



Bethany for Children & Families

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December, January, February 2024-2025

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Staff Sightings!



Ayiana Litt accepting a donation for the homeless programs.



Camryn Arps accepting a donation of handmade quilts for clients.



Christina McNamara-Schmidt picking up Angel Tree donations from Quad City Bank & Trust.



Foster Care Caseworkers dressed up as Inside Out 2 characters for Halloween!

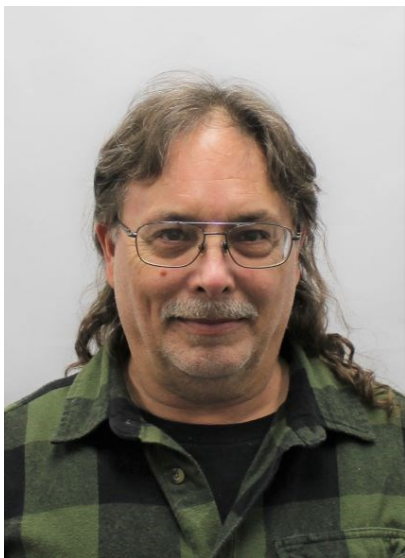
Community Celebration



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July - September MERIT Award Winner



Congratulations to Bill Herrick! Bill is the maintenance engineer based out of the 1701 River Drive location.

Bill's nomination stated: "Bill's knowledge and craft has been of incredible value to Bethany. He is quick to offer help when there is a need. From vehicle maintenance to the furniture program, to elevator repairs and painting walls. We have had many updates and needs within the facilities we maintain, and we can depend on him to get things done and not do it halfway. For example, the doors on second floor, he built a beautiful sliding door to accommodate the office space and needs along with the file room doors, the front office and the secure doors for the lobby. One thing I have very much admired about Bill is his willingness to learn new things and educate others. Bill has been an instrumental piece to not only Bethany but the tenants in our building as well. They know they can reach out to us to have someone knowledgeable get their maintenance needs met. We are a strong team because we have someone with his skills and capabilities, and I truly hope he gets recognized for the hard work and dedication to Bethany and mission."

Keep up the great work Bill!

Welcome



Kennedy Baker
Case Manager
Phoenix Program



Belinda Gibeau
Nurse Practitioner
Bridgeview



Kristy Polenske
Mobile Dental Clinic
Operator



Ayiana Litt
Case Manager
Homeless Programs



Bailey Ryan
School Based Therapist
Mental Health



Andy Anderson
IHH Care Coordinator
Bridgeview



Alex Nelson
Child Welfare Assistant
Foster Care



Lupe Nache Vital
Case Manager
Foster Care



Darcy Cox
Nurse Manager
Bridgeview

December Birthdays

John Darsidan

Janitor
Bridgeview

Victoria Burke

Supervisor
Foster care



Julie Swanson

Mental Health Therapist
Bridgeview



Erin Koch
Receptionist
Bridgeview



Kristy Polenske

Mobile Dental Clinic Operator
Give Kids a Smile



Emily Whitaker
Child Welfare Specialist
Foster Care



Kimberly Kim

Prevention Specialist
Prevention Education



Melissa McKenna
Program Supervisor
Intact



Bailey Ryan

Mental Health Therapist
Bridgeview



Kat Wilkerson
Child Welfare Assistant
Foster Care



Halley Holm

Case Manager
Therapeutic Recreation Program



January Birthdays



Clay Huffstutler
Supervisor
Therapeutic Recreation Program



Jennifer Feller
Community Support Supervisor
Bridgeview



Michelle Loy
Case Manager
Phoenix Program



John Ramser
Mental Health Therapist
Bridgeview



Jessica Byczynski
Supervisor
Prevention Education

February Birthdays



Andra Eggers
Mental Health Nurse
Bridgeview



Brian Fassett
Accounting Specialist
Finance



Nancy Shaffer
Supervisor
Homeless Programs



Teresa Babers
Wrap Service Coordinator
Wraparound



Joan Anderson
Nurse Practitioner
Bridgeview



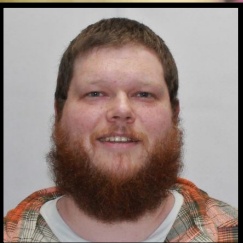
Josh Meyer
Qualified Psychiatric
Rehabilitation Practitioner
Bridgeview



