

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

2020 Volume

Keeping children safe, strengthening families,

February is National Children's Dental Health Month

Bethany's **Give Kids a Smile** program is a proud supporter of National Children's Dental Health Month. This month-long observance brings together dedicated dental professionals and healthcare providers to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers, and parents.

Now in it's 12th year, Give Kids a Smile provides dental care to 3,000 children at 129 schools each year in the Quad Cities region. Children who qualify for the program receive dental cleanings, examinations, fluoride treatments, and sealants. If necessary, follow-up care is available through Bethany's network of dental care providers throughout the Quad Cities.



As always, the program relies on the generous support of individuals, organizations, and businesses. To donate online, visit

www.bethany-qc.org



Beds for the Holidays

On December 5, 2019, **Ashley HomeStore** donated 25 brand new twin-size mattress sets to Bethany for Children & Families. This is the second year that Ashley has donated beds to the agency at Christmas. Thank you!

On December 20, 2019 **Slumberland Furniture** gave 39 mattresses, bed frames, and box springs as part of its annual Making Homes for the Holidays program. This is the 11th year that Slumberland has donated beds to Bethany at Christmas. Thank you!



Jim Sanderlin, Bethany's Director of Development & Communication, shakes hands with Lee Kerr, owner of Slumberland Furniture stores in Davenport and Moline



Bethany staff Callahan Herrig, Callie Jackson, Steve Shuart, and Sara Klauer help unload mattresses

Success at the Phoenix School



Case worker Caryn Unsicker celebrates with Corey, the January 2020 Phoenix school graduate.



Thank you to the Village of Carbon Cliff for providing a Thanksgiving meal!



Meet Dink, the cockatiel that serves as



Shop with a Cop



Students and staff helping in the community

121 Years of Generosity

Starting around 1916 and continuing through the 1920s, a local farmer aka the "Year 'Round Santa" visited Bethany Home bearing gifts of baskets filled with fruit and vegetables for the children. He chose not to tell his name, but he filled the tables of Bethany Home for over a decade.

Generosity is still alive and well in the Quad Cities region. Bethany donors prove that over and over! Financial donations and legacy gifts bless us regularly. Diapers and wipes, hygiene products, school supplies, new and gently-used beds and other furniture, Thanksgiving baskets, and Christmas presents help us take care of the children and families entrusted to us.



Children of Bethany Home, early 20th century

Angel Tree

Thank you to the 62 individuals, businesses, and organizations that donated toys, shoes, and clothing to Angel Tree, the agency's annual Christmas Giving program. These gifts helped to make the holidays a great deal brighter for families in need!



The Generosity of the Quad

Thank you to everyone who gave monetarily or donated food baskets for the holidays!

With your support, case workers were able to provide **Thanksgiving and Christmas meals** to families in need!



Thank you to **Hy-Vee** for delivering food for our Thanksgiving basket donations.

Thanks to WHBF's **Ryan Risky** for interviewing Mary Ann McLeod, Division Director/Community Services, about Bethany's holiday food basket program



Creative Arts Academy donated 8 food baskets to help families in need this season! How awesome is this?!

The Generosity of the Quad Cities



John Deere employees filled dental bags for Give Kids a Smile.

Midwest Technical Institute collected winter wear for those in need!



Orthodontic Group Associates Ltd

donated coats, hats, and gloves for families in need this winter.



First Congregational United Church of Christ donated laundry baskets full of hygiene products and household cleaning supplies.



DuTrac Credit Union collected hygiene items for the families and teens in the agency's Homeless programs.

The Generosity of the Quad Cities



Thank you, **Quad City Arts**, for donating this awesome Mother Goose Christmas tree from Festival of Trees! It was given to a family whose Christmas decorations were destroyed by flooding.

Oakwood Country Club donated 10 fully decorated Christmas trees for families in need this holiday season. Thank you for your generosity!



The Golden Bobbin Girls sewed over four dozen pillow cases for the children served by Bethany for Children & Families! All of the pillow cases were placed in individual boxes that also included a card and other

Illinois City and Pine Bluff United Methodist Churches donated diapers, wipes, and other baby supplies as part of their annual March to the Manger. Thank you!



The Generosity of the Quad Cities



Bethany for Children & Families is grateful to St Ambrose University for generously donating dozens of chairs and tables. Contributions like this allow the agency to commit funds to support programs and services. It helps us fulfill our mission of keeping children safe, strengthening families, and building healthy communities.

Bethany was able to share this gift with several other agencies and non-profits in the Quad Cities who were also in need of office furniture.



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 for Children & Families. Congratulations to Vicki Burke and Deanna Solis, the agency's most recent MERIT winners.

