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

Serving the bi-state community since 1899

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Eat Wings. Raise Funds.

Monday, December 12, 2011

11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Buffalo Wild Wings
4408 S. 16th Street
(near Southpark Mall)
Moline, Illinois

Grab some friends and eat at the Moline Buffalo Wild Wings where 10% of all pre-taxed food sales (less alcohol and promotional discounts) will be donated to Bethany for Children & Families. Stop in for lunch, take your family out to dinner, or watch the St. Louis Rams play the Seattle Seahawks on Monday Night Football! *Just print out a fundraising ticket and let your server know you are there to support Bethany.*

Cut the coupon below and bring to Buffalo Wild Wings on December 12!

**EAT WINGS *
RAISE FUNDS**
AN APPETIZING WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

EAT WINGS. RAISE FUNDS. IT PAYS.

On the day of your event, Buffalo Wild Wings® will donate 10% of all pre-taxed food sales (less alcohol and promotional discounts) from any guest that presents this fundraising ticket.

We look forward to helping your organization meet its financial goals. Together, we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together.

(Present this ticket to your server on the date & time listed below)

Bethany for Children & Families
Monday, December 12, 2011, 11am-10pm
Buffalo Wild Wings 4408 S. 16th Street, Moline, IL 61265


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Don't forget to let all of your friends and family know too!

Additional coupons may be printed at www.bethany-qc.org.

Upcoming Events

Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 13, 2011
 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Bethany for Children & Families
 Gymnasium
 1830 6th Avenue
 Moline, Illinois 61265



The need for blood doesn't take a holiday! Bethany is partnering with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center to host another blood drive on December 13. To sign up for an appointment time please contact Pat McKillip at 309-736-6635 or email him at pmckillip@bethany-qc.org. Please note, your last donation must be on or before 10/17/2011.

Recent Grants and Gifts

Name	Gift Amount	Description
Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust	\$150,000	Give Kids a Smile mobile dental clinic
Community Foundation of the Great River Bend	\$5,000	Virtual private network upgrade
First Midwest Bank	\$1,500	Awarded to the Wheels to Success Program
Riverboat Development Authority	\$20,000	Awarded to the Wheels to Success Program

One Who Recycles

While picking up a no longer needed twin size bed from James and Debra Hecker's residence in Port Byron, Illinois, Bethany's furniture program coordinator noticed the owners fixing up a classic pickup truck. Instead of these items ending up in a landfill, the Hecker's put them to good use and decided to recycle!



James and Debra Hecker included a picture of their beautifully refurbished 1949 Chevy half ton pickup truck in their Christmas card to Bethany.

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.

October 2011 Award Winner



Alair Walkowicz
 Program Coordinator
 Illinois Intact Family Services

The nomination for Alair stated, "The Illinois Intact Family Services Program has had many interns and practicum students over the years. As the Program Coordinator for the Illinois Intact Family Services Program, Alair has been the daily contact person for almost all of the interns. She is a vital part of reviewing the applications, interviewing the perspective interns, helping make the final decision, and coordinating what duties the students are assigned. Alair uses her humor to help the interns feel at ease. She lets them know there is nothing funny about child abuse and neglect, but you have to have a sense of humor to do the job. Bethany is extremely fortunate to have her on board."

TRP Family Night

Bethany's Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP) held its annual "Family Night" on November 16. It's an evening in which youth and their parents are invited for a chili supper and where recognition is given to program participants for their positive behavior throughout the year.



Tevin (left) received the Best Conversationalist Award and David (right) received the Hall of Fame Award at the TRP Family Night.

Volunteers Galore!

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. Bethany for Children & Families welcomes various groups of volunteers throughout the year.

Bethany recently teamed up with McGladrey as part of their "Desk-Free" Day. McGladrey employees were able to choose various projects throughout the Quad Cities and in doing so, make a difference in a big way. Five McGladrey employees were busy painting in the morning and three employees were tabbing and labeling Bethany's Annual Report in preparation for the bulk mail center.

Individuals and families from Grandview Church in Davenport volunteered at Bethany on October 9 as part of their "Be the Church" Day. Volunteers were busy tabbing and labeling the October issue of the *Buzz@Bethany* and stuffing invitations for Bethany's Family Awards Celebration.

As a nonprofit organization, the agency stretches its resources to better assist the individuals we serve. Volunteers completing these simple, yet time consuming tasks, allow the agency to focus on serving those in need. In FY 2011, volunteers performed a combined 133 hours of service to the agency. That's a lot of man and women power!



Employees of McGladrey volunteered at Bethany's Davenport office on November 10.



Laurie and Rose were busy painting offices as part of McGladrey's, "Desk-Free Day."



Jodi and her two children helped tab and label the October issue of the *Buzz@Bethany*.



Greg and Christine Barth also helped tab and label the October issue of the *Buzz@Bethany*.

The Generosity of the Quad Cities

Pink Papaya Pampering

Thank you to Pink Papaya Consultant, **Wendy Hermanson**, for hosting a ladies' pampering session at Bethany on November 18. A handful of clients received a facial, a hand treatment, a foot treatment, and went home feeling completely relaxed! Pink Papaya generously donated the body creams and products for the evening.



Big Lots

Thank you to Big Lots for donating 10 pillows, five blankets, and five pillow cases for clients in Bethany's Behavioral Health Intervention Services for Children. As the weather turns colder, these items are essential for families. Thank you, Big Lots!



Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you to Maggie's Fund for supplying 30 Bethany client-families with food baskets packed full with all of the fixings for Thanksgiving dinner! Items included a ham, veggies, fruit, stuffing, rolls, juice, dessert, and paper products.



Additional In-Kind Donations include:

- Tickets to the Quad City Arts Holiday Pops Concert;
- Blankets, quilts, mittens, and gloves from the Warm Fuzzies;
- Printing services for Bethany's Annual Report from Modern Woodmen;
- Disposable dental supplies for the mobile dental clinic from the Scott County Health Department.

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In conjunction with National Family Week, Bethany for Children & Families held its annual Family Awards Celebration on Thursday, November 3, at the RiverCenter in Davenport. Steve Ketelaar from KUUL 101.3 served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening and guided the audience through the many wonderful stories of those who have made a positive difference in the Quad Cities.

The celebration began with a message from Bill Steinhauser, President/CEO, Bethany for Children & Families, about how the agency has been “minding the gaps” that are appearing in the social service safety network. And, how Bethany’s many services are busy ensuring that new gaps in the social service safety network do not develop. He said that this is what the community expects of Bethany in order to continue its mission.

The evening continued with the inspiring story of Andrew Babcock, a former client at Bethany for Children & Families and now a



Andrew Babcock
Former Bethany client

student at Blackhawk College, who participated in Bethany’s Juvenile Justice Diversion and Therapeutic Recreation Programs. Andrew learned how to transform his actions into positive behaviors. He took the audience on his journey of how he grew up as a foster child and how his Case Manager, Quincy Davis, and his adoptive parents helped him get to where he is today. Andrew plans to enter the military in January.

And finally, the audience was treated to an awards celebration that did not disappoint! Photos of the awardees are shown on the following page.



Steve Ketelaar, KUUL 101.3
Master of Ceremonies

Honoring Outstanding Families



Leadership Family of the Year
The Kolwey Family



Ruth Evelyn Katz Adoptive Family of the Year
The Johnson Family



Family-Friendly Corporation of the Year
KJWW Engineering



Community Giving Group of the Year
Blue Thong Society