" on it, and help give the gift of good oral health and a better self-image to local children.



Together We Care Tuesday

Applebee's Bar & Grill will donate 50% of proceeds to the agency's Give Kids a Smile mobile dental clinic and Nurturing Parents program! Choose from a special menu of six of Applebee's most popular items! You can order in or carry out.

Tuesday, October 11th from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
 Applebee's Bar and Grill
 3805 41st Ave Dr, Moline

Merit Award Winner: Gretchen Hagen

This quarter's award goes to Gretchen Hagen, the Director of the Human Resources office at the agency's 1800 7th Avenue, Moline location.

Her nomination stated, "Gretchen is one of the first faces new workers see and works to ensure they have a smooth onboarding process. She is conscientious and meticulous. She is very responsive and always follows up on concerns.

If she does not know the answer to a question she tirelessly researches it until she finds the answer. Gretchen regularly puts in extra hours to make sure that all things HR stay running smoothly. Gretchen does not look for accolades, and her hard work often goes unrecognized. Without Gretchen, the agency staff would not be able to complete their mission of keeping children safe, strengthening families and building healthy communities."

Thank you Gretchen for your time and dedication to Bethany!



The "MERIT Employee of Distinction Award" recognizes quarterly an employee for his/her distinguished service to the agency. This individual has displayed **Motivation, Excellence, Responsibility, Integrity, and Teamwork** in the execution of going beyond her job duty responsibilities.

Bethany's Quincy Davis Named Rock Island Citizen of the Year

A volunteer youth basketball coach, radio host, and church deacon who works as the Wraparound Program Supervisor at Bethany for Children & Families was honored as the Rock Island Citizen of the Year! Quincy Davis received the award at a reception at Rock Island City Hall in August. He was nominated by Charles "Tadd" Birditt Jr., a retired John Deere administrator and co-founder of the Metro Youth Drill Team.

"Not only does he facilitate multiple weekly practice sessions, but he also arranges the transportation, lodging, and feeding requirements for out-of-town tournaments at his own expense, both financially and logistically," Birditt wrote in the nomination letter. Davis has coached numerous teams on a volunteer basis through the Rock Island School system since 1988.

"When I was informed that I was a nominee for this award, I never expected that I would be the overall winner. I was just excited to be considered among a list of great people from Rock Island. Receiving the Youth Impact Award also was special because it helped me to reflect on the number of years that I have spent in counseling, mentoring, and coaching the youth in Rock Island and other parts of the Quad Cities. I give a special thanks to Bethany for Children & Families. This is where it all started many years ago. My time with the agency has helped to pave the way for many of the other achievements that I have experienced along the way," Davis said.

In addition to his coaching endeavors, Quincy is in his 19th year of hosting a Sunday morning radio show on KALA called the "Gospel Train Radio Program". He serves as a Deacon at the Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and as Chairman of that ministry. Davis also serves on the Rock Island Civil Rights Commission and sits on the board of Churches United of the Quad Cities.

Congratulations, Quincy.
We are so very proud of you!



Angel Tree Donations

As the holiday season quickly approaches, Bethany for Children & Families is already making preparations for its annual food basket distribution and Christmas Giving Program (known as Angel Tree).

This program continues to address the ever-growing needs experienced by children and families served by Bethany in a time when economic hardships continue to grow. The agency tries to provide a gift for more than 500 children in its care.

How Can You Help?

Provide a cash donation. Send your donation in the enclosed remittance envelope. Please write "Angel Tree" on the envelope.

Request a holiday gift tag by November 21st and you will receive a tag(s) including a child's name, age, gender, size, and two gift suggestions. To request a gift tag, please email John Huber at jhuber@bethany-qc.org



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and the many private donors who contribute to Bethany!



Kids in Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program learn anger management and social skills. This past summer, the program took field trips to a baseball game, the Abraham Lincoln Museum, and Field of Dreams with the help of funding from the Moline Rotary Club.



Bethany is grateful for donations of funds and supplies for its Back to School Campaign!



How Can You Help?

Legacy Giving:

You can help us serve future generations by naming Bethany as a beneficiary of your will, life insurance, and/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. Set up a recurring donation at www.bethany-qc.org.

In-Kind Contributions:

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

How To Make A Donation

Online donations are encouraged! Please visit www.bethany-qc.org.

Prefer to mail your donation?

Please tear off this page and fill out your information on the back and return in the enclosed envelope.

Please write your name, mailing address, and email address on a note inside the envelope. If you'd like your donation to support the Give Kids a Smile Dental Program or the Angel Tree program specifically, please indicate that on the envelope.



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