

## Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth

Bethany for Children & Families has stepped forward and is taking on the issue of youth homelessness in the Quad Cities. The Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth (THY) Program was established to assist chronically homeless youth in obtaining a safe, stable home while connecting them to community resources to enhance their future success.

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Currently, the program can accommodate up to six youth ages 14-21 who are homeless or living in a shelter. Bethany offers case management services including educational counseling, assistance with food and clothing, mentoring, money management, mental health services, family counseling, employment assistance, and many other services.

Client-youth are located in various apartments in the Quad Cities. The apartments are furnished through donations from the community. There is on-going, random monitoring of the client-youth 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The program seeks to help youth achieve their personal goals, make a positive transition into adulthood, and become a contributing member of the community.



Help Bethany go *greener*: Please send your e-mail address to [knelson@bethany-qc.org](mailto:knelson@bethany-qc.org).

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# Making a Difference

## QUAD CITY RIVER BANDITS VISIT BETHANY

River Bandits baseball players Mike Swinson and C.J. Beatty visited Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation

Program on June 10. The players said that hard work and determination got them to where they are today. The players asked each child what they wanted to be when they grew up and told them to follow their dreams. After a question and answer session, the kids received autographs and took pictures with the players.



Mike Swinson (left) and C.J. Beatty (right) talk with youth in Bethany's after-school program.



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## 805 12th Avenue - House Donation Update

What do you get when you have hard-working volunteers, the generosity of area home maintenance companies, and a little elbow grease? A suitable home for someone in the community who wants to be a homeowner and potentially raise a family. One Saturday in May, volunteers were in full force assisting with the clean-up and renovation of the home that was donated to Bethany for Children & Families. Over the course of a couple months, the entire back porch was rebuilt, a new furnace installed, new duct work installed, a donated washer and dryer, and electrical work completed, in addition to tuckpointing.



Brady Greufe (left) and Randy Shipman (right) assist with sweeping and cleaning up the main floor.



Keegan Toule (left) and Brad Hager (right) work on rebuilding the back porch of the donated home.

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- Thank you to the following businesses who have assisted in the home renovation:*
- Big Dog Construction
- Iowa Illinois Taylor Insulation
- Kale Heating & Air Conditioning
- Mirr Plumbing
- Republic Electric

# 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 commitment to children and families served by Bethany.

## March 2010 Award Winner



## Amy Phillips and Erin Lange Iowa Family Services



The nomination for Amy and Erin stated, "Amy Phillips and Erin Lange went above and beyond their job duties in relocating the Maquoketa office to its new location. Amy spent several months researching properties in an effort to save money for the agency. Erin spent several hours of her own personal time painting, installing new base board, and decorating the office. The new Maquoketa office looks fabulous thanks to Erin and Amy working together as a team to make it happen!"

## April 2010 Award Winner



## Evena Wash and Brenda Dahlstrom Teen Parent Services

The nomination for Evena and Brenda stated, "Brenda and Evena continue to be creative in their approach in recruiting new clients by exploring all avenues. They have visited school counselors to solicit pertinent information regarding teen fathers and teen mothers. Due to their persistence and tenacity, they have been very successful in increasing the number of clients served. They are tuned-in to their responsibilities regarding Teen Parent Services and the supplemental services that they can provide in addition to academic progress/graduation. They have always focused on empowerment, not enablement."

## Program Spotlight

### Boys-to-Men and Wings-to-Fly Field Trip

Students from United Township High School enjoyed a cruise on the “Spirit of Chicago” as part of their year-end field trip in the Boys-to-Men and Wings-to-Fly Programs through Bethany. The teens enjoyed a visit to Navy Pier, ate delicious food, and sailed on a cruise ship in a large metropolitan area—all activities they might not have gotten to experience on their own.

The Boys-to-Men and Wings-to-Fly Programs are designed to teach high school males and females how to become responsible adults by raising their self-esteem; promoting self sufficiency; developing positive and healthy relationships; and improving school attendance, behavior, and academic performance.



