Community Celebration & Silent Auction

Join Bethany for Children & Families on Saturday, November 3, to honor those who make a difference in the lives of children and families in the Quad Cities! See inside for details!

Ruth Evelyn Katz  
Adoptive Family of the Year

Foster Family of the Year

Community Champion of the Year

John & Sarah Huber

Tim & Markaye Eastman

Kit Evans-Ford  
(Argrow's House)

Saturday, November 3, 2018  
6:00 PM—10:00 PM  
Program Begins at 7:00 PM

CityView Celebrations at Trimble Pointe  
701 12th Street | Moline, Illinois

Ticket Price: $50 | Table Price $350  
RSVP at bit.ly/BethanyCC  
or (309) 736-6642
Win a Stay in Florida!

Between now and November 3, your donation of $50 to Bethany enters you in a raffle to win a week-long stay at a condominium in Redington Shores, Florida, in September or October 2019.

- Beautiful sunsets, the sounds of the ocean, and a fine white-sand beach!
- Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, central air, free high-speed internet, two parking spaces, a fully-equipped kitchen, and an "honor system" wine rack!
- Outdoor grills, sun decks, a pool (with toys and floats), on-site tennis courts, and nearby fishing, golf, parasailing, and shopping!

See more pictures and donate today at bit.ly/BethanyFL for your chance to win a week’s stay in Florida!

Other Auction Items Include …

- A Chicago Weekend Get Away Package that includes lodging at the Palmer House Hilton, a prepaid gas card, cash for downtown parking and cab fare, and gift cards for a meal at Everest Restaurant, entertainment, and shopping!
- Gift baskets from local salons and spas
- Paintings donated from artists and private collectors
- Services from local businesses
- Products and items from local businesses and individuals
- … and more to come!

And a Wine Pull!

Ten dollars per blind draw to pull a bottle from a selection of domestic and imported red and white wines! Every ticket is a winner!
Community Celebration Honorees

Ruth Evelyn Katz Adoptive Family of the Year
This award honors an adoptive family that shows a strong commitment to strengthening and encouraging an adopted child's growth. This award honors any adoptive family structure.

John & Sarah Huber
“John and Sarah advocated for all three of their children every single day. Their dedication resulted in keeping three birth siblings together in a safe, loving, and nurturing home and led them to being chosen as the children’s adoptive family.”

Foster Family of the Year
This award honors a family that creates a safe home for children who have been displaced. The foster family exhibits extraordinary courage, patience, and care while working with foster children.

Tim & Markaye Eastman
“Tim and Markaye Eastman became foster parents because they saw a need. The Eastman’s love, attention, patience, and willingness to go the extra mile will make the path forward so much easier for these children.”

Community Champion of the Year
This award honors a Quad City individual, business, or organization that demonstrates compassion for and dedication to the community, as well as a strong commitment to supporting Bethany’s mission.

Dr. Kit Evans-Ford (Argrow’s House)
“Dr. Evans-Ford founded Argrow’s House for women in the community who are victims of domestic violence. With two young children and a full-time job, it takes a tremendous effort on her part to run this organization.”

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Caleb had a birthday and told his friends that, instead of gifts, he wanted school supplies that he could donate to help the kids served by Bethany for Children & Families. Such a thoughtful and generous idea!

For the third year in a row, Marie and her friends collected and donated 60 brand new backpacks full of school supplies for children served by Bethany.

Members of the Order of Eastern Star and the First Baptist Church in Rock Island donated school supplies and duffel bags full of hygiene products.

Thank You
The Generosity of the Quad Cities

Over the past year, the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Illinois donated close to 150 duffel bags full of hygiene and personal care products to Bethany’s child welfare programs. They also donated backpacks, school supplies, diapers, baby wipes, baby bags, and brand new baby clothing! Leaders from OES Illinois also visited Bethany in August to donate $1,000 collected as part of the OES Karez 4 Kidz program.
The Generosity of the Quad Cities

Kelsey and friends at Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial helped provide a strong start to the new school year by donating these school supplies!

Krisha and her friends collected brand new school supplies and brand new shoes for the children served by Bethany!

The Windsor Crest Club dropped off this large donation of school supplies. Thank you so much for helping Bethany’s clients start the school year off right!

The Quad Cities Blue Thong Society worked together to collect these brand new backpacks and school supplies! Thank you so much for your continuing support!
The Generosity of the Quad Cities

Thank you so much to **Underwear Because We Care** for the donation of brand new t-shirts, underwear, and socks for women, men, and kids!

**UnitedHealthcare** in Davenport held a weight loss challenge and decided to donate half of the money raised to help children served by Bethany. Thank you, UHC Davenport employees!

