

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

Serving the bi-state community since 1899

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Administrative Professionals' Day

Honor your administrative professional by taking him/her to lunch at the NEW Quad Cities Waterfront Convention Center. For only \$20.00 per person, enjoy a delicious lunch and dessert while singing along with the dueling pianos from Nan's Piano Bar.

Purchase a raffle ticket and be eligible to win a sterling silver PANDORA bracelet courtesy of Necker's Jewelers, an overnight stay at the Isle of Capri, or a one night stay in Des Moines!

Administrative Professionals' Day Luncheon

Friday, April 17, 2009

QC Waterfront Convention Center
2021 State Street
Bettendorf, Iowa

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

\$20.00 per person

Featuring dueling pianos from
Nan's Piano Bar

To register, visit our website
www.bethany-qc.org
or call Fran at 309.736.6642.

Please RSVP no later than April 14



Event sponsors



Awards and *Excellence*

MOTIVATION
EXCELLENCE
RESPONSIBILITY
INTEGRITY
TEAM WORK



February 2009
Award Winner



Kathy Jensen
Iowa Family Case Manager

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.



25 Years at Bethany

Fran Harvell, Development and Marketing Administrative Assistant, celebrated 25 years at Bethany for Children & Families. Fran was recognized at the agency all staff meeting on April 3rd for her outstanding dedication and commitment to furthering the agency's mission of keeping kids safe and helping parents care for their children.

When asked what her most memorable moment at Bethany was, she responded, "I will never forget how thankful I was on my first day back to work after my (car) accident. I missed the people I worked with and missed the job that I do." Fran was in a serious automobile accident in the Fall of 2007 and was on leave for almost three months. She even returned to work wearing a full head halo. Thank you, Fran, for your commitment to the agency!



Fran with her anniversary cake.

New Name Revealed for Bethany bi-line

The Buzz @ Bethany, formerly *The Bethany bi-line*, has been renamed as part of a series to brand ourselves in the community. Judy White, of Taylor Ridge, submitted the name during our contest in February, and won! Judy will receive a Bethany coffee mug, and a copy of *The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander*, by bestselling author Barbara Coloroso.

The goal of the agency bi-monthly publication is to keep you informed of Bethany news, current events, and to highlight the positive impact the agency's services have in our community. Stay tuned for the June issue of *The Buzz @ Bethany* using the marketing e-mail service, Constant Contact.

Bethany *Current* Events

BLOOD DRIVE



Mississippi Valley Regional
Blood Center

Did you know that every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood? Bethany employees and individuals from surrounding businesses gave an estimated twelve pints of blood at the Bethany blood drive on



Amy Phillips, Case Manager for Iowa Family Services, smiles as she squeezes her fist to help pump the blood at Bethany's first blood drive.

Thursday, March 25. Nurses from the Mississippi Regional Blood Center set up three stations in the Bethany gymnasium and made donors feel very comfortable and relaxed. Blood drive organizer Pat McKillip said he was past due for a donation and thought it would be a good idea to give others the opportunity to donate by bringing the blood drive to them. Donors went through a series of tests checking their vital signs, answering questions, and relating their past donation history before they were able to donate. During the approximately 30 minutes it took to donate, most participants said it was painless and said that the staff from the blood center were excellent.



National Social Worker Month

Special thank you to the following businesses:



Clay Huffstutler, Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor, and Leta Cary, Phoenix Day Treatment Program Supervisor, enjoy some breakfast pizza, compliments of Happy Joe's Pizza.

Each Friday during the month of March, Bethany employees enjoyed a special treat in honor of National Social Worker Month. This is an annual opportunity for the profession to celebrate the work that is done and to look toward a promising future for the children and families in our community.



Employees enjoyed breakfast pizza, compliments of Happy Joe's Pizza; ice cream sundaes from Lagomarcino's; and salads and sandwiches, compliments of Hy-Vee, Moline.



Teri Hayes, Accounting Assistant, dishes up a salad and sandwich donated from Hy-Vee, Moline.

Upcoming *Events* and *Fundraisers*

The Ultimate Doo-Wop Show

Saturday, June 20, 2009

Adler Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Bethany for Children & Families invites you to go back in time and listen to the vintage sounds of the '50s and '60s when it hits the **Adler Theatre on Saturday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m.** Mark your calendars now and get ready for an evening of thrilling nostalgia and first class entertainment!



136 E. 3rd St., Davenport

As seen on PBS, this is the ultimate gathering of Doo-Wop performers who have sold over 80 million records and recorded some of America's most recognizable classic hits!

This fundraiser will benefit the programs of Bethany for Children & Families and help Bethany continue its mission of keeping kids safe and helping parents care for their children. Show your support and go back to the doo-wop era of soda pop, poodle skirts, and sock hops. Like a first love, this is music that no one ever forgets.

Be-Bop Before the Doo Wop

Doo Wop Show VIP Pre-Party

River Center, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

A \$67.00 ticket includes VIP seating and a VIP pre-show party with a "Meet and Greet" with the artists. Also enjoy '50s and '60s food and beverages! For more information, please contact Jenny at jhager@bethany-qc.org.



