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for Children & Families

Serving the bi-state community since 1899 OCTOBER 2011

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Family Awards Night

November 3, 2011

6:00 p.m.

River Center

136 E. Third Street

Davenport, Iowa

\$25 per person

Master of Ceremonies

Steve Ketelaar, 101.3 KUUL

Please join Bethany for Children & Families in honoring the outstanding individuals, families, and businesses in the Quad Cities that have made a positive difference in the lives of others.

Ruth Evelyn Katz Adoptive Family of the Year

Jared and Beth Johnson

Foster Family of the Year

Bob and Errica (last name withheld)

Leadership Family of the Year

Bill and Jenny Kolwey

Corporation of the Year

KJWW Engineering

Community Service Group of the Year

Blue Thong Society



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Or contact Johanna at 309-736-6642 or email jdusenberry@bethany-qc.org.



MARTIN, SUE, AND
RUTH EVELYN KATZ



Upcoming Events

Give Kids a Smile Open House

October 19, 2011
 4:30 p.m. Ribbon Cutting
 5:00-6:00 p.m. Open House
 Bethany for Children & Families
 1830 6th Avenue
 Moline, Illinois



After a highly successful nine-year history, The Give Kids a Smile (GKAS) Board of Advisors has stepped up and expanded the program! The expansion includes a custom mobile dental clinic that travels directly to schools in Rock Island and Scott Counties. The professionally licensed staff aboard the mobile dental clinic will provide dental screenings and sealants to approximately 40 children per day.

Tour the mobile dental clinic and learn how the Give Kids a Smile Program aims to reach 9,000 underserved children per year. Enjoy light refreshments and snacks, and mingle with the many volunteer dentists who are committed to improving the oral health of children and give them access to oral health care in the Quad Cities! R.S.V.P. online at www.bethany-qc.org.



Foster Parent Training

Are you considering becoming a foster parent? Bethany for Children & Families is now accepting all interested parties for the next foster parent training on Thursday, November 3. FREE training and support is provided. Individuals must complete and pass a background check, as per state law.

For questions about becoming a licensed foster parent, please call Lynn Lohman at 309-736-6628 for more information.



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.



July 2011 Award Winner



Nicole Madison
 Child Welfare Specialist

The nomination for Nicole stated, *“Nicole has faced many challenges in helping one specific client-family, but has never given up on them. Nicole has displayed calmness, patience, and stability to the families with whom she works. When a demanding caseload is on her shoulders, she shows perseverance, and treats each family with the utmost respect. Additionally, Nicole is a team player when it comes to assisting other workers with their caseloads. The words, ‘I can’t’ are not in Nicole’s vocabulary!”*

Bethany Car Loan Program Wins Award

QC DollarWise (QCDW) awarded Bethany’s Ways to Work Program the “Innovative Non-Profit Programming” award at the Annual Mayors’ Financial Literacy breakfast on September 15, 2011 at The Lodge Hotel & Conference Center, Bettendorf.

The QCDW selection committee felt the program was a valuable resource to our community and that it is worthy of recognition, support, and greater awareness.



Pat McKillip
 Program Coordinator

Welcome New Board Member



Michelle Tunberg

Bethany for Children & Families welcomes **Michelle Tunberg** as a Director of the Board effective June 2011. Michelle is the Program Chair for the Tri-City Garden Club and on the Board of Trustees for the Quad City Symphony. Additionally, Ms. Tunberg has been involved in the Quad City Junior League and the Quad City Symphony Junior Board. She has served on a variety of boards as well as serving as Chair at First Congregational Church of Moline.

In Memory



Bethany for Children & Families is deeply saddened by the passing of **Norma Tunberg**, co-owner and operator of Whitey's Ice Cream. Over the years, the Tunberg Family has greatly supported the services of Bethany.



Norma Tunberg
1922-2011

Over the past 25 years, Bethany has partnered with Whitey's Ice Cream on "Cones for Kids" Day where proceeds from half of all cone sales go towards programs at Bethany. The Tunberg Family was also named Bethany's 2008 Leadership Family of the Year for their commitment to making the Quad Cities' community more child- and family-friendly. Mrs. Tunberg will be greatly missed.

