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Bethany Honors 2010 Family Awards Recipients

Moline, Illinois – Bethany for Children & Families is pleased to recognize this year's award recipients at the 2010 Family Awards Night on Thursday, November 18th at 5:30 pm at the *Isle Casino Hotel*, Bettendorf, Iowa. Outstanding individuals, families, and businesses in the community that exemplify Bethany's mission and vision are honored during this event.

The 2010 honorees are:

Foster Family of the Year: *Kurt and Carrie Fanderclai – Bettendorf, Iowa*

Kurt and Carrie Fanderclai have opened hearts and home to babies waiting to be placed with their adoptive families. They have disrupted their lives to care for many babies as if they were their own.

Adoptive Family of the Year: *Eric and Jolene Davidson – Joy, Illinois*

Eric and Jolene adopted their great nephew who had many complex medical issues requiring multiple surgeries, doctor appointments, and early interventions. They have gone above and beyond to ensure his safety and well being.

Leadership Family of the Year: *Jerry and Carol Webb – Cordova, Illinois*

After having lost their infant daughter, Jerry and Carol, turned their grief and anguish into comfort and hope for other bereaved parents for the last 21 years by writing, producing and mailing the monthly *The Compassionate Friends* Newsletter. They gave solace and comfort who suffered as did they from the loss of a child.

Advocate of the Year: *David Griffin – Eldridge, Iowa*

For the past 19 years, Dave Griffin, an educator and school administrator searched for new and better ways to address the health and well-being of his students. He provided opportunities for children to enhance their self esteem, strengthen their character, and develop skills to become productive members of our community.

Corporate Friend of the Family: *Quad-City Times*

The Quad-City Times walks the talk. It's integral to the Student Hunger Drive, the March of Dimes Walk, the Bix 7, the United Way Campaign and many other events. It encourages its 275 employees through flex time to volunteer, manage family doctor appointments and day care, and become involved in a multitude of community efforts.

Volunteer of the Year: *Kathy Heiser – Davenport, Iowa*

Folding, sorting, organizing, and mending clothing for a community full of children, homeless men, and young mothers and families is no easy task but Kathy Heiser has volunteered to be the "community mother" to those who need a little extra help and struggle to make ends meet through Bethany's west side clothing pantry.

Margaret Brooks Employee of the Year: *Vickie Wickersham – East Moline, Illinois*

Challenging cases do not faze Vickie Wickersham; they only motivate her to look at different avenues to provide services to families in need. She has worked relentlessly over the last eight years to help families overcome their difficulties.

Help us honor these outstanding individuals by making a reservation for Bethany's 2010 Family Awards Night. Tickets are \$35 or \$260 for a table of eight. Please register by November 15.

For reservations or questions, please call 309.797.7700 or email events@bethany-qc.org. For more information about Bethany for Children & Families, please visit www.bethany-qc.org.

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