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**#GivingTuesday™**

On **November 27**, visit Bethany’s [new website](#) at bethany-qc.org and click to donate to support Bethany for Children & Families on #GivingTuesday this year. Your contribution helps us carry out our mission of *keeping children safe, strengthening families, and building healthy communities.*

**#GivingTuesday** is a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy
Program Spotlight — Prevention

Bethany for Children & Families offers an array of education services to youth, parents, and the community that are designed to help youth gain self-esteem, strengthen communication skills, and develop responsible decision-making skills in an effort to prevent or reduce risky behaviors and to meet the many challenges that youth face today. Programs may be offered in schools, and some may be a one-time presentation, a week-long class, or a year-long program.

Utilizing evidence-based, medically accurate information, Bethany educators work with local schools to meet with junior high and high school students on a regular or as requested basis to discuss a range of topics, including:

- Self-Esteem & Peer Pressure
- Communication & Refusal Skills
- Decision-Making
- Internet Safety & Sexting
- Sexuality
- Pregnancy
- Sexual Safety
- Consequences of Early Sexual Activity

Bethany’s implementation of Wise Guys, an evidence-based education program designed to teach adolescent males about teen pregnancy prevention, has been so successful that it has achieved national attention.

Bethany’s Prevention Education reaches thousands of students throughout the Quad Cities every year, and the programs provide these students with vital information that helps them make smart and healthy decisions as they transition into adulthood.
Is it time to have "the talk"? Has your child started asking questions about sex that you are not ready or unsure how to answer? The Prevention Educators at Bethany for Children & Families have you covered!

The goal of this program is to provide parents with information designed to help them communicate with their children about sex in an effort to prevent early sexual activity and avoid teen pregnancy and its ramifications. Tips are available for best practices for communicating with children and teens, and parents can ask questions that will be answered by Bethany's prevention education experts.

Every month, there will be a new topic posted, providing you with five questions that you can use as conversation starters to help you provide valuable information to your child.

Visit Bethany's Know What to Say website for tools and techniques to have an ongoing conversation with your child. You can even submit your questions for a response from our Prevention Educators!

bethany-qc.org/know-what-to-say
Fun Times in Therapeutic Recreation

On July 12, WOAD News 8 anchor Denise Hnytka stopped by to speak with students in Bethany’s Therapeutic Recreation Program! She talked about her experiences as a reporter and anchor, maintaining connections and building your network, not letting life circumstances dictate your goals, and not letting others tear you down. She even played a game of Knock Out! The kids had a blast!

Thank you for visiting, Denise!

Rock Island native and professional basketball player, Chasson Randle, visited the Therapeutic Recreation Program for the third time. The kids loved speaking with him and had lots of questions for him.

"Believe in yourself, and never give up on your dreams," Chasson said. "You’re going to go through things, through challenges, and people will tell you that you can’t achieve your goals, but never give up. You never know where you can take yourself if you just keep going and believe in yourself."

Thank you for visiting, Chasson!
Fun Times in Therapeutic Recreation

Girls in Bethany’s Therapeutic Recreation Program were treated to a spa day. Thank you to Niky and Kelsey for visiting and doing hair and painting nails! The girls loved it!

Seven speakers with a variety of jobs visited the Therapeutic Recreation Program to talk about their careers. They spoke about showing initiative, not letting limitations hold you back, the importance of education, and much more! Thank you to all of the speakers!
Awards & Excellence

**MOTIVATION**
**EXCELLENCE**
**RESPONSIBILITY**
**INTEGRITY**
**TEAMWORK**

The MERIT award recognizes an employee for distinguished service to the agency. MERIT awardees are nominated by their peers and are recognized for their outstanding commitment to the children and families served by Bethany for Children & Families.

**Rosa Almanza** is Bethany’s Behavioral Interventionist at the Aldridge Early Learning Center in East Moline, Illinois. The nomination stated, “Rosa deserves to be recognized for her dedication to Bethany and to the early learning center at which she has been placed. Rosa has stepped into a brand new position for both Bethany and for the Aldridge Early Learning Center, and she has quickly proven how patient, competent, and experienced she is within her role as a Behavioral Interventionist. In the three months that Rosa has been in this position, she has been asked to present for two separate training sessions and is always willing to help out wherever she’s needed. She always displays empathy and a positive attitude towards coworkers, staff, and students.”

The nomination went on to say, “Rosa is passionate about early childhood, which shines through as she enthusiastically and compassionately works with the staff, students, and parents at the Aldridge Early Learning Center. This has allowed for significant behavioral improvements in several children with whom she has worked. Rosa is a valuable asset to Bethany’s Mental Health Division!”

