

Bethany Receives Accreditation for Services



Bethany for Children & Families is pleased to announce that the Council on Accreditation has certified that the agency has once again successfully met all of the standards that govern the 22 different programs and services Bethany provides.

“Over the last 61 years, the services of Bethany for Children & Families (formerly Bethany Home) have been recognized as meeting the national standards for like services in the United States,” said Dr. Bill Steinhauser, President and CEO of Bethany. “Maintaining accreditation by meeting those service standards is a demanding and ongoing project, but it is clearly worthwhile. Congratulations to the staff and Board of Bethany!”

The Council on Accreditation (COA) is an international, independent, nonprofit, human service accrediting organization. Founded in 1977 by the Child Welfare League of America and Family Service America (now the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities), the COA mission is to partner with human service organizations worldwide to improve service delivery outcomes by developing, applying, and promoting accreditation standards. COA envisions excellence in the delivery of human services globally, resulting in the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.



The *Generosity* of the Quad Cities



Students at **Scott County Catholic Schools** donated 14,122 diapers and 24,000 baby wipes to Bethany and two other local charities as part of National Catholic Schools Week!

St. Andrew Church in Blue Grass, IA donated clothing and household items from the church's yard sale to Bethany's clothing pantry!



Members of the local chapter of the **Blue Thong Society** donated Easter baskets for students in the agency's Therapeutic Recreation Program!



Program Spotlight

Give Kids a Smile



The Give Kids a Smile dental program provides preventative and restorative dental care to children who do not have access to oral health care.

The community program aims to increase access to dental care to underserved, low-income children. This program is endorsed by the American Dental Association and is coordinated locally by the Give Kids a Smile Board of Advisors.

Services are available to children ages three to 17 who are at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, who have never been to a dentist, who do not have dental insurance, or who have Medicaid but cannot find a provider who accepts that type of insurance.



The Give Kids a Smile dental bus travels to schools in Rock Island, Scott, and Clinton Counties. Licensed dental staff members provide exams in the mobile clinic. An additional 94 general dentists and specialists provide follow-up care in their offices.

Children who qualify for this program receive the following dental services on the dental bus **free of charge**:

- Cleaning
- Examination
- Sealants (if appropriate)
- Fluoride treatment
- Education to improve oral health



Referrals for this program are through local school nurses, who send out a letter to parents and ask for signed consent so children may receive dental care at their school. For more information about Give Kids a Smile, contact Jeff Cornelius, Give Kids a Smile Program Supervisor, at jcornelius@bethany-qc.org or (309) 736-6627.

Volunteer *Opportunities*

Are you interested in donating some time to help Bethany meet challenges and achieve goals? Perhaps you know someone who has a service requirement at his or her school or workplace?

Bethany is searching for volunteers for a few upcoming events! If you are interested, please contact Jamie Hendry at (309) 736-6642 or jhendry@bethany-qc.org.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

Give Kids a Smile “goodie bags”

Fill bags with a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, and educational materials for children who receive dental care on the agency’s dental bus! This 1-2 hour activity takes is perfect for groups of all ages! This activity takes place at the agency’s Moline office, located at 1830 6th Avenue.



Wild 5—5K Run/Walk

Help monitor race course during the race to keep runners safe, pass out water to runners, and various other duties! All race proceeds benefit Bethany!

May 23 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

UnityPoint Health—Trinity

4500 Utica Ridge Road, Bettendorf

Color the Quads 5K Run/Color the Quads Kids Color Dash

Volunteer for the Color Crew to help with packet pick-up, set up the course, work the water station—there are many fun opportunities to pitch in! Bethany is a Charity Partner for the Color the Quads 5K. If you’re interested in volunteering, register at www.colorthequads.com. Volunteers must be 14 years or older.

May 30, 2015

Bettendorf

Birdies for Bethany!

***Birdies for Charity* is a fun way to support our mission!**

The 2015 John Deere Classic is July 6th-12th, and another opportunity to participate in a birdie pledge drive is just around the corner!

