

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



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Big Smiles for Family Video!

family Video

may receive care. A challenge the program has encountered is making sure the permission forms are returned.

This year, Bethany reached out to businesses in the community to “sweeten the deal” for parents to return the permission forms, and Family Video really delivered! Give Kids a Smile received 4,000 vouchers for free DVD rentals! Every student who receives dental work on the mobile dental bus will receive a voucher that can be used at any Family Video in the Quad City area.

“We are so glad that we are able to help out local families,” said Oliver Owen, District Manager. “Family Video would not be successful without the communities around us.”

The Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program provides dental care free-of-charge to eligible children. School nurses send out a parent letter and consent form to children at their school. The forms must be returned to the school nurse so children



Jeff Cornelius (left), Give Kids a Smile Program Supervisor, accepts a voucher representing Family Video’s generous donation from Family Video’s Bobbie Cutchler and Oliver Owen.



The *Generosity* of the Quad Cities



Faith Lutheran Church of Eldridge, Iowa, donated bicycles for clients of Bethany's Behavior Health Intervention Services.

Church of Christ in Moline, Illinois, donated backpacks full of school supplies that benefitted children in a number of Bethany's programs.



The Blue Thong Society donated backpacks and school supplies that were distributed to students in Illinois and Iowa.

Thank you to the many **community donors** who answered our call on Facebook and provided students with backpacks and school supplies!



WQAD and **Eriksen Chevrolet-Buick** chose Bethany as the July charity for the Three Degree Weather Guarantee.



Church of Peace in Rock Island, Illinois, delivered supplies and helped Therapeutic Recreation Program staff prepare for a new free healthy meal program. The Church, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provides free meals every school day and during the summer.



Downtown *Moline* Blood Drive

Will you give?

Make Bethany your home for regular blood donations! Bethany partners with the **Mississippi Valley Blood Center, Moline Community Development Corporation, the Dispatch/Argus, Moline Centre, and the City of Moline** to host blood drives at the agency's downtown Moline location.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 20
Noon—3:00 p.m.
Bethany for Children & Families
1830 6th Avenue
Moline, Illinois 61265



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Appointments are appreciated, but not required. For further information, contact Joscelyn Stone at (309) 736-6644 or jstone@bethany-qc.org, or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org.

Save the dates!

**2015 Downtown Moline Blood Drive Dates:
October 20, December 16**



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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 or members of the community and are recognized for their outstanding commitment to children and families served by Bethany.



Tara Willard
June 2015
MERIT Award Winner

Tara Willard is a Case Manager in Davenport. The nomination stated, “Tara demonstrated great teamwork by coordinating with the school therapist to arrange the best times to see a family over the summer break and assisted in transporting the children to make sure they could continue to have therapy as well as Behavioral Health Intervention Services sessions. Tara also went above and beyond to provide lunch for these four children when their appointments interfered with the lunch schedule at the daycare.”



Lisa Murphy
July 2015
MERIT Award Winner

Lisa Murphy is a Case Manager in Muscatine. The nomination stated, “Lisa works tirelessly to provide the services that each family needs and to promote the positive effect that Bethany’s programming can provide for the community. Lisa seeks out new referrals and maintains a more than full case load. She is always available to assist other staff when they come to Muscatine and is willing to rearrange her schedule when someone needs something of her.”



Bethany's Christmas *Giving* Program

Each year, Bethany for Children & Families asks the community to help make the holidays bright for the agency's families in need. People donate clothing, toys, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies to help grant the wishes of those in our community who might otherwise not receive gifts.

Gift tags with wish list items will be distributed to participating donors after October 30th. Donors are asked to return gift items (unwrapped, please!) to Bethany by December 8th.

This is a fun and fulfilling project for individuals, families, and groups! If you are interested in participating in the Christmas Giving Program this year, please contact Mary Ann McLeod at (309) 736-6645 or mmcleod@bethany-qc.org.



Program Spotlight

Therapeutic Recreation

Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP), an after-school program designed for at-risk youth, examines the use of leisure and recreational activities in a constructive way. TRP teaches 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 while promoting self-esteem and accountability. Increased emotional and social competency allows them to succeed in educational settings, at home, and in the community.

TRP services are provided in cooperation with agencies from a variety of fields including special education, juvenile justice and court services, community mental health, and foster care.

A Summer of *Fun*

Students in the Therapeutic Recreation Program had a particularly busy summer in 2015, with a number of visitors to the program and numerous trips out into the Quad Cities community and beyond.



In addition to numerous summer trips around the Quad Cities and beyond, TRP students were treated to a performance by Comedy Sportz (left) and had the chance to meet with three players from the Quad Cities River Bandits (right).



TRP students participated in numerous trips over the summer, including (from top left) the Buffalo Bill Museum in LeClaire, Iowa; a Channel Cat ride on the Mississippi River; a trip to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois; a visit to the American Pickers store in LeClaire, Iowa; an educational tour of the world-famous Daytoner Studio in Rock Island, Illinois; a tour of the Mississippi River Lock & Dam 15 with a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger; and a trip to Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa.