**Rebecca Schroeder** is a Case Manager for Behavioral Health Services. The nomination stated, “Rebecca has shown immense growth in her position since starting one year ago. She is always open to learning and consistently utilizes the advice given to her by her supervisors and peers. Rebecca’s hard work and compassion has contributed to progress seen in several of her clients within her caseload.”

The nomination went on to say, “Rebecca is well-regarded by her peers, clients, and referral sources within the community. Recently, a main referral source reached out to Rebecca’s supervisor to mention how highly she is spoken of by their shared clients. Rebecca has gone above and beyond for the families she works with, referring them to additional resources within the community and helping them seek out additional support in areas where Bethany cannot provide direct assistance. Rebecca is a valued member of the Mental Health division!”

Rosa Almanza
June 2018

Rebecca Schroeder
August 2018
Bethany Welcomes New Directors

W. Matthew Hays works as an attorney with the local law firm Katz Nowinski P.C. He primarily focuses on Real Estate, Commercial Transactions, and Personal Injury Litigation. He has been a member of this law firm for the past ten years. Matt graduated from Augustana College with a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Speech Communications and from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with a Juris Doctorate. Before attending law school, Matt spent one year in Japan teaching English to middle school and high school aged students. Matt lives in Moline with his wife, Valerie, and their daughter.

Patty Scott began her teaching career as a physical education teacher and tennis coach at United Township High School in 1965. After starting her family, she returned to United Township and served as a substitute teacher for many years. She is an avid pickleball and tennis player, loves traveling, and enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren. Patty is devoted to giving back to the community and loves sharing her skills and talents to help children in the Quad Cities.

Thomas Kale is a lifelong Quad Cities resident and owns Kale Company Heating and Air Conditioning. Tom has served on a number of boards for organizations in the Quad Cities, and he currently serves as a director for IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union, as well as Bethany for Children and Families. Mr. Kale looks forward to contributing to the legacy of great leadership at Bethany, an organization that is critical to children and families in the Quad Cities.
Bethany’s Christmas Giving Program

Each year, Bethany for Children & Families asks the community to help make the holidays bright for the agency’s families in need. People donate clothing, toys, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies to help grant the wishes of those in our community who might otherwise not receive gifts.

Gift tags with wish list items will be distributed to participating donors in early November. Donors are asked to return gift items (unwrapped, please!) to Bethany by December 11.

This is a fun and fulfilling project for individuals, families, and groups!

If you are interested in participating in Bethany’s Christmas Giving Program this year, please contact Mary Ann McLeod by phone at (309) 736-6645 or by email at mmcleod@bethany-qc.org.

Want to do even more? You can help Bethany prepare Thanksgiving food baskets by sponsoring a family. Your contribution of $50 buys Thanksgiving dinner for a family of 4-6 people.

To participate, donate online at www.bethany-qc.org or contact us at (309) 797-7700.
Keeping children safe, strengthening families, and building healthy communities since 1899

How Can You Help?

Legacy Giving
You can help us serve future generations by naming Bethany as a beneficiary of your will, life insurance policy, or retirement plan.

Recurring Donations
Your monthly donations help Bethany plan for the future and provide a dependable foundation with which the agency can assist the children in our community who need it the most.

In-Kind Contributions
Your donations of hygiene products, cleaning supplies, dental care items, school supplies, furniture, appliances, and diapers directly benefit the children and families we serve.

Call (309) 797-7700 today to support a safer, stronger, and healthier Quad Cities

www.bethany-qc.org

Bethany for Children & Families is a private child welfare, mental health, community education, and social services provider that has offered aid and support to children and families in western Illinois and eastern Iowa since 1899. The agency employs a professional team of 70 social workers, licensed counselors, case managers, and educators. With 22 programs and services, Bethany helps nearly 10,000 children and families annually.
Community Baby Shower with WQAD

WQAD News Anchor Denise Hnytka is expecting!! On November 14, she and her team at WQAD-TV8 are hosting a community-wide baby shower benefitting the clients served by Bethany for Children & Families!

From **3:00 PM** until **7:00 PM**, you can drop off donations of **new** infant care items (for boys and girls) to Bethany’s office at 1830 6th Avenue in Moline, Illinois. Suggested items include:

- Bibs
- Baby Carrier or Sling
- Baby Lotion
- Baby Monitors
- Baby Shampoo
- Bathtub
- Bottle Brush
- Bottle Rack
- Bottle Warmer
- Bottles
- Burp Cloths
- Clothes
- Diaper Bag
- Diaper Cream
- Diaper Pail
- Hooded Towels
- Insulated Bottle Bag
- Medicine Droppers
- Mobiles
- Onesies
- Pacifiers
- Receiving Blankets
- Suction Bulbs
- Thermometers
- Toys
- Wash Cloths

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