Slumberland Furniture Helps Make "Homes for the Holidays"

On December 19, Slumberland Furniture Stores of Davenport and Moline donated 37 brand new twin-size mattress sets to Bethany for Children & Families. The donation is part of Slumberland Furniture’s annual Making Homes for the Holidays program. Bethany identified people in need of the beds and distributed them to those members of the community.

Bill Steinhauser, President and CEO for Bethany for Children & Families, said, "This donation from Slumberland Furniture ensures that thirty-seven people in the Quad City area no longer have to sleep on the floor during these frigid winter nights. The Making Homes for the Holidays program is a generous and effective way of helping individuals in need. Slumberland is to be commended for 50 years of systematically helping families."

Slumberland Furniture was founded in 1967 in Richfield, Minnesota. Slumberland began as a mattress and La-Z-Boy specialty shop whose mission has been to make people comfortable with both its products and prices. Over the past nearly 50 years, Slumberland has expanded to more than 125 stores in 12 states throughout the Midwest.

Thank you, Slumberland Furniture!
The Generosity of the Quad Cities

Just Us Quad Cities motorcycle club hosted a donation drive and raised over $1,400 for Bethany’s Foster Care program!!

In addition to the funds collected, generous donors outside Walmart in Moline, Illinois, contributed in-kind donations of gift-cards, household items, and childcare supplies.

Kirlin’s Hallmark in Southpark Mall in Moline, Illinois, donated three large bags full of IttyBitty toys. The dolls were distributed to children throughout the Quad Cities via Bethany’s Christmas Giving program.
John Deere Cylinder (above left) and John Deere Seeding (right) joined in and provided gifts for an additional 90 individuals in need throughout the Quad Cities area.

Holiday presents for 60 children were donated by members of First Congregational Church in Moline, Illinois.
The Generosity of the Quad Cities

Cynthia C. and Guelda R. donated warm handmade scarves for over 20 children and teenagers in Bethany programs.

Kathy J. (left) and her quilting group donated over 30 soft and comfortable handmade pillow cases to Bethany’s Foster Care program. Shown with Joscelyn Stone (right) of Bethany for Children & Families.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 4114 collected gifts to make the holidays special for 30 client children and families.
The Generosity of the Quad Cities

Team members of the Hy-Vee Store on 53rd Street in Davenport, Iowa, made a sizeable donation of hygiene products, cooking supplies, and household items.

Pastor Tammy Adkins of Real Life Church in Davenport, Iowa, delivered gifts for 11 individuals to Mary Ann McLeod (right) of Bethany for Children & Families.

Performers from Circa ‘21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island, Illinois, provided gifts for three children, as well as ticket vouchers for free admission and dinner to Circa 21’s holiday performances!
Program Spotlight

Therapy Services

Bethany has an array of therapy services to provide children and families with assistance most suited to their situations. For more information, visit bethany-qc.org/therapy-services.php.

Behavioral Health Intervention Services
Behavioral Health Intervention Services are supportive, directive, and teaching interventions provided in a community-based environment designed to improve a child’s level of functioning as it relates to mental illness. The primary goal is to assist the individual and his/her family to learn age appropriate skills to manage his/her behavior, and regain or retain self-control. The program goal is to enhance the family’s ability to support the child in making behavioral changes, which will promote improved mental health.

School-Based Therapy
Bethany for Children & Families employs professional therapists who provide counseling and therapy services within Iowa schools and during school hours for children and adolescents with emotional or behavioral challenges. Bethany therapists help youth gain effective coping skills, explore positive ways to express their frustration and anger, and identify life stressors that impact their emotional well-being. Issues addressed include depression, self-harm, school-related issues such as peer pressure and bullying, anxiety, relationship problems, grief and loss, adjustment disorders, and childhood/adolescent disorders.

Counseling & Therapy
Bethany provides individual, family, group, and play therapy for children, adolescents, and teenagers with emotional and/or behavioral challenges, as well as counseling for adults to help identify and explore the emotions and barriers present from life-changing events.
On **November 29, 2016**, over 50 “ambassadors” leveraged the power of social media to advocate and fundraise on behalf of Bethany for Children & Families. We set a goal of $4,000 — and beat it by 1:00 PM! Our stretch goal of $6,000 was met by close of business!

The team at Bethany for Children & Families extends our sincere gratitude to all who donated, pledged, matched, and promised. We are especially grateful for our “ambassadors” who advocated on Bethany’s behalf in the Quad Cities and beyond.

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**Downtown Moline Blood Drive**

**Will you give?**

**Blood Drive**

Wednesday, March 22

12:30 PM — 3:00 PM

Bethany for Children & Families

1830 6th Avenue

Moline, Illinois 61265

Appointments are appreciated, but not required. For further information, contact Joscelyn Stone at (309) 736-6644 or jstone@bethany-qc.org, or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org).
On November 3, 2016, members of the community joined Bethany for Children & Families and Modern Woodmen of America at CityView Celebrations at Trimble Pointe in Moline to honor individuals and organizations in the Quad Cities who work tirelessly to improve the lives of children and families in need.

The **Quad Cities Area Children’s Food Program** was recognized as Bethany’s Community-Focused Organization of the Year.

**Cory and Amanda Vincent** were selected as this year’s Ruth Evelyn Katz Adoptive Family of the Year.

**Bill and Lori Rotz** received the Foster Family of the Year award for 2016.

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Thank You to Our Sponsors!
On November 18, the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Advisory Committee hosted its second annual **The Next Step Conference** at Western Illinois University's Quad Cities Campus. Designed to address the challenges and opportunities presented to young women today, the conference drew over 80 juniors and seniors from nine high schools.

