Eating Ice Cream & Helping Kids

On Monday, June 18, Whitey’s Ice Cream hosted its annual Cones for Kids Day fundraiser. Half of all cone sales from all Whitey’s Ice Cream locations in the Quad Cities during this special day-long event were donated to support the 22 programs and services of Bethany for Children & Families, which help nearly 10,000 children and families every year.

“For more than 30 years, we have held Cones for Kids Day to help support the programs and services offered by Bethany,” said Annika Tunberg, Director of Marketing for Whitey’s Ice Cream. “We are thrilled to continue this fundraising effort to support children and help strengthen families in our community.”

Bill Steinhauser, President/CEO of Bethany, said, “Whitey’s Ice Cream has been a generous community partner and supporter of Bethany for many years. We are very fortunate to have such a great partner helping us help children right here in the Quad Cities.”

A very special thank you to Whitey’s Ice Cream for helping Bethany achieve its mission of keeping children safe, strengthening families, and building healthy communities.
Community Celebration ...

The Bethany for Children & Families **Community Celebration and Silent Auction**, presented by Modern Woodmen of America, will be held on Saturday, November 3, at CityView Celebrations at Trimble Pointe in Moline, Illinois, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Join us as we celebrate ordinary people in the Quad Cities who make extraordinary contributions to our community.

2018 Bethany for Children & Families Community Celebration and Silent Auction

Saturday, November 3 | 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
CityView Celebrations at Trimble Pointe  
701 12th Street | Moline, Illinois  
Ticket Price: $50 | Table Price: $350  
RSVP to Dylan Davis at (309) 736-6642 or davis@bethany-qc.org

... and Silent Auction

For the first time, Bethany for Children & Families will host a silent auction at the Community Celebration. Your in-kind or monetary donation to the silent auction will support Bethany’s programs and services and will be recognized at the silent auction, in the event program, in the agency’s Annual Report, and on social media. For additional information, please call Dylan Davis at (309) 736-6642.
Call for Nominations

Do