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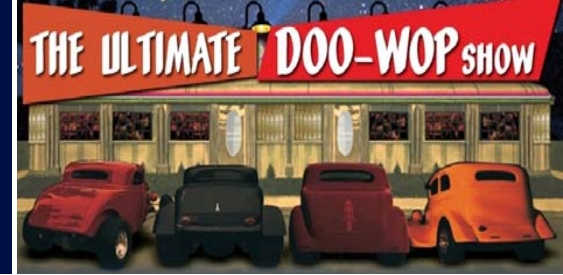
The BUZZ @ Bethany

For Children & Families

Serving the bi-state community since 1899 JUNE 2009

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An all hits show featuring:

THE DRIFTERS JIMMY CLANTON THE ORIGINAL SPANIELS
 THE ELDORADOS THE FLAT CATS KATHY YOUNG THE EDSELS
 DADDY G & THE CHURCH STREET FIVE

The Ultimate Doo-Wop Show

Saturday, June 20, 2009
 Adler Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

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! Mark your calendars now and get ready for an evening of thrilling nostalgia and first class entertainment! This fundraiser benefits the programs of Bethany for Children & Families. Come and show your support!



Be-Bop Before the Doo-Wop

Doo-Wop Show VIP Pre-Party
 River Center, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

A \$67 ticket includes VIP seating and a VIP pre-show party with a "meet and greet" with the artists. Get your picture taken with the stars! Also enjoy '50s and '60s food and beverages.

Ticket Information

\$27, \$40, \$67 (VIP ticket)

Tickets are available for sale 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.

Event sponsors



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Awards and Excellence

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.



March 2009
Award Winner



Pat McKillip
Ways-to-Work Program Coordinator

April 2009
Award Winner



Ronda Brown
Iowa Family Services Case Manager

Promotions @ Bethany

Bethany for Children & Families is pleased to announce the following promotions:



Jon Backstrom

Jon Backstrom has been promoted to Therapist II. Jon earned his Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor certificate. He also went through the Assessment and Treatment of Juvenile and Adult Sexual Offenders training and attended a week-long training at the Midwest Conference on Child Sexual Abuse.



Amy Phillips

Amy Phillips has been promoted to Supervisor for Iowa Family Services in the Davenport office. Amy has worked with Bethany for seven years and now supervises the Milestones After School Program, Remedial Services in Maquoketa, and the ExCEL Program in Davenport.



Meghan Schoop

Meghan Schoop, formerly with Remedial Services, is now with the ExCEL Program and juvenile justice diversion for at-risk youth.



Recent Grants and Gifts

Name	Gift Amount	Description
Scott County Regional Authority	\$20,976	For the purchase of agency vehicles including two off-lease Honda Civics and one pre-owned seven passenger van
Helpenstell Foundation	\$7,000	Barbara Coloroso Community Educational Workshop sponsorship
First Midwest Bank	\$3,000	Operational costs for the Ways-to-Work Program
First Congregational Church	\$750	Two laptop computers for Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program
Community Foundation of the Great River Bend	\$600	Teens for Tomorrow grant for our Therapeutic Recreation Program
Roy E. Murray Foundation	\$500	Remedial workbooks and activities for the Milestones Program



Thank you to the following individuals who recently contributed in-kind donations:

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| Dawn Beck | Jean Johnson |
| Randy Bickford | Larry and Rita Linnenbrink |
| Blue Thong Society | Cindy Marwin |
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Donations to be given to families in need

Bethany Program *Spotlight*

Teen Parent Services

Teen Parent Services (TPS) helps pregnant and parenting teens complete their education and

space future pregnancies so they are better equipped to take care of themselves and their families. The TPS program also helps pay for transportation to and from school, assists with child care, and helps teens to become more effective parents.

There are currently 87 pregnant and parenting teens in the program and of that number, 16 teens either have graduated or are expected to graduate in FY '09.

One mother wrote about the help Bethany has given to her daughter and the positive effect it has made on her daughter's life:

"I know that Amanda* has really put to good use the money she has earned from your teen parent program. Since she has no income and a child to support, it has been a blessing as she has done it on her own. Neither the father nor his family has helped out in any way at all. I truly appreciate all the help Bethany has been able to provide over the last year or two."

Sincerely,
Kristy*

This program is available to residents of Rock Island County who are under the age of 20, are pregnant or parenting, do not have a high school diploma or GED certificate, and must apply for or receive TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) cash, a medical card, or food stamps.

