



**Keeping children safe,
Strengthening families,
and building healthy communities.**

Impact Report and Annual Appeal

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

One. That's all the case worker was looking for: **one used car engine** for a 2007 Ford Sedan. A hearing-impaired mother of two needed to replace the engine so she could get to and from work. Her case worker from a different agency contacted Bethany because he had exhausted all of his resources and still didn't have a solution. After hearing the details, Bethany's worker called the agency's Development Office. Were there financial resources that could assist this mother who had worked long and hard to provide appropriate care for her children? Three days later, Bethany's Development Director had identified individuals and civic organizations that could provide funds for just such emergencies. And, enough money was available to pay Julio's Car Repair in Rock Island to replace the engine and get the car running again. When there aren't ready answers, Bethany staff members work to create solutions for those in dire and difficult circumstances. Even our Development staff looks for remedies.

You hold in your hands an annual report with many numbers in it. Each year since 1899, those numbers started with **ONE**. **One child** needing a foster

placement. **One family** grieving the loss of an infant. **One intact family** addressing deficiencies in their children's care in order to resolve their DCFS case. **One teen** housed after couch-hopping for much of the school year. **One foster child** safely returned home. **One eighth-grade class** given valuable insights into how their own bodies work, and how to say "No" to unwanted, unwelcome advances. **One special education student** in the Phoenix-BHASED School successfully graduating after six years of hard work and endless support from her counselor. The numbers that you see on the pages that follow were earned with hard work, long hours, relentless determination, sleepless nights, and perseverance. But they were also accomplished with your help and support. You and countless members of this community take to heart the mission of Bethany for Children & Families: keeping children safe, strengthening families, and building healthy communities. It is my hope, as we start our 125th year of service, that you will continue to support the mission and the work of Bethany.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alice Steinhauer".

President/CEO
Bethany for Children & Families and
Bridgeview Community Mental
Health Center

Mental Health Services

706

children, teens, and adults received **Mental Health Therapy** from licensed clinical therapists, and 88% of clients demonstrated progress.



96

children, teens, and adults received **Behavioral Health Intervention Services**, and 80% of clients demonstrated progress.



Homeless Programs

26

individuals were housed and off the streets with the assistance of three Homeless Programs, and 80% of families increased their income while in the transitional housing program.



Community Services

38

youth participated in the **Therapeutic Recreation Program**, an after-school program that helps boys and girls with serious emotional and behavioral problems. 90% of the students demonstrated improved social skills and conflict resolution skills. 93% demonstrated improved aggression replacement skills. 86% maintained placement in their family of origin.



250

kids will receive **dental exams and cleanings** between January and May of 2024 through the Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Program.



71 students attended the **Phoenix Day Treatment Program**. **100% of eligible students graduated** in the 2022-2023 school year. 92% of the students demonstrated an increase in learned, socially acceptable behaviors, and a reduction in the occurrences of unusual or disruptive incidents.



254 clients and their family members received mental health and case management services through the **Phoenix Program**. 96% of children and clients living within the family constellation were maintained in their current home setting.

393 lessons or workshops on healthy relationships, stress management, consent, and safer sex practices were conducted in the **Prevention Education Program**.



1,225 students from 23 schools and community organizations around the Quad Cities **were served through the Prevention Education Program**. 83% of middle school students felt more comfortable talking to a parent or trusted adult about what's been happening in their life after attending a Bethany program.



641 clients received gifts from the **Angel Tree Program**. There were 318 unduplicated families served. 54 Thanksgiving food baskets and 54 Christmas food baskets were distributed to families.

1,000 Goodwill vouchers were distributed to the community. Over \$10,000 worth of free clothing and shoes were provided to children and families in need.



926 pieces of furniture have been distributed this year to families in need through the **Family Furniture Assistance Program**.

Child Welfare Programs

185

families with allegations of child abuse or neglect **received intensive, in-home services to stabilize, strengthen, and preserve family life through the Intact Family Services Program.** 94% remained together.



160

families in the Wraparound Program made a plan that was family-driven and customized for their social, emotional, cultural, and educational needs to remain together. 98% of the families that were served are still a family unit today.