Why we give to Bethany

"The Friends of Big Island Ladies Club is a group of ladies who like to get together to have fun, share kindred spirits, and help make lives better in their community in their own small way. Bethany is about children and families and life always starts out small. The Friends of Big Island Ladies Club like to do their small part in ensuring it starts out well."

- Friends of Big Island Ladies Club

Recent Grants and Gifts

Name	Gift Amount	Description
Dollar Tree	----	School supplies
Doris and Victor Day Foundation, Inc.	\$12,500	Awarded to the Ways to Work Program
First Covenant Church	\$200	Survival program for adolescents
Friends of Big Island Ladies Club	\$200	The group also donated games, toys, socks, and miscellaneous items.
Illinois State Dental Society	\$4,000	Awarded to the Give Kids a Smile Program towards a bus wrap
Independent Physicians of the Quad Cities	\$2,000	Awarded to the Give Kids a Smile Program
Independent Physicians of the Quad Cities	\$2,000	Funding for the Teens on Point forum
Kaaba Shriners	----	Circus tickets
Lawson Family Foundation	\$2,000	Donation for after-school programming
Quad Cities River Bandits	\$500	Tennis ball toss fundraiser with the Blue Thong Society
Rock Island Community Foundation	\$2,411	Awarded to the Bethany Blackhawk Phoenix Program and Intact Family Services

Lemonade Stand

Thank you to Alex, Sophie, Courtney, and Caitlyn for hosting a lemonade stand and donating a portion of the proceeds to Bethany! The kids decided their lemonade sales of **\$21.50** should be divided among an animal shelter and an organization that helps children.



Alex, Sophie, Courtney, and Caitlyn sit outside on a hot day selling lemonade for charity.

Quad Cities Cruisers

Thank you to the **Quad Cities Cruisers** for presenting a check to Bethany for Children & Families in the amount of \$2,000. They also donated the proceeds from their 50/50 raffle. The money raised goes toward Bethany's Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth Program.



Sara Klauer, Program Coordinator, Bethany for Children & Families, accepts the check from Marlo and Mike Doyle of the Quad Cities Cruisers.

Program *Spotlight*

Illinois Hardest Hit Fund

Bethany for Children & Families is working with the Moline Community Development Corporation (MCDC) to implement the Illinois Housing Development Authority's rollout of the Hardest Hit Fund (HHF).



The Illinois Hardest Hit Fund offers mortgage reinstatement and temporary mortgage payment assistance to households that are struggling with income loss due to unemployment or underemployment, but are working to regain sufficient income to keep their home. Borrowers may be currently experiencing an income loss or have experienced one in the past that has caused them to fall behind in their mortgage payments. The assistance allows eligible households to maintain their home while they work to regain employment and financial stability.



If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please call 309-736-6640, or 309-736-6635, or email mcdc-hhf@netexpress.net.



United Way *Day of Caring*

On August 31, an army of volunteers across the Quad Cities lent a helping hand in an effort to give back to the community in which they live. The Day of Caring is a community-wide day of hands-on volunteering in which United Way connects volunteers – businesses, corporations, union groups, and donors – with local non-profit organizations to work on various projects that otherwise could not be completed.

Volunteers from NAI Ruhl & Ruhl Commercial Company chose a painting project at Bethany for Children & Families' Davenport office. The volunteers used their expert painting abilities and tackled five office spaces within three hours. Thank you, volunteers, for a day full of hard work and your commitment to making this community a better place!



Pictured from left to right: Meg Halligan, Marlene Baltazor, John Ruhl, Jim Tansey, Rachel Lawrence, and Connie Mangler.



Bethany's *Angel Tree* Program

The agency's annual holiday gift collection and distribution program is just around the corner.

Unfortunately this year the Salvation Army will not have the capacity to distribute toys to local agencies. Their warehouses are empty, and their resources are depleted.

This year more than ever, Bethany will be relying on the generosity of community donors for toys, clothing, food baskets, and cleaning baskets. Brighten a family's holiday and consider donating to Bethany's Angel Tree Program.

Please call Mary Ann McLeod at 309-736-6645.

