

Silent Auction with Mobile Bidding

Bethany's Community Celebration silent auction is going online! Classy, fun, practical, and educational items and services from various local businesses are now available for mobile bidding, and more will be added throughout the summer and early Fall. Can't make the October 5 event? That's ok! Go online and bid:

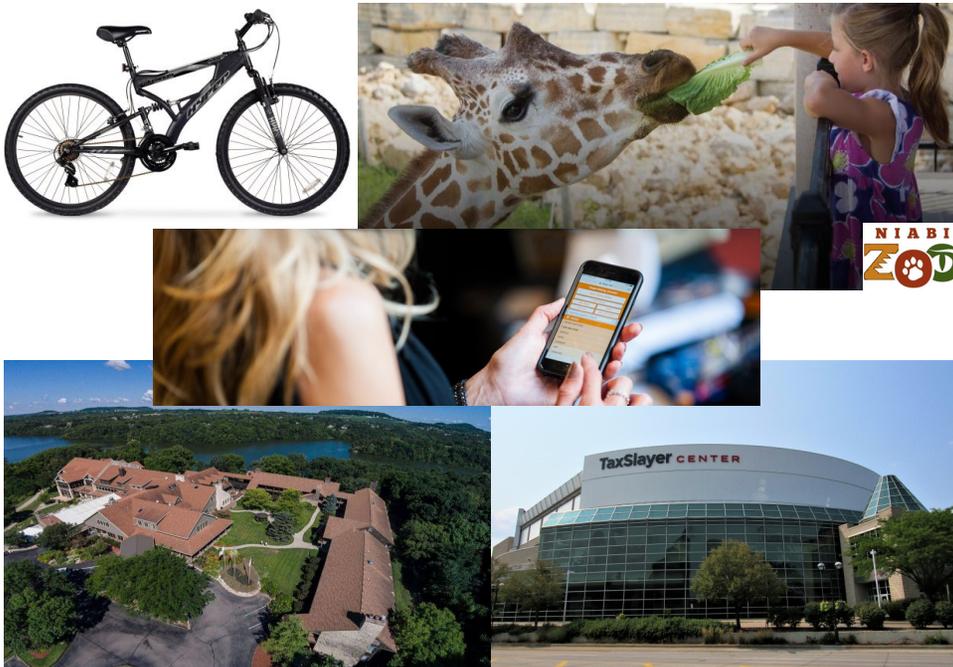
qtego.net/qlink/bethany

Check back regularly for updates and new, bigger, and better bidding opportunities!

Pre-event Bidding

At-home Bidding

Extended Bidding Time



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The BUZZ @ Bethany for Children & Families

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

Helping Kids One Scoop at a Time

On Monday, June 17, Whitey's Ice Cream hosted its annual **Cones for Kids** fundraiser. The day was record-breaking, raising the most donations in the event's long history. Half of all cone sales from all Whitey's Ice Cream locations in the Quad Cities during this special day was donated to support the 22 programs and services of Bethany for Children & Families.

"For more than 30 years, we have held Cones for Kids Day to help Bethany," said Annika Tunberg, Vice President of Whitey's Ice Cream. "We are thrilled to continue this fundraising effort to support children and strengthen families in our community."

Jim Sanderlin, Bethany's Director of Development & Communications, said, "We are grateful to be able to partner with Whitey's, and for the community's support. The generosity of the Quad Cities has been on full display!"

A very special thank you to Whitey's for helping Bethany achieve its mission of keeping children safe, strengthening families, and building healthy communities.



Save the Date!

The Bethany for Children & Families **Community Celebration and Silent Auction**, presented by Modern Woodmen of America, will be held at 6:00pm on Saturday, October 5, at the Quad City Botanical Center in Rock Island, Illinois. Join us as we celebrate “ordinary” people in the Quad Cities who make extraordinary contributions to our community. Tickets can be purchased at www.bethany-qc.org/celebration

See the back page of this newsletter for more information on the auction...it's online this year!



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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. Set up a recurring donation at www.bethany-qc.org.

In-Kind Contributions

Your donations of diapers and wipes, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, dental care items, school supplies, furniture, and appliances 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

Bethany for Children & Families is a private child welfare, mental health, community education, 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 over 11,000 children and families annually.

How and Why to Plan a Gift



Discover How Everyone Benefits from Planned Gifts

Your Goal	Your Gift	Your Method	Your Benefit
Make a gift while leaving more of your estate to your heirs	Gifts of Retirement Assets (e.g., 401-K, IRA)	Name Bethany as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, and pass less-taxed assets to your heirs	Avoid up to 60% income tax on your retirement assets; pass more of your estate to your heirs
Make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime	Gifts Through Your Will or Trust ("Bequest")	Include a gift of cash, property, or a share of your estate through your will or trust	A gift that does not affect your cash flow, and you can adjust your gift as circumstances change
Make a gift while avoiding capital gains liability	Gifts of Appreciated Securities	Give Bethany appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds to sell and use the proceeds	Make a significant gift; receive an immediate income tax deduction; pay no capital gains tax
Make a large gift at little cost	Gifts of Life Insurance	Donate a life insurance policy you no longer need or name us in an existing or new one	Take a tax deduction now; take possible future deductions through gifts to pay policy premiums

How Do You Want to Be Remembered?