Without funding for the Teen Parent Services Program, teen mothers are at a higher risk of receiving public assistance and living in poverty, children born to teen moms are at high risk of having academic and behavioral problems in

school, and the estimated total public cost of teen childbearing is approximately \$9.2 billion a year; \$467 million to Illinois tax payers.

*Names have been changed to protect confidentiality.



Johnathan Chedster, Jr.



Teen parents listen to Kathryn Graver of The Child Abuse Council

Bethany *Current* Events

BETHANY PARTNERS WITH LOCAL COLLEGES

Over the last 11 months, Bethany for Children & Families has been part of an effort to move used, but usable beds and furniture items to homes of families that required assistance. Foster homes, newly acquired living spaces for families relocated after domestic violence, as well as families new to the area, during this period of economic downturn, all benefitted from the generosity of the community.



Furniture donations from area college students

Thanks to the staff and student body of **Augustana College** who coordinated an effort to relocate left-over furniture and clothing as well as food from departing students to needy families of our community. Numerous couches, upholstered chairs, tables, futons, benches, fans, and an assortment of other household items made their way into homes needing these items across the Quad-Cities.

Last July, thanks to Jim Hannon and **Saint Ambrose University**, as a result of Cosgrove Hall's renovation, 106 wooden platform beds were made available to Bethany. After moving them into Bethany's Moline gym, we were able to place those beds in homes throughout the community.

We at Bethany for Children & Families are grateful to all whose generous spirit crossed the states and assisted in helping needy families in the Quad-Cities.

Teens Volunteer to Spruce Up Bethany Entrance

On Saturday, May 2nd, seven seniors from Assumption High School gathered in the lobby area of the Moline office at Bethany for Children & Families with paint brushes in hand.

Students chose to volunteer their painting services after touring the agency as part of their search for a community service project. It took one full day to apply two coats of paint onto the large walls of the Bethany entrance, a day when most seniors would be by the pool or out celebrating at graduation parties. The agency appreciates that those students took the time out of their busy schedules and assisted Bethany in making the Moline office entryway a brighter place!



From left to right: Emily Hill, Kathleen Hoil, Jessica Elizondo

New Website? You Got It!



In collaboration with the Augustana Web Guild, Bethany for Children & Families is pleased to unveil its newly redesigned webpage. Complete with new photos, touching stories, and detailed information regarding Bethany's programs and services, this website is full of resources for our community, donors, and clients.



www.bethany-qc.org

Please visit the new site and sign up to receive *The Buzz @ Bethany* electronically by entering your e-mail address on the home page.



www.quadsville.com

You can also follow us on Quadsville for the latest events and news happenings at Bethany. Quadsville is an online community for people, groups, and businesses in the Quad-Cities area of Iowa and Illinois.



www.facebook.com

In addition, join the group *Bethany for Children & Families* on Facebook! You'll find pictures from past events, discover information about upcoming events, and post informational links and resources for other members to view.

Facebook is a social networking site that helps you connect and share with the people in your life.

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

Cones for Kids

Monday, June 22, 2009 (all day)
Quad City Area Whitey's locations



Take the entire family out for ice cream cones and support a great cause! On Monday, June 22, all Quad City Area Whitey's Ice Cream Stores will participate in "Cones for Kids" Day. Half of the proceeds of all ice cream cone sales that day will benefit programs like Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP) and Milestones after-school programs. It is with your support that Bethany for Children & Families can continue to address the needs of children in our community!



Birdies for Charity

Monday, July 6-12, 2009
John Deere Classic
TPC Deere Run



Make your pledge now to chip in and help area charities, like Bethany for Children & Families, and win some great prizes! To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by Tour Pros during the John Deere Classic. Simply make a one-time flat donation, OR pledge one cent or more per birdie. One hundred percent of every Birdies for Charity's dollar collected goes to charity!

Bethany for Children & Families Bird - #178

Visit www.birdiesforcharity.com to fill out a pledge form, or call 309.762.4653 for more information.

Barbara Coloroso

Tuesday, September 15, 2009
i-wireless Center



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 educate in an entertaining way.

Please save the date for Barbara's presentation of *The Bully, Bullied, and the Bystander* at 8:30 a.m. and an evening presentation of *Kids are Worth It* to parents at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Coloroso is the author of four international bestsellers. Visit Barbara Coloroso's website at www.kidsareworthit.com