Tickets are:

\$27.00, \$40.00, \$67.00 (VIP ticket)

Tickets are available for sale starting April 13th at the Adler Theatre Box Office, Ticketmaster.com, charge by phone 800-745-3000, or Ticketmaster outlets including select Hy-Vee, Younkers, and Mailboxes and Parcel Depots.





THE ULTIMATE DOO-WOP SHOW

FROM THE ROCK 'N ROLL HALL OF FAME
THE DRIFTERS *As Seen on PBS!*
FEATURING CHARLIE THOMAS
*On Broadway, There Goes My Baby, Up on the Roof, This Magic Moment
Dance with Me, Save the Last Dance for Me, Some Kind of Wonderful*

JIMMY CLANTON
Just a Dream, Venus in Blue Jeans, Go Jimmy Go

KATHY YOUNG
A Thousand Stars, Honest I Do

RHYTHM & BLUES FOUNDATION PIONEER AWARD WINNERS
THE ORIGINAL SPANIELS
*WITH A TRIBUTE TO JAMES "POOKIE" HUDSON
Goodnight Sweetheart, Baby It's You, Bells Ring out, So Deep Within*

LEGACY AWARD WINNERS
THE ELDORADOS
*Crazy Little Mama, Bim Bam Boom, My Lovin' Baby, At My Front Door,
I'll Be Forever Loving You*

DADDY G & THE CHURCH STREET FIVE
A Night with Daddy G, Quarter to Three, C.C. Rider

THE EDSELS
Rama Lama Ding Dong

THE SWINGIN' HIPSTERS

THE FLAT CATS
Buzz Buzz Buzz

**8 ARTISTS
OVER 80 MILLION
RECORDS SOLD!**

Bethany Program *Spotlight*



The *Ways to Work* Program helps parents obtain an affordable loan to purchase a reliable used car that will assist him/her in maintaining a job, improve his/her

education, and meet his/her children's needs. This unique program provides up to \$4,000 in low-interest financing to low-to-moderate income families.

Applicants must have a child under the age of 18 for whom they have financial responsibility; be employed or in school; and be unable to acquire funding from traditional sources.

All applications are anonymously reviewed by a loan committee made up of area professionals who are not employed by Bethany for Children & Families.



Quincy Scaggs, National Operations Manager from the *Ways to Work* Program, and Pat McKillip, local Program Coordinator, met on March 17, to discuss future funding for the program.

Program Coordinator, Pat McKillip, said that the program helps applicants not only gain access to credit for purchasing a car, but also helps improve his/her credit score while maintaining or improving their employment situation.



Caleb Pettigrew takes the wheel as he and his mother, Sharita, sit in the car that Sharita bought with help from the *Ways to Work* Program.

Photo from *The Dispatch/Argus*

Ways to Work Program success story:

An applicant in her mid-20's came to the program, never having owned a car before. She received a car loan through the *Ways to Work* Program. Because she now has transportation allowing her to work any shift, she has been promoted at work with a double-digit pay raise. She noted she is able to spend more time with her child and is able to enjoy going places she and her children have not been before.

Editor's note: Bethany for Children & Families was graciously awarded \$16,940 from the Scott County Regional Authority for a technology upgrade package in Fall, 2008. The agency apologizes for the error as the grant was not included in the February 2009 issue of the *Bethany Bi-line*.

A Birthday Wish

When asked what she wanted for her birthday, Camille Thoms said she wanted to give all of her gifts to other children, kids who needed them. Camille's wish came true on February 9th when she and her mom, Cosette, delivered bags full of presents to Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP).

The TRP is an after-school program that serves children ages 8-17, from school districts in the Illinois Quad-City metro area, who have displayed behavior issues. The gifts will be placed in the program's "store," and kids who are celebrating birthdays or other special occasions will be allowed to choose one to take home.

Camille first got the idea to donate her gifts after watching *Oprah's "Big Give"* this past summer. After receiving a list of items for the TRP, kids brought items to her party such as Hannah Montana dolls, basketballs, silly putty, and other games and activities. Thank you, Camille, for your generosity and for setting a great example for others!



Camille stands in front of her donated birthday gifts in the Therapeutic Recreation Program room her family donated to the agency.

Save the *Date* ~ Back by popular demand!

Barbara Coloroso, an internationally recognized speaker and author in the areas of parenting, teaching, school discipline, non-violent conflict resolution and reconciliatory justice is back to enlighten and educate in an entertaining way.



Please save the date for Tuesday, September 15th at the i-wireless Center for Barbara's educational presentation of *The Bully, Bullied, and the Bystander* at 8:30 a.m. and an evening presentation to parents at 6:30 p.m. of *Kid's are Worth It*.

She is the author of four international bestsellers: *Kids are worth it!*; *Giving Your Child the Gift of Inner Discipline*; *Parenting Through Crisis: Helping Kids in Times of Loss, Grief and Change*; *The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander*; *Just Because It's Not Wrong Doesn't Make It Right*; and her latest book, *Extraordinary Evil: A Brief History of Genocide and Why It Matters*. Visit Barbara Coloroso's website at: www.kidsareworthit.com