Many options are available when deciding how to include charity in your will or trust. You can leave a specific amount, a percentage of your assets, or the remaining assets after all other bequests have been made to family and friends. Jim & Jill Sanderlin decided to take their commitment to advance Bethany's mission a step further by naming the agency in their will. "We knew that one of the easiest ways to leave a legacy is by making a bequest to a favorite charity," Jim said. "Continuing Bethany's work is a priority for us, so it just made sense to leave a lasting mark in this way."



*Jim & Jill Sanderlin
Jim serves as Bethany's Director of
Development & Communications*

Call for Nominations

Do you know someone in the Quad Cities who makes extraordinary contributions to our community? If so, submit a nomination! Bethany is accepting nominations for the following awards for the Community Celebration on Saturday, October 5, 2019.



Ruth Evelyn Katz Adoptive Family of the Year

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 dedication while caring for foster children.



Community Champion of the Year

This award honors a Quad City individual, business, or organization that demonstrates compassion and dedication to the community and supports Bethany's mission.

Visit www.bethany-qc.org/celebration to submit your nomination!

The Generosity of the Quad Cities

THANK YOU



In Kind Drive: School Supplies

Don't tell the kids, but in just a few weeks it will be time to shop for school supplies! The children in Bethany's programs — such as Foster Care, Therapeutic Recreation, School-Based Therapy, and the Phoenix School — greatly benefit from in-kind donations of new school supplies! To schedule a time to drop off items, contact Callahan Herrig at (309) 736-6644 or cherrig@bethany-qc.org.



Needed Items

- Book Bags
- Boxes of Tissues
- 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



What About the Boys?

On Friday, April 5, Bethany for Children & Families presented What About the Boys at **Western Illinois University Quad Cities Riverfront Campus**. The free conference was offered to sophomore, junior, and senior high school boys, teaching them how to make responsible decisions, plan for their future, and address the challenges and opportunities that they face.

Thurgood Brooks, assistant football coach at Rock Island High School and Family Advocate at Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, gave the keynote presentation on seizing opportunities while preparing and desiring more for yourself, your family, and community.

A variety of helpful workshops were presented by men in the community and entertainment was provided by **Juan V & Re-FL3X!**

The conference was organized by the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Advisory Committee, and sponsored by Bethany for Children & Families, Western Illinois University-Quad Cities, and the Iowa Department of Public Health Personal Responsibility Education Program.



Phoenix: Reaching a Milestone

On May 21, 2019, three students graduated from the Bethany Black Hawk Phoenix Day Treatment Program in Carbon Cliff, Illinois.

Phoenix offers special education and case management services to at-risk youth in the Quad Cities. It is looked to as a model throughout Illinois and Iowa, boasting a low drop-out rate and a high graduation rate.

Phoenix Principal Michelle Hammond said at the ceremony, "These students overcame their personal struggles to graduate from high school with help from the amazing Phoenix staff. A high school diploma is the key that opens the door to building your future."

Dr. Tim Schermer, one of Bethany's Board Directors, said, "Phoenix is a unique example of a public/private partnership and is truly something to be proud of. Congratulations to the graduates! This is a great achievement."

Join us in congratulating Joe, Josh, and Kiara on their graduation!



Recent Grants: Thank You!

The **Regional Development Authority** awarded a grant of \$25,000 to help children in the Quad Cities receive critical dental and mental health services.

The **Community Foundation of Cedar County** awarded a grant of \$5,000 to Bethany's Give Kids a Smile program.

The **Junior Board of Rock Island** awarded a grant of \$1,500 for the purchase of cleaning supplies, household items, and hygiene items for individuals that participate in the agency's Homeless Programs.

The **Moline Foundation** awarded a grant of \$10,000 to fund prevention education for Illinois QC students during the 2019-20 school year.

Three Cheers for Volunteers



Thanks to Crossways Confirmation Camp for hanging Cones for Kids posters!

Thanks to East Moline/Silvis Kiwanis for stuffing dental kits for Give Kids a Smile!



Carrie and Jamie from Illinois Casualty Company in Rock Island helped us with a painting project. Thank you!



The Lisa Project

On May 14, 2019, **The Lisa Project** was presented at Bethany for Children & Families by Scott County Kids.

The Lisa Project is a unique multi-sensory exhibit experience allowing the visitor to hear, see, and experience the reality of the world of child abuse. Through audio narration from a child's perspective, visitors are guided room-by-room through scenarios depicting abuse. This experience fully immerses each guest into the world that these children face on a daily basis.