Nicole O’Brien, Senior District Leader for Regis Corporation, emphasized in her keynote remarks that the best way to predict the future is to create it!

After lunch, attendees got moving in a session of **Zumba with Kyla**, which was a room-shaking dance party!
Recent Grants

The Amy Helpenstell Foundation Fund at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend awarded a grant of $10,000 in support of the Housing Families NOW program at Bethany.

CD Wiman Memorial Trust awarded a grant of $3,000 to Bethany's programs for homeless teens.

The Chip Sunderbruch Memorial Risk Management Endowment at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend awarded a grant of $250 for new car seats for transporting children in Foster Care.

A City of Rock Island Gaming Grant in the amount of $4,000 was awarded to Bethany’s Housing Families NOW program.

The Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine awarded a grant of $500 to support Behavioral Health Intervention Services in Muscatine.

The Grant W. Brissman and Virginia M. Brissman Foundation at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend awarded $2,500 to support Give Kids a Smile mobile dental services to children in Milan, Illinois.

The Hubbell-Waterman Foundation awarded a grant of $22,500 to provide dental services to 150 uninsured children through the Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Program.

The Illinois State Dental Society Foundation awarded a grant of $1,000 to support the Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Program.

The Lowell N. Johnson Charitable Foundation awarded a grant of $5,000 to match federal funds for Bethany's housing programs for homeless teens.

The MAXIMUS Foundation awarded a grant of $3,000 in support of the Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Program.

The Moline Foundation awarded a grant of $5,000 in support of Bethany's housing programs for homeless teens.

The Regional Development Authority awarded a grant of $20,000 to match federal funds for Bethany’s housing programs for homeless teens.

The Scott County Regional Authority awarded a grant of $4,421 to support transportation costs for the Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Program.
Awards and Excellence

MOTIVATION
EXCELLENCE
RESPONSIBILITY
INTEGRITY
TEAMWORK

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.

Lindsey Lundry is a School-Based Therapist. The nomination stated, “From the time she was hired, Lindsey has been motivated to establish her role as a school-based therapist in both the Muscatine and West Liberty school districts. She has developed an excellent rapport with the administration and teachers, as well as the students and families she serves. Lindsey is currently providing therapy for 65 students in six different school buildings as well as in our Muscatine office.”

Three Cheers for Volunteers!

Employees from John Deere participated in the United Way Day of Caring and helped Bethany prepare mailings for the year and goodie bags for the Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental program.
Celebrating Bethany!

Bethany staff hosted a Bags Tournament and a Crock-Pot Cook-Off in September, with proceeds benefitting the United Way of the Quad Cities Area’s LIVE UNITED campaign.

Top Left: Mary Ann McLeod, Evena Wash, and Nicole Madison enjoy crock-pot creations at Bethany’s Crock-Pot Cook-Off!

From Top to Bottom: Lindsay Millea, Alair Walkowicz, Tonya Leffler, Lindsey Schmidt, Brittany Bullman, Katie Madden, Clay Huffstutler, and Nicole Madison participated in Bethany’s Live United Bags Tournament. Clay Huffstutler and Lindsay Millea (below) emerged victorious!
In October, Bethany’s **Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Program** celebrated five years of service. **Jeff Cornelius**, Program Supervisor, and **Dr. James Bishop** (right), Chair of the Give Kids a Smile Dental Advisory Board, presented certificates of appreciation to the dentists and hygienists whose support make the program a success.
Eagle Scout Project Benefits Bethany

Throughout autumn 2016, Alec Schauer of Boy Scout Troop 20 in Davenport spent almost 60 hours of his time working on his Eagle Scout project, and he chose Bethany for Children & Families as the beneficiary of his efforts.

After meeting with Bethany leadership and obtaining approval from his troop’s leaders, Alec began renewing the agency’s landscaping and signage at the Moline headquarters. The project incorporated aspects of fundraising, planning and design, supply logistics, and resource management.

Thank you, Alec!

A Tastefully Simple Way to Support Bethany

Maggie’s Fund, a discretionary fund for emergencies, is named in memory of Maggie Steinhauser. Maggie, daughter of Bethany’s President/CEO, Bill Steinhauser, and Laurie Boyce-Steinhauser, passed away suddenly on February 17, 2005. Maggie’s Fund honors her memory and helps children and families in the Quad Cities community.

You can support Maggie’s Fund at Bethany for Children & Families and also order snacks or meals for your next event. Shop using the Tastefully Simple storefront at bit.ly/2gwdfLw and 15% of the sale proceeds are donated to Maggie’s Fund.

Thank you to Tastefully Simple consultant Mary Bouchard and Bethany supporter Madeline Parisi for facilitating this tasty collaboration!
On November 22, 2016, students at the Bethany Black Hawk Phoenix Day Treatment Program were treated to a particularly special Thanksgiving Celebration. Jason Watts — a prize-winning grill master from Matherville, Illinois — de-boned and grilled five large turkeys for the students in the program. Jason spoke with students about setting and achieving goals and dreams, and shared the story of his own path to success as an award-winning griller. Jason brought his collection of awards and signed autographs for Phoenix students.
A Special Thank You

Bethany for Children & Families extends its sincerest gratitude to PicTwo Productions in Moline, Illinois, for producing top-quality videos about Bethany’s programs and services. The videos were debuted at Bethany’s Family Awards Celebration on November 3 and were released to the public on #GivingTuesday (November 29, 2016). Visit Bethany’s website at bethany-qc.org to check out the videos highlighting the agency’s Foster Care, Therapeutic Recreation, Homeless Services, and Give Kids a Smile programs.

![Video Clip Images]

(Bethany Bus, Clay Huffstutler, Bethany Employee)

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