175

children were served in foster care programs. 20.54% achieved permanency through returning home, guardianship, or adoption.



2 **infants were adopted.**

39

families in the Iowa Direct Family Intervention Program received needed resources, intervention, and support to **improve family functioning** and quality of life.



What We Do

Bethany provides **26 programs and services** to **assist and uplift** the most vulnerable neighbors. Agency services and programs include:

- Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention
- Adoption
- Behavioral Health Intervention Services
- The Compassionate Friends
- Family Furniture Assistance Program
- Foster Care
- Foster Home Licensing
- Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Clinic
- Goodwill Vouchers
- Housing Families
- Housing Teens
- Housing Young Adults
- Independent Living Program
- Intact Family Services
- Iowa Direct Family Intervention Program
- Maggie's Fund
- Norman Cash Assistance
- Nurturing Parenting Program
- Phoenix Day Treatment Program
- Prevention Education Program
- School-Based Mental Health Therapy
- Specialized Foster Care
- Therapeutic Recreation Program
- Wraparound Program

Whom We Serve

Bethany serves Scott, Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, and Muscatine Counties in **Iowa** and Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, Whiteside, Lee, Carroll, Warren, Henderson, and Knox Counties in **Illinois**.

Bethany's **service area covers over 7,970 square miles** with a **population of over 682,460 people**, of whom more than 142,000 are under 18 years of age. . Nearly all of Bethany's **clients have no income or low-income**. Bethany **serves more than 12,000 children and families** annually.

Bethany Joins with Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center in Clinton, Iowa

Two leading social service and mental health care organizations have joined in order to better deliver mission-driven, high-quality, and compassionate care to those in need.

In late 2023, after many months of sharing information, a Management Agreement and subsequent affiliation between **Bethany and Bridgeview Community Mental Health Center** unified the staff of the two agencies, creating an economy of scale and synergy that benefits both organizations and the clients served.

This transition maintains the corporate structure of each organization and both are governed by a unified Board of Directors. Bethany President/CEO, Bill Steinhauser, provides leadership to both organizations.

Bridgeview is located at 1320 19th Avenue NW in Clinton, Iowa. It employs 34 individuals and serves more than 2,590 clients annually from Clinton, Jackson, and Scott Counties in Iowa and Whiteside County in Illinois.



Bridgeview offers:

- **Mental health evaluation and therapy** to individuals, families, couples, and groups;
- **School-Based Mental Health Therapy;**
- **Psychiatric Services and Treatment** that may include prescription medication, counseling, and therapy;
- **Emergency Services** for rapid stabilization of acute mental illness available 24-hours a day;
- **Evaluation Services** to determine one's current level of functioning;
- **Community Support Services (CSS)** to support those with functional challenges related to mental health;
- **Intensive Psychiatric Rehabilitation (IPR);**
- **Integrated Health Home (IHH)** services for adults with serious mental illness; and
- **Consultation and Education Services** for community groups, families, and individuals.

For more information, visit www.bvcmhc.org or call **(563) 243-5633**.



A Long Journey To Create a New "Home"

For more than **three years**, Bethany searched the Quad Cities for a suitable place to call **"home."** It was evident pre-COVID that a **larger agency social service center was needed** and that the headquarters at 1830 6th Avenue were inadequate. Finance and HR offices were already in a separate building in an adjacent theatre. Meeting spaces were sacrificed to install cubicles for more caseworkers. All of this was evidence of an **increasing number of people calling on Bethany for help.**

Since Bethany had outgrown its 6th Avenue location, Management and Board members embarked on an **effort to find a new home**, one that checked all of the following boxes:

- Location in **Illinois** with close proximity to **I-74**;
- **Accessible** by public transportation;
- **Enough square footage** to accommodate all of Bethany's Illinois employees and services, with room for anticipated growth.

The agency considered a number of options:

- Relocating away from downtown Moline;
- Working with a local developer to repurpose a historic industrial structure; or
- Purchasing a building large enough to meet anticipated growth over the next 30 years.

Ultimately, Bethany negotiated with the owners of the **Caxton Block building at 1701 River Drive in Moline**, entered a lease with an option to buy, then purchased the building in November 2023.