Collen Colbrese
Case Manager
Therapeutic Recreation
Program



McKenzie Waddell
Child Welfare Specialist
Intact



Nicholas Widger
Case Manger
Phoenix Program



Taylor May
Child Welfare Specialist
Foster Care



Kris Sanchez
Child Welfare Specialist
Intact

Years of Service

37 Years

Leta Cary

Program Supervisor
Phoenix

5 Years

Ellen Nagle

Program Supervisor
Foster Care

31 Years

Gretchen Hagen

Director of Human Resources
HR

5 Years

Tracy Bredekamp

Billing Supervisor
Bridgeview

25 Years

Cyndee Felske

Foster Care Permanency Achievement Specialist
Foster Care

5 Years

Annemarie Chambliss

Mental Health Therapist
Bridgeview

22 Years

Vickie Wickersham

Child Welfare Specialist
Intact

5 Years

John Ramser

Mental Health Therapist
Bridgeview

20 Years

Glinda Gonzalez

Office Manager
Bridgeview

4 Years

Janea Jacobs

Wrap Service Coordinator
Wraparound

10 Years

Denise Lingle

IHH Care Coordinator
Bridgeview

3 Years

Abigail Alexander

Child Welfare Specialist
Intact

5 Years

Denise LeBlanc

Receptionist
Bridgeview

3 Years

Sue Morelock-Putnam

QA, Accreditation and Compliance Specialist
Administrative

Years of Service

3 Years

Christina McNamara-Schmidt

Director of Development and Communication
Development

1 Year

Diana Leal

Child Welfare Specialist
Foster Care

3 Years

Becky Kroymann

Qualified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner
Bridgeview

1 Year

Lily Eastman

Quality Assurance Coordinator
Wraparound

2 Years

Patti Robinson

Associate Division Director
Bridgeview

1 Year

Kimberly Kim

Prevention Specialist
Prevention Education

2 Years

Robert Husemann

Nurse Practitioner
Bridgeview

1 Year

Abbie Griffin

Child Welfare Specialist
Foster Care

2 Years

Amy Adams

Mental Health Therapist
Bridgeview

1 Year

Tim Jensen

Child Welfare Specialist
Foster Care

2 Years

Sarah Thayer

Human Resources Coordinator - Payroll
HR

1 Year

Gena Hummel

Account Services Supervisor
Bridgeview

2 Years

Rachel Taylor

Child Welfare Specialist
Foster Care

1 Year

Toni Johnston

Receptionist
Office

2 Years

Bill Herrick

Maintenance Engineer
Operations

Staff Spotlight



Melody Mosenfelder

GKAS Program Manager
GKAS

How long have you been with Bethany? Just over one year.

What is your favorite kind of weather? Spring.

Are you an introvert or extrovert? Extrovert.

What is your favorite local restaurant? El Compita Mexican restaurant .

What kind of things do you like to do to relax? Listen to music, watch Hallmark movies and drink wine with my mom, spend time with my kids, and hangout with my friends.

What is one piece of advice you will never forget? Don't set yourself on fire to keep others warm.

What would your superpower be and why? Healing others because helping others feel better is priceless.

Do you prefer mountains, beach, desert, plains, or forests? Beach but I love beautiful fall colors as well.



Sarah Thayer

Human Resources Coordinator - Payroll
HR

How long have you been at Bethany? 1 year.

What kind of music do you listen to? Anything from 80's hair bands to country to rap to gospel.

What's the best place you've traveled to? The Grand Canyon.

What's the best book you've read recently? Friends, Lovers, & The Big Terrible Thing by Matthew Perry.

What is your favorite local restaurant? Dead Poets Espresso.

What's your favorite movie? The 10 Things I Hate About You.

Do you have any hidden talents or hobbies? Photography is my passion and my hobby.

What is your favorite holiday? Why? Good Friday/Easter. I have had a lot of life defining and divine experiences around those times.

What would be your superpower? Why? Empathy because it's how I connect with others and it keeps my judgement in check.

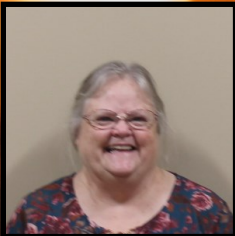
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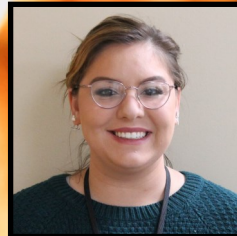
Tammy Bachelder
Bridgeview



Mandi Illuvias
Bethany



Sheryl Tingley
Bridgeview



Katelynn Ramirez
Bethany



Robyn Landon
Bridgeview



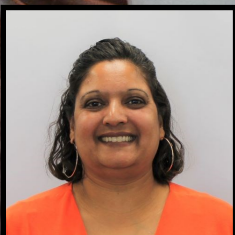
Alycia Griffith
Bethany



Nic Schluensen
Bridgeview



Lynette Kirk
Bethany



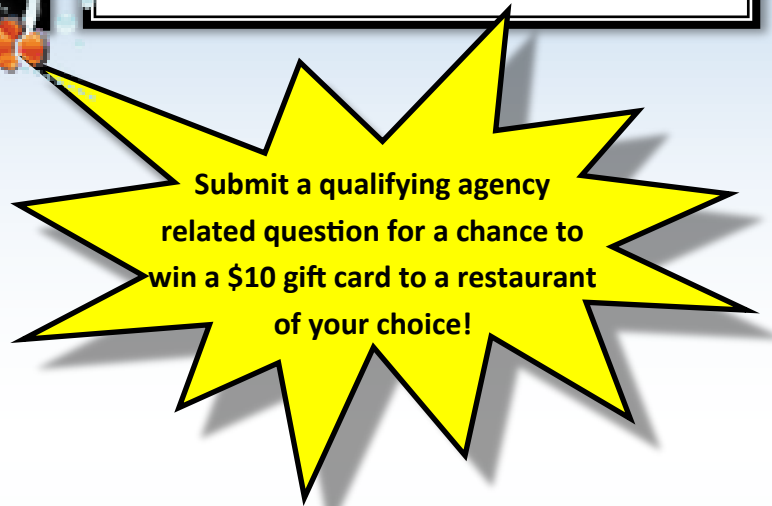
Nikki Munson
Bethany



**Do you have an issue,
question or topic you would
like investigated?**

EARC is on the case!

Submit your questions to Camryn Arps.



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the Employee Appreciation and Recognition Committee.

**Do you have any comments, questions, newsworthy items, staff photos, or program
information that you would like to share in upcoming editions of the 411?**

Contact Camryn Arps at carps@bethany-qc.org

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