The community was invited, with the goal of helping us all become more aware of the need to protect children and strengthen families.

If you think a child is in immediate danger call 911. If you think a child is being abused call the **Iowa Department of Human Services** at **1-800-362-2178** or **Illinois DCFS** at **1-800-232-3798**.



The Lisa Project¹⁰
Some secrets should be told...

A 10 MINUTE INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE ABOUT CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS

10
MINUTES OF YOUR TIME

10
MINUTES OF UNDERSTANDING

10
MINUTES THAT COULD CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE

TheLisaProject.org

Program Spotlight—Homeless

Bethany for Children & Families offers three programs to address the issue of homelessness in the Quad Cities. With one program focused on families and two programs focused on teenagers and young adults, the agency provides homeless teens and families with a safe, stable home, and adequate resources to meet their basic needs.

Based upon the Rapid Rehousing/Transitional Housing model, Bethany's **Housing Family NOW** program helps families meet their basic needs and obtain housing in an apartment in the Illinois Quad Cities. "Once the family is settled, intensive case management helps them identify the issues that caused homelessness. They set goals with the plan of preventing future episodes of homelessness," said Ben Cleaveland, Associate Division Director at Bethany. "The **Housing Youth NOW** program is similar, with case management focusing on assistance with obtaining a GED or completing education, making plans for a career, and learning to live independently. Both programs are based on a housing first model, with the premise of housing the individual first, then working on the issues surrounding their homelessness," Cleaveland said. Families/individuals have up to 24 months to complete the program.

Bethany's **Housing Teens in Need** program provides comprehensive services that address the most pressing concerns of homeless youth: a safe, stable home; income adequate to meeting their most basic needs; and assistance and direction in overcoming the problems that interfere with their ability to live independently. The program encourages self-sufficiency by giving young people opportunities to exercise leadership and responsibility, build skills, and get involved in their communities. Pregnant and parenting teens are the focus of the program.



Fun times in TRP

Guest Speaker

On May 8, Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP) had a very special guest!

Rock Island High School's **Brea Beal** stopped to hang out with our TRP kids. Brea is a three-time Illinois Ms Basketball, three-time Gatorade Illinois Player of the year, and First-team-All-American of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

She talked about the importance of having goals and working hard to achieve them. Thanks for stopping by, Brea!



WQAD Tour

On May 14, Students in TRP got a behind the scenes look how the news is put on the air. They got to take a tour of **WQAD News 8** TV station in Moline, Illinois.

The kids had fun checking out "The Beast," a vehicle the station uses to chase storms. The kids also loved playing around with the weather green screen in the studio.

The students got to chat with some of the on air talent and ask questions about their jobs. Thanks, WQAD, for having us!



Speaking Opportunities

Thank you to

- Davenport Rotary
- East Moline/Silvis Kiwanis
- First Presbyterian Church, Davenport
- Geneseo Rotary
- Iowa Quad Cities Rotary
- Moline Kiwanis
- River Cities Rotary
- Riverside United Methodist Church, Moline
- Rock Island Kiwanis
- Rock Island Rotary
- Unity Church of the Quad Cities, Moline

for inviting Jim Sanderlin, Bethany's Director of Development & Communication, to present to your groups and share the agency's mission.

We've relied on the generosity of the Quad Cities since 1899 and are grateful for new and renewed relationships with various businesses, organizations, churches, and individuals!

If you'd like a Bethany representative to present to your group, contact Jim at 309-736-6442 or email jsanderlin@bethany-qc.org.



Awards & Excellence

- MOTIVATION
- EXCELLENCE
- RESPONSIBILITY
- INTEGRITY
- TEAMWORK



The 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 the children and families served by Bethany.



Molly Hinke
March 2019

Molly Hinke is a School-Based Therapist in Davenport, Iowa. Molly has made a significant impact at her school and with her students and their families. She is professional, yet appropriately empathetic and gracious. Molly goes over and beyond to make sure her students and families feel comfortable with her, often going to their homes so parents who normally wouldn't have a chance to meet her face to face have an opportunity to do so.



Steve Shuart
April 2019

Steve Shuart is an Accounts Receivable Specialist in Moline, Illinois. Steve exemplifies all of the characteristics of this award and is not only a valued asset to the business office, but to the agency as a whole. Steve's job responsibilities require him to work with many people and divisions in the agency. He does this professionally and respectfully.



Jackee Fall
May 2019

Jackee Fall is a Case Manager for Family Services in Davenport, Iowa. She has demonstrated strong motivation and drive to build her caseload and develop positive relationships with the families she services as well as the community. Jackee has gone above and beyond for the families she works with, assisting them in any way possible and referring them to additional resources within the community. Jackee's constant perseverance and positive attitude are an exemplary example of what we look for in a Bethany employee!