Since 1899, Bethany has enjoyed the generosity of the Quad Cities community in delivering the important and impactful services it provides to children and families. The Management, staff, and Board of Directors look forward to continuing to fulfill our mission in the decades ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Immediate Past Board Chair

Gift & Uplift

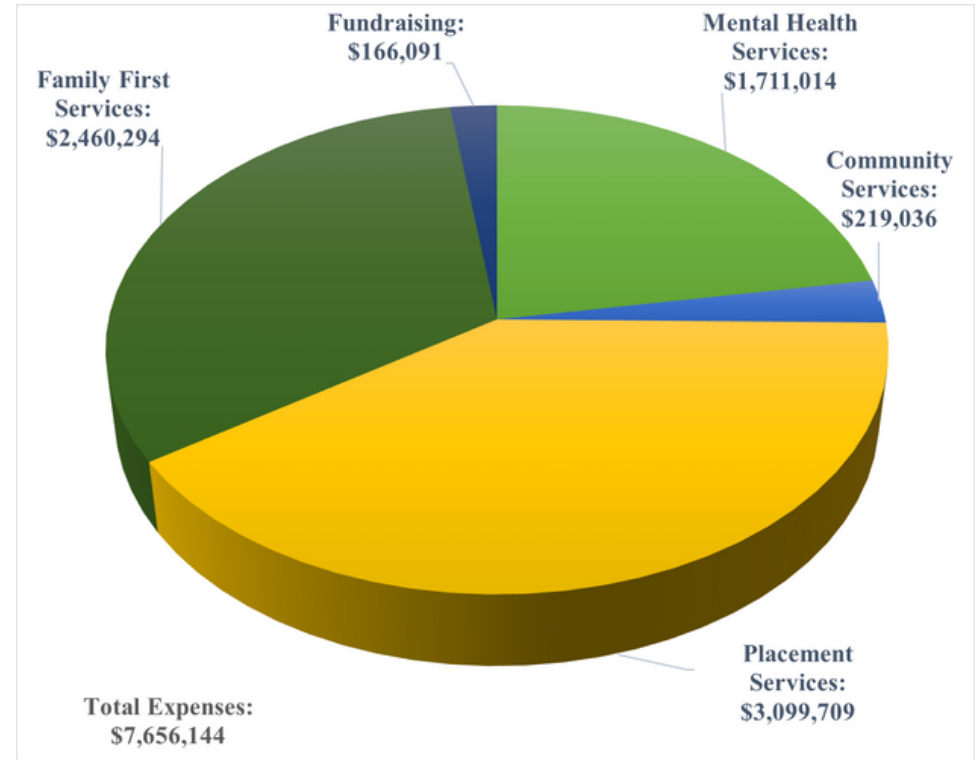
Bethany now begins a **\$3 million Capital Campaign** to secure its **new agency social service center**. This figure includes the building purchase, moving and renovations, furnishings and equipment, and anticipated increased operating costs over the next several years. Staff moved into the new building in the spring of 2023.



After January 1st the agency will provide an opportunity for you to **gift and uplift for this campaign**, to ensure the agency and the community have a **home in downtown Moline** for years to come.



Fiscal Year 2023 Expenses



Mental Health:

- Behavioral Health Intervention Services
- School-Based Mental Health Therapy Services
- Iowa Direct Family Intervention Program

Community Services:

- Prevention Education
- Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Program

Family First:

- Intact Family Services
- Wraparound Program
- Phoenix Day Treatment Program
- Nurturing Parenting Program

Placement:

- Foster Care
- Specialized Foster Care
- Homeless Programs
- Independent Living Opportunities
- Therapeutic Recreation Program

How to Help

1 Donate

Monthly donations help us plan for the future and provide a dependable foundation with which we can assist and uplift the children and families in our community who need it most. You can **donate through our website at www.bethany-qc.org or mail** donations to 1701 River Drive, Suite 200, Moline, IL 61265.



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Donations of hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, feminine products, diapers), cleaning supplies, dental care items, school supplies, furniture, and appliances are always needed. Please e-mail development@bethany-qc.org to set up a time.



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