Birdies for Charity is an easy and fun way to donate to the programs and services offered by Bethany. Donations to the agency through *Birdies for Charity* are guaranteed a bonus of at least 5% — in 2014 the bonus was 10%.



Participation is easy! Simply guess the number of birdies that will be shot during the John Deere Classic, and then make a pledge per birdie! Once the tournament is complete, you will receive from *Birdies for Charity* a notice of the total pledge amount due. If you correctly guess the number of birdies, you could win the grand prize, a 2015 Lexus NX two year lease!

Bethany's bird number is 178—be sure to write it on your pledge form, which will be available at www.birdiesforcharity.com.

In 2014, the John Deere Classic and *Birdies for Charity* raised \$6.3 million for participating charities and non-profit organizations. This year, the donations from *Birdies for Charity* will help fund Bethany's individual and family services, providing assistance to children and adults who are at-risk due to poverty, abuse, or neglect.

If you would like additional information, please contact Joscelyn Stone, Director of Development & Communication for Bethany, at (309) 736-6644 or jstone@bethany-qc.org.



Volunteers Make a *Difference!*

Volunteers from Sheet Metal Workers Local 91 and Petersen Plumbing & Heating Company donated their talent to help Bethany restore a duplex in East Moline, Illinois. They sacrificed their Saturdays and worked in a **very** cold house to help improve a home for families in need and raise funds for Bethany! **Thank you** to our volunteers and community partners!





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.



Lisa Balk
January 2015
MERIT Award Winner

Lisa Balk is a Therapist in the School-Based Therapy Program. The nomination stated, “Lisa is always willing to go above and beyond the requirements of her position to serve her clients and their families. Lisa is driven to further strengthen the agency’s partnership with the Davenport Community School System by always being available to assist school staff and teachers. There have been several stressful scenarios that have taken place in or around the school where Lisa is the School-Based Therapist. Lisa has made herself available to staff and students to help them cope with the trauma of those scenarios while maintaining professionalism and confidentiality.”



Recent *Grants*

City of Rock Island Gaming Funds awarded \$3,750 for supplies for the Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth program.

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.

A few blood facts:

- An adult has approximately 10-12 pints of blood.
- About 1 in 7 hospital patients require a blood transfusion.
- More than 4.5 million people need blood transfusions each year.
- 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood, but less than 10% donate.

Each donation provides up to three patients with life-saving blood products. Be a hero to someone in our community! Give blood!

Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 23
12:00—3:00 p.m.
Bethany for Children & Families
1830 6th Avenue
Moline, Illinois 61265



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

Save the dates!

**2015 Downtown Moline Blood Drive Dates:
June 18, August 18, October 20, December 16**



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Save the date!
Whitey's[®]
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Cones for Kids!

Monday, June 22, 2015

All Quad City Area Whitey's Locations!

*Half of all cone sales will benefit the
programs and services of*





Saturday, May 24, 2014

6:30 - 7:45 am—Sign-in & registration

8:00—Run/Walk starts

UnityPoint Health-Trinity

4500 Utica Ridge Road, Bettendorf

Register Now!

Awards for fastest overall male & female and top three runners in 12 age categories!

Registration fee: \$26 before May 17; \$30 after May 17.

Includes Coolmax t-shirt. XXL an additional \$2.

Water and refreshments provided at post-race party at UnityPoint Health-Trinity Healing Garden.

Race proceeds benefit Bethany for Children & Families

For more information and to register online, visit www.bethany-qc.org





COLOR THE QUADS 5K RUN

Bethany for Children & Families is a Charity Partner for the 2015 Mel Foster Co. Color the Quads 5K Run! Bethany is delighted to be chosen as one of the charities to benefit from the race event.

The 2015 Color the Quads 5K will take place on Saturday, May 30, near Cumberland Square at 2300 Spruce Hills Drive, Bettendorf, IA. **Registration is now open!** Be sure to register early, since this event fills quickly!

For more information about Color the Quads or to volunteer to help on race day, please visit www.colorthequads.com.



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