Vicki Burke, Program Coordinator/IL-Foster Care/IL Licensing, is extremely positive and friendly, her positive attitude radiates to her staff, but clients as well. She has stepped up exponentially for the foster care unit. She continues to help find homes for new cases, coming in after hours, and always willing to assist her coworkers.



This month, Vicki went above and beyond to help with youth in crisis. She put in many extra hours this month, even after working all day, which shows just how dedicated she is to her clients and staff. Whether it is doing the licensing for guardianship or adoptions, supervising a visit, or completing legal screens, Vicki is always professional and works extremely hard to ensure clients' needs are met. Vicki's integrity to work with families, her team player mentality



Deanna Solis, Vice President/Chief Clinical Officer, celebrates 15 years working with Bethany this year. During this time, those working under her have described her as genuine, sincere, helpful, caring, patient, positive, supportive, and professional. She is always looking to help assist her employees by improving their skills.

When others are faced with a difficult case or related issue she is always there with optimism and a positive attitude to help assist clients work through any situation. Her leadership shows when she approaches employees with support and concern to ensure that situations are resolved in a positive manner.



Providing solid foundations

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

Center for Youth & Family Solutions

(309) 786-0770

cyfsolutions.org

Illinois Department of
Children & Family Services

(309) 794-3500

(815) 625-7594

dcfs.illinois.gov

Four Oaks Family Connections

(844) 380-2533

fouroaksfamilyconnections.org

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Recent Grants

Thank you to the following organizations for awarding grants to Bethany:

Harold R. Bechtel Trust: \$25,000 to Give Kids a Smile and \$25,000 to Mental Health services, for a total grant of \$50,000

Morency Family Charitable Giving Fund at the Quad Cities Community Foundation: \$15,000 for Foster Care and Homeless Youth

Scott County Regional Authority: \$15,000 for Give Kids a Smile

Sheila Murphy Foundation: \$15,000 for Mental Health services

Variety—the Children’s Charity of Iowa: \$10,000 for Give Kids a Smile

Dorothy & Bud Lundahl Charitable Trust: \$8,000 for laptops for case workers

Don E. & Charlotte Williams Charitable Foundation: \$7,500

RHS Foundation: \$5,000 for Maggie’s Fund

Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Trust: \$3,000 for Maggie’s Fund

Grant W. Brissman & Virginia M. Brissman Foundation at the **Quad Cities Community Foundation:** \$2,500 to Give Kids a Smile for residents of Milan, Illinois

Community Foundation of Jackson County: \$2,500 to Give Kids a Smile

American Honda Motor Co.: \$1,000 for Give Kids a Smile

Johnson-Watkins Family Foundation: \$1,000

Katie and Dan Molyneaux Charitable Giving Fund at the Quad Cities Community Foundation: \$1,000

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 a 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.

Carole and Jerry Reid decided to take their commitment to advance Bethany’s mission a step further by leaving the agency a bequest.

“When Jerry and I moved out of the area, I was disappointed to leave my Board position at Bethany. I now keep up with the agency from afar, and am pleased to continue my support. I believe in Bethany’s mission so deeply that making a bequest just made sense. We know that our gift will be used to serve the children of the Quad Cities region. Healthy children and strong families make a better world for us all.” -Carole Reid



Jerry and Carole Reid. Carole served on Bethany’s Board of Directors from 2010-2013 and was named an Honorary Director in 2013.



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

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.



Call (309) 797-7700 today

to support a safer, stronger,



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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 75 social workers, licensed counselors, case managers, and educators. With 22 programs and services, Bethany helps nearly 11,500 children and families annually.



Bethany Night at QC Storm

On Saturday, January 25, The Quad City Storm hosted Bethany night at the TaxSlayer Center. Bethany's staff and supporters enjoyed a fun time together.

We needed 75 tickets purchased through a special link in order for the QC Storm to make a donation. The agency met that goal, and more attendees purchased Chuck-a-pucks! This resulted in a successful fundraiser for Bethany. Thank you!



The Storm beat the Knoxville Ice Bears 5-4, scoring the winning goal with just 22 seconds left on the clock!

Jim Sanderlin, Callahan Herrig, and Ann Boyd selling Chuck-a-pucks before the game



Thanks for everyone who bought Chuck-a-pucks. We were excited to hear Hilary Condon and Mary Ann McLeod's names called as winners!



In Kind Drive: Diapers and Wipes

Each year, Bethany for Children & Families helps over 11,500 children and adults in the Quad Cities region. One category of items in which we are in constant need is diapers and wipes, especially diaper/pull-up sizes 3, 4, and 5!

Even the smallest donation can make a difference in someone's life. Your donation helps the following programs:

Direct Family Intervention

Foster Care

Housing Families Now

Intact Family Services

You can drop-off donations at our Moline location (1830 6th Ave) Monday-Friday between 8:30am-5:00pm. Thank you!



Just part of last year's Diapers and Wipes Drive!



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