

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

National Children's Dental Health Month

Bethany is a proud supporter of **National Children's Dental Health Month**. The month-long observance that takes place in February brings together thousands of dedicated dental professionals, healthcare providers, and educators to promote the benefits of good oral health to children, their caregivers, teachers, parents, and many others.

Bethany understands the importance of good oral health care. In addition to dental care provided on the mobile dental clinic, the program educates children on the importance of brushing and flossing, and provides each child with a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, and educational materials.

Did you know that Bethany's Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program serves **nearly 3,500 children at 129 schools** in the Quad Cities region? Children who qualify for the program receive dental cleanings, examinations, fluoride treatments, and sealants. If necessary, follow-up care for fillings, extractions, and root canals is available through Bethany's network of dental care providers throughout the Quad Cities.



Warm Beds for the Holidays

On December 12, 2018, **Slumberland Furniture Stores of Davenport and Moline** donated 38 brand new twin-size mattress sets to Bethany for Children & Families. The donation is part of Slumberland Furniture's annual Making Homes for the Holidays program. This is the 10th year that Slumberland has donated beds to Bethany. Besides the new mattress, clients also received a box spring and frame.



Bill Steinhauser, President and CEO for Bethany for Children & Families, said, "This generous donation from Slumberland Furniture ensures that 38 people in the Quad City area have comfortable beds this holiday season. The Making Homes for the Holidays program is a generous and kind way of helping individuals in need — by making sure they are able to have a warm and restful night's sleep, affecting life at home, school, work, and in the community."



In October, Bethany also received a donation of 25 brand news beds from **Ashley HomeStore** to celebrate the new store in Moline. Each bed included a mattress, frame, and even bedding!



This donation is part of Ashley Furniture's Hope to Dream program, which has donated over 50,000 beds to charities since 2010.

The Generosity of the Quad Cities



Annie from **NAI Ruhl Commercial Company** stopped by Bethany's office in downtown Moline to donate the proceeds of a jeans day at the Ruhl offices!

Maggie visited Bethany to drop off these beautiful knitted hats, scarves, and gloves! Our friends at **The Center for Active Seniors (CASI)** knitted them for the children we serve! Thank you for helping keep the kids we serve warm this winter season!



The Golden Bobbin Girls sewing group made 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 goodies!

A huge thank you to the staff and students at **Erie High School**. They donated 131 brand new pairs of pajamas and 62 new books! Scholastic will match their donation and send Bethany another 62 books for the children we serve! They also raised and donated \$100 to Bethany.



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Fourth graders at **Millikin Elementary School** in Geneseo participated in Scholastic's "Tenth Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive" and collected 101 brand new pajamas for the children served by Bethany!

The children and families served by Bethany will have warm feet this winter thanks to **DuTrac Community Credit Union!** They collected and donated hundreds of new pairs of socks!



Employees at **Deere & Company's** corporate office in Moline gathered gifts for dozens of children served by Bethany and delivered the gifts right to our front door! Thank you so much for making the holidays extra special for these children!



Thank you to the staff at **UnitedHealthcare's** office in downtown Moline! Employees collected Christmas gifts for children served by Bethany!



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Bethany is very grateful to receive support from the **Village of Carbon Cliff**! This is the second year in a row that the Village has provided a Thanksgiving meal for students at the Bethany Black Hawk Phoenix Day Treatment program!

The **Craftsmen Cares Foundation** and **Craftsmen Utility Trailer** of Davenport collected gifts for 10 children and also donated additional money to support Bethany's holiday giving program.



Thank you to **First Presbyterian Church of Davenport** for helping 100 children this Christmas season!

Employees at **Quad City Bank & Trust** donated Christmas gifts for children in need. Thank you!



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Over \$13.4 million dollars was raised through Birdies for Charity and the **John Deere Classic** this year! This money is going to 534 different local and regional charities, including Bethany for Children & Families! Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this a record-breaking year!

Group Services donated food baskets to help Bethany provide holiday meals to families in need.



A huge thank you to **First Congregational Church in Moline**. They donated 15 laundry baskets full of brand new hygiene products and household cleaning supplies for the children and families served by Bethany!

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Thank you to **Shangri-la Salon & Day Spa** for providing a more special Christmas to 20 children this year.



The **Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station** donated the proceeds of their employee fundraising campaign to three local charities, including Bethany for Children & Families. Thank you so much!



Thank you to staff at **John Deere Seeding** for donating gifts to help 47 children through the holiday giving program at Bethany for Children & Families.



As part of their December service project, members of the **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley** put together care packages for clients in Bethany's homeless programs!



Thank you to staff at **AT&T Illinois in Rock Island** for your help in making the season brighter for children served by Bethany for Children & Families.

Community Celebration 2018

On November 3, Bethany for Children & Families hosted its 2018 Community Celebration to honor the exceptional community members who are dedicated to improving the lives of children in the Quad Cities. Bethany is very fortunate to work with such amazing people! Thank you to everyone who attended!



The Ruth Evelyn Katz Adoptive Family of the Year Award was presented to **John & Sarah Huber**.



Tim & Markaye Eastman received the Foster Family of the Year Award.



Dr. Kit Evans-Ford, founder of Argrow's House of Healing and Hope, received the Community Champion of the Year Award.

Community Celebration 2018



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Program Spotlight—Phoenix

The Bethany Black-Hawk Phoenix Day Treatment Program offers special education services, case management services, and interventions to area youth who are at risk of disrupting from their homes of origin and being placed in a residential setting. Treatment is based on each student's individualized educational plan (IEP). The Phoenix Day Treatment Program assists students between the ages of 11 and 22 who have demonstrated severe behavioral and emotional problems and who have been unsuccessful in their home school districts. The program is run by Bethany for Children & Families and the Black Hawk Area Special Education District (BHASSED).



Phoenix Graduation - May 2018

Bethany for Children & Families provides extensive individual and family counseling to participants of the Phoenix Program. Family counseling can take place in the home and outside of traditional school hours, if necessary. The Phoenix Program also maintains a strong emphasis on case coordination through maintenance of relationships with mental health systems, private agencies, DCFS, court, probation, and parole.

The Phoenix Program successfully maintains over 90% of placed students in their homes and in the local community. Through a combination of specialized educational services and extensive counseling and therapeutic supports, the graduation rate for freshman is 85% after four to five years, well above the usual graduation rate of 40% to 50% cited by research of behavior day treatment programs. A core special education curriculum of academics adjusted to individual student needs as well as a strong emphasis on social skills training is presented by dedicated and skilled special education teachers, paraprofessionals, and the social work/counseling staff.

Shop With a Cop

On December 11, students of the Bethany Black-Hawk Phoenix Day Treatment Program participated in Shop with a Cop for the first time ever! The **Rock Island County Sheriff's Department** raises money every year for its annual Cops and Kids Christmas program and invited four Phoenix kids to come along this year.

On the day of the event, local law enforcement get paired with a child and get to shop for the family. Shop with a Cop provides a fun-filled day for children while creating positive relationships with law enforcement.

It was a great experience for the students, and they loved picking out gifts for their families! A big thank you to the Rock Island County Sheriff's Office for inviting our kids!



Recent Grants

The **Grant W. Brissman & Virginia M. Brissman Foundation** awarded the Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program a grant of \$2,500 to help uninsured children in Milan, Illinois.

The **Kiwanis Club of Rock Island** awarded a grant of \$1,000 to support Bethany's Prevention Education services in Rock Island schools.

The **Regional Development Authority** awarded a grant of \$25,000 to help uninsured children in the Quad Cities receive critical dental and mental health services.

The **Rock Island Community Foundation** awarded a grant of \$3,000 to Bethany's Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program for uninsured children in Rock Island, Illinois.

The **Theisen's More for Your Community** grant program awarded \$1,500 to support Bethany's mental health services.

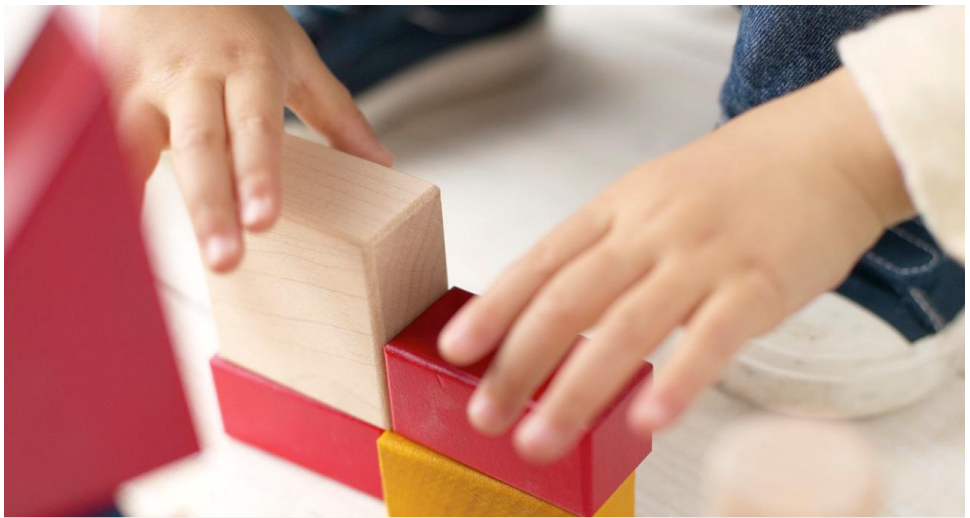
The **Scott County Regional Authority** awarded \$15,000 to Bethany's Give Kids a Smile mobile dental program to help provide services to uninsured children in Scott County.

Delta Dental of Iowa awarded \$4,481 to Bethany's Give Kids a Smile program to purchase dental equipment for the mobile dental clinic.

Three Cheers for Volunteers

Employees from **Markman Peat Corporation** stopped by Bethany to help with mailing preparation for the coming year. If you are interested in individual or small group volunteering, please call (309) 797-7700.





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.

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Center for Youth & Family Solutions
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cyfsolutions.org

Illinois Department of
Children & Family Services
(309) 794-3500
(815) 625-7594
dcfs.illinois.gov

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(309) 786-6400
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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.

In-Kind Contributions

Your donations of hygiene products, cleaning supplies, dental care items, school supplies, furniture, appliances, and diapers directly benefit the children and families we serve.



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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 70 social workers, licensed counselors, case managers, and educators. With 22 programs and services, Bethany helps nearly 10,000 children and families annually.

Baby Shower Benefits Bethany

WQAD Denise Hnytka and her husband are expecting their second baby, and Good Morning Quad Cities anchor WQAD Jonathan Ketz and his wife are expecting their first!

To celebrate, the **WQAD** team and **Genesis** hosted a community-wide baby shower for the families served by Bethany!

On November 14, 2018, people stopped by Bethany's Moline office to drop off new baby items!

Thank you to everyone who donated and a big thank you to WQAD and Genesis for organizing and



WQAD Good Morning Quad Cities Anchor Jonathan Ketz and WQAD Reporter Lauren Jackson broadcasted from Bethany to publicize the event and encourage donations.



In Kind Drive: Hygiene Products

Each year, Bethany for Children & Families helps over 10,000 children and adults in the Quad Cities. One category of items in which we are in constant need of is personal hygiene products.

Even the smallest donation can help an individual get his or her life back together. Feeling clean in class can help improve academic performance, having clean hair can help with confidence at that "big break" job interview, and having clean kids can improve the health of the family as a whole.



Please consider a donation of new **full-size** hygiene products, including...

*baby wipes
bar soap
bodywash
brushes/combs
conditioner
cotton swabs
deodorant
diapers (all sizes)
disposable razors
face wash
facial tissues
feminine hygiene products
floss/flossers*

*hand sanitizer
lip balm
lotion
mouthwash
nail clippers
paper towels
shampoo
shaving cream
toothbrushes
toothpaste
tweezers
washcloths*



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