Students also visited the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum in West Branch, Iowa, and attended a home game of the Peoria Chiefs.

Volunteers in Action



Left: In August, volunteers from **McGladrey** helped Bethany prepare for an upcoming mailing.

Below: As part of the United Way Day of Caring, five individuals from **Alcoa's ATI Customer Sales & Service Support Department** volunteered at Bethany and put together over 1,000 dental goodie bags for clients of Bethany's Give Kids a Smile program!



How Can I Help?

With colder months on the horizon, now is a great time to help those in need. Bethany’s case managers regularly receive requests for basic necessities, and community donations of such items allow Bethany to commit agency funds to support programs and services. **Please consider making a monetary donation or donating in-kind items to support Bethany’s programs and clients.**

Items our clients can use include:

- Baby ointments
- Baby food and formula
- Baby laundry detergent
- Baby wipes
- Basic first-aid kit with thermometer
- Booster seats (new)
- Bottles and sippy cups
- Bus passes
- Car seats (new)
- Cleaning supplies
- Clothing—all sizes
- Coats
- Diapers and Pull-Ups
- Dish soap
- Dishes and utensils
- Gas and grocery store gift cards
- Hygiene items—soap, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste
- Laundry detergent
- Linens—new blankets, sheets, towels, and bedding
- Pacifiers and teething rings
- Pillows (new)
- School supplies
- Shoes
- Socks
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Undergarments
- Winter boots



Recent *Grants*

The Rauch Family Foundation gave \$1,000 for the Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth program.

The City of Rock Island Gaming Grant Program gave \$3,750 for the Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth program in Rock Island.

The Illinois State Dental Society Foundation gave \$5,000 for Bethany’s Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program.

2015 Family Awards Celebration

Thursday, November 5

6:00 p.m. hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

6:30 p.m. awards presentation

Modern Woodman Park

209 S. Gaines Street

Davenport, Iowa

Bethany for Children & Families thanks everyone in the community who submitted a nomination for the **2015 Family Awards Celebration**. Bethany's Honorary Directors of the Board chose the individuals, families, and businesses that will be recognized on November 5th.



Join us in honoring these community leaders who make a positive difference in the lives of others!

RSVP to Dylan Davis at ddavis@bethany-qc.org or call (309) 736-6642.

Please RSVP by Monday, November 2. Cost is \$25 per person.



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.

Aaron & Courtney Ziegler

“The Ziegler family specifically chose a special needs child. The entire family is committed to Lucy's care. The little ones play with her and talk with her. The older ones protect her, hold her, help her sit, and have an understanding that her progress will be slower than normal.”

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 care while working with foster children.

Raphael & Tonique Garrison

“Raphael and Tonique open their doors to allow the prospective adoptive parents to come to their home to spend time with the infant until the placement can be made... They feel that by providing this service, it is a calling for something that they were meant to do for the agency and their community.”

Leadership Family of the Year

This award honors a family that exhibits a strong commitment to raising their children, while also making the community more child- and family-friendly.

Dan & Allison Haskill

“Allison is the President of QC Closet2Closet, for which she leads board meetings, helps with fundraising, guest speaks about the organization, and coordinates volunteers, [while] Dan is on the board of directors of QC Closet2Closet and assists with inventory management and communications for the organization.”

Community-Focused Business or Employer of the Year

This award honors a local business or employer that values employees, their families, and demonstrates compassion to the community.

Slumberland Furniture

“Slumberland Furniture has donated mattresses and box springs to Bethany every year since 2009, and in increasing amounts each year. Through Slumberland’s generosity, over 100 individuals in need (including children) have been provided with comfortable and clean beds upon which to sleep.”

Youth Volunteer of the Year

This award honors a person under age 18 who has helped strengthen the community by demonstrating outstanding leadership skills and volunteer actions.

Amber & Amy Haskill

“Once they achieved a starting inventory of about 3,000 gently worn and new items, they started inviting foster children ages 10-18 to shop at QC Closet2Closet up to four times per year... Over 10,000 items have been donated and several thousand have been given away.”

Community Service Group of the Year

This award honors a group that gives to the community by helping nonprofit organizations through volunteering and donations.

Shawn Duster

“Shawn heads a group of John Deere retirees that volunteer their services for repairing some of the most difficult and expansive home repair projects... After completion, they can see how they improved the homeowner’s life and quality of living, [and] the smiles generated by their efforts.”



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Help the children in our community who need it most!

For more information about becoming a foster parent, please contact us:

Bethany for Children & Families
(309) 797-7700

The Center for Youth & Family Solutions
(309) 786-0770

Illinois Department of Children & Family Services
(309) 794-3500

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois
(309) 786-6400



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