Boys-to-Men



Wings-to-Fly

## Why I Give to Bethany

“I give to Bethany because I believe in the work that we do,” explained Mary Ann McLeod, Division Director of Community Services at Bethany, “It’s my obligation to help people that are less fortunate.”

Mary Ann has been employed with Bethany for Children & Families for 25 years and has contributed to a variety of funds and programs throughout the agency, specifically, Maggie’s Fund and prevention education programs.

“If you’re employed by an agency, then you should believe in the services that it provides. You can provide support by donating. It shows your voice of confidence in what the agency offers.”

“Every dollar counts.”



**Mary Ann McLeod**  
Division Director  
Community Services

Mary Ann went on to say that when she goes out and requests money from businesses in the community or writes grants she explains the services Bethany offers and that the organization needs funding to continue the work we do because every dollar counts. She said if she is asking for support from the community, then she should support the same programs that she is asking them to fund.

*Bethany’s generous donors including employees, members of the Board of Directors, and others in the community will be featured in future editions of the BUZZ@Bethany.*

### BETHANY’S SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

Stay connected and get updates on current events, recent grants awarded, and the latest scoop from Bethany. Show your support and become a fan of Bethany on Quadville, “Like” Bethany’s Facebook page, follow Bethany on Twitter, and view Bethany’s photostream on Flickr.



# News and Events

# The 2nd Annual Doo-Wop 'n Rock Show

## Cones for Kids

Monday, June 21, 2010 (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 21, 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 and wooden nickel sales that day benefit programs and services at Bethany.



### "GETTA ROUND TUIT"

Thought about treating your co-workers or your child's sports team to a special treat when you get around to it? When you visit Whitey's on June 21, "Getta Round Tuit." Purchase wooden nickels and they're good for a one dip cone until July 2, 2010.



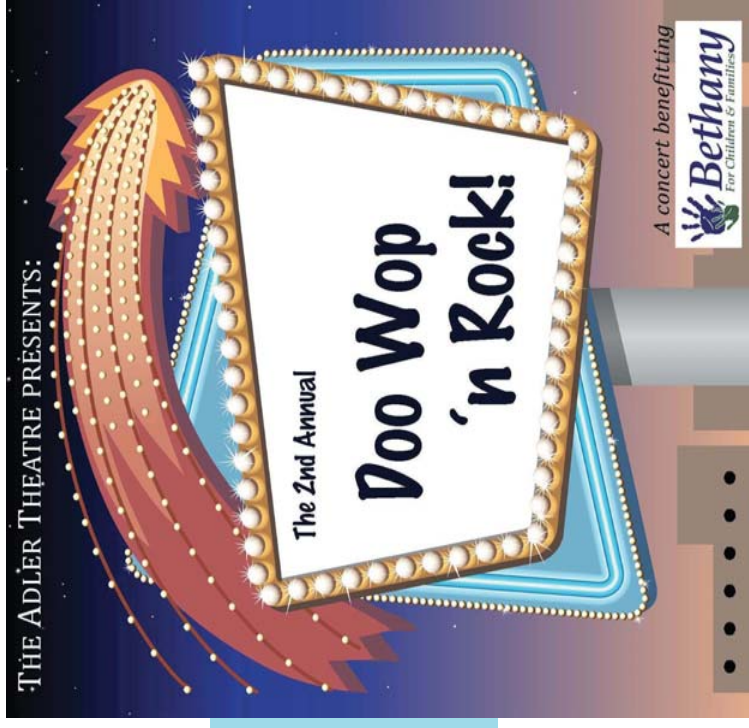
## Birdies for Charity

July 5-11, 2010  
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 dollars collected go to charity!  
**Bethany for Children & Families Bird - #178**  
Visit [www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com) to fill out a pledge form, or call 309.762.4653 for more information.



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