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# The BUZZ @ Bethany



For Children & Families

Serving the bi-state community since 1899

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## Give Kids A Smile Day

February 5, 2010

Bethany for Children & Families is pleased to announce that the eighth annual Give Kids A Smile Day will be Friday, February 5, 2010!

Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) dental program is a community-based national screening day aimed to increase access to dental care for underserved, low-income children throughout the Quad Cities area.

Dentists in Rock Island and Scott counties volunteer their time and services to children between the ages of three and fifteen who do not have access to dental care. Services on this day include an examination, x-rays, cleaning, and fluoride treatment. Most dentists provide follow up care including amalgam and composite fillings, sealants, extractions, root canals, and orthodontia

Over 2,700 kids have participated in this program since 2003 and over one million dollars of free services have been donated by the dentists and their staff members. School nurses and agency personnel refer children to the program.



This program is endorsed by the American Dental Association (ADA) and the ADA Foundation and is coordinated locally by the GKAS Board of Advisors and receives fiscal agency and fiduciary governance from Bethany for Children & Families.

For more information about GKAS, contact:

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# 'Tis the Season



## Red Stocking Appeal

The annual Red Stocking Appeal benefits the children and families in the community that Bethany serves throughout the year. Your gifts ensure that children are kept safe, parents can receive the help they need, and the community becomes a better place for families to prosper.

## Angel Tree

Hundreds of children will have gifts under their tree this holiday season thanks to the generous organizations and individuals who donated to Bethany's Angel Tree Program headed by Mary Ann McLeod.

The agency-wide Christmas gift collection and distribution project is an annual event for Bethany. It requires a considerable amount of coordination, communication, and detail-oriented follow-through.

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

- The Ad Group
- All Saints Lutheran
- Augustana College - Sigma Pi Delta
- Berry Plastics
- Blue Thong Society
- Bethany Board of Directors
- Blue Thong Society
- First Congregational Church
- Individual donors
- Nancy Fuller and employees
- Mid American Energy
- John Deere Corporate
- John Deere Harvester
- Midland Information Resources
- Rays of Hope
- Rock Island Arsenal
- Salvation Army
- United Health Care



Games, action figures, dolls, and winter apparel all donated to Bethany's Angel Tree Program.

# 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 or members of the community and are recognized for their outstanding service to children and families served by Bethany.

September 2009  
Award Winner



**Gretchen Hagen**  
Accounting and HR Manager

October 2009  
Award Winner



**Katie Nelson**  
Communications Coordinator

The nomination for Gretchen stated, "Gretchen is a committed employee and sets a good example for her colleagues. She has personally assisted me on numerous occasions with difficult and unfamiliar situations with encouragement and guidance. In addition, she is very efficient and detail oriented with her paperwork. She has a multi-faceted position and handles this with stride."

The nomination for Katie stated, "Katie shows motivation in every task she is given. Katie is definitely a team player in everything! She is the first to help out with anyone. If help is needed in any department, she is the first one to offer her assistance. In her first year here, Katie has accomplished so much! She works hard to get jobs done and always has a smile on her face!"

Congratulations on receiving this recognition and keep up the great work!

## Bethany *Current* Events



Mr. Bill Tank, Jr.

### **Bethany Board Member Named Chairperson of Iowa Banker's Association**

Mr. Bill M. Tank, Jr., Executive Vice President, Chief Credit Officer, QCR Holdings, Inc., has been named chairperson of the Iowa Bankers Association's (IBA) Legislative Committee. Mr. Tank's responsibilities on the committee will include guiding the Iowa Bankers Association's legislative agenda and strategy. Members also serve as liaisons between the banking industry and elected officials at both the state and federal level. Mr. Tank serves on the Bethany Board of Directors and the Center for Alcohol and Drug Service's Board.

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### **Bethany's Ways-to-Work Program Granted \$20,000**

The Riverboat Development Authority (RDA) approved \$20,000 in funding on November 20, 2009, for the Ways-to-Work Program at Bethany for Children & Families. The program helps parents obtain an affordable loan to purchase a reliable used car that will assist him/her to maintain a job, improve his/her education, and meet his/her children's needs.



### **KONE Employees Donate Winter Items to Bethany**

Employees at Kone, Inc., located in Moline decorated a Christmas tree in their lobby with mittens, hats, scarves, and socks, all of which are being donated to Bethany. Thank you, Kone, for making the children of Bethany a little warmer this year!



The Christmas tree at Kone, Inc. decorated with winter items which will be donated to Bethany.



*The stockings are hung  
by the chimney with care,  
in hopes that many  
compassionate neighbors  
would be there.*

Bethany's Red Stocking Appeal helps kids and their families every day throughout the year.

Please give.  
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# An Evening of *Celebration*

Bethany for Children & Families' 2009 Family Awards Night was held at the Radisson Quad City Plaza on Thursday, November 19th in celebration of National Family Week and to honor outstanding families in the Quad Cities area. These families and individuals have made a difference in our community and exemplify Bethany's mission.

Thank you to all of our sponsors who made this evening possible: John Deere, Whitey's Ice Cream, Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial, Group Services, Quad City Bank & Trust, Office Machine Consultants, the Student Government of Trinity College of Nursing, Per Mar Security Services, Kale Heating and Air Conditioning, the Quad-City Times, and the Radisson Quad City Plaza.

## *New Honorary Director of the Board*



David Nuernberger

## *Adoptive Family of the Year*



The Landers Family

## *Foster Family of the Year*



The Kieser Family

*Not pictured:*  
John Bradley, new Honorary Director of the Board

## *Margaret Brooks Employee of the Year*



Kit Speirs

## *Advocate of the Year*



Eric Syverud



## *Leadership Family of the Year*



Ronn and Maritia Quinn Griffith

