



Serving the bi-state community since 1899 FEBRUARY

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**Nominations for 2009 Family Awards**

If there is someone you know, a family, a company, or area business that should be recognized for their contribution to our community, please take a minute to nominate them for consideration for a family award. Nomination forms can be

found on our website at [www.bethany-qc.org](http://www.bethany-qc.org). Winners will receive their honors at the Family Awards dinner on Thursday, November 19, 2009.

**Bethany is going Greener**

**Help reduce paper consumption**

Would you like to receive the Bethany bi-line electronically? Please e-mail Katie at [kshelangouski@bethany-qc.org](mailto:kshelangouski@bethany-qc.org) to receive our monthly publication by e-mail.



*Save the Date*



**Administrative Professionals' Day annual luncheon**

Plan now to bring your administrative professional to Bethany's Administrative Professionals' Week luncheon Friday, April 17th, at the NEW Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf. This event includes lunch, dueling piano performers from Nan's Piano Bar, and lots of door prizes! Additional information coming soon.



# MERIT *Award*

MOTIVATION
EXCELLENCE
RESPONSIBILITY
INTEGRITY
TEAM WORK



The monthly MERIT award recognizes an employee for distinguished service to the agency. MERIT awardees are nominated by their peers and are recognized for their outstanding service to children and families served by Bethany.

## Monthly Award Winners

(Beginning fiscal year 2008)

July 2008



Quincy Davis

August 2008



Evena Wash

September 2008



Erin Pottorf

November 2008



Valerie Waydeman

December 2008



Amy Phillips

January 2009



Mary Ann McCleod  
and her "elves"

## Recent *Grants* and *Gifts*

Riverboat Development Authority	\$24,000
Citigroup Foundation	\$5,000
Davenport Community School District	\$3,000
Diocese of Davenport	\$2,500
Weerts Funeral Home	\$2,500
Mr. & Mrs. John Potter	\$2,000
Rock Island Community Foundation	\$1,445
Alcoa Foundation*	\$1,000
Charles Deere-Wiman Trust	\$1,000
Deere & Company	\$1,000
IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union*	\$1,000
John Deere Foundation*	\$1,000
First Midwest Bank of Moline Trust*	\$500
Per Mar Security*	\$500
Tri City Building Trades*	\$500

\*Sponsorship for Family Awards night

### Quiet donor leaves generous gift

Bethany for Children & Families is pleased to recognize Carol Brundage for her gift of \$48,000. This generous donation comes from a very generous heart, one that has made a lifelong commitment to caring for children and families.



**Carol Brundage**  
1918-2008

Carol was employed as an administrative assistant to Miss Margarite N. Brooks, administrator of the former Moline Public Hospital, for 25 years. Previously, she taught business education at Mineral High School.

Good deeds that spawn other good deeds, a contagion of good deeds makes a difference, one child, one family at a time.

If you would like to include Bethany in your will, please contact Jenny Hager at 309.736.6633.

A night to *honor*, a night to *embrace*



## 2008 Family Awards night

Bethany for Children & Families celebrated National Family Week by honoring outstanding families in the Quad Cities area at our 2008 Family Awards Night.

On November 19th, over 200 people gathered at the i wireless Center in Moline, Illinois, to honor families and individuals who have taken upon themselves a cause that helps children and families.

### FOSTER FAMILY OF THE YEAR



Carmen, Richard, Halle, Mark, and Havyn Fish

### CORPORATE FRIEND OF THE FAMILY



Modern Woodmen of America  
(Tammy and Ken Massey)

### MARGARET BROOKS EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



Mary Jo Slocum, Clay Huffstutler,  
Jamie Walker, Deanna Solis



### ADOPTIVE FAMILY OF THE YEAR



Murena Iniguez

### ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR



The Honorable John G. Mullen

### LEADERSHIP FAMILY OF THE YEAR



Jon, Michelle, Norma, Sue, and Jeff Tunberg  
(Whitey's Ice Cream)

'Twas the season to *give*, and give you *did!*



Hy-Vee managers along with Shayne McCartney of United Healthcare and Bethany employees gather around the bags of food.

### **Local businesses join together and make a difference**

United Healthcare and Hy-Vee teamed up on November 25th to lend a hand to needy families in the community by packaging and dropping off over 60 food baskets for Thanksgiving dinner. Included in the baskets was a ham, potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, rolls, pie crust, and more!



Gifts donated by Midland Communications.

### **Angel Tree - gifts galore**

Over 400 children and families received toys, clothes, electronics, coats, and much more this holiday thanks to area businesses and generous individuals in the Quad Cities.



Gifts donated by The Rock Island Arsenal.

## Angel Tree event a huge success

The agency-wide Christmas gift collection and distribution project is an annual event for Bethany. It is an event that ensures that each child and many families currently on the agency's caseload receives a gift in celebration of Christmas. It requires, though, a considerable amount of coordination, communication, and detail-oriented follow-through.

This year, Mary Ann McLeod and her many able helpers did more with less and ensured that case managers and skill development staff throughout the agency had the gifts that they needed for the children and families on their case load. Mary Ann and her helpers did this on top of their considerable regular duties. Thank you, Mary Ann, and your "elves," for making the holidays a little brighter for our children and families.



**Mary Ann and her "elves"**

Back: Brenda Dahlstrom, David Umphrey, Mary Ann McCleod, Wendy Burrows, Karen Relf Front: Pat McKillip, Evena Wash

Thanks to the following area businesses who donated gifts for children and families in need this season:

Berry Plastics  
Bethany Board of Directors  
Circa '21 Dinner Playhouse  
John Deere  
First Congregational Church  
Healing Hands Wellness Center  
Hy-Vee/United Healthcare  
Individual Donors  
Midland Communications  
QC Community Healthcare  
Rock Island Arsenal  
Rivermont Collegiate  
Salvation Army



## Bethany bi-line seeks new name

We need your help! Do you have a fun, creative name for our publication? We'd love to hear it! Please send all entries to [info@bethany-qc.org](mailto:info@bethany-qc.org) by February 27th. The winner and the new name will be revealed in the March issue.

This monthly publication is aimed to keep you informed of Bethany news, current events, and to highlight the positive impact the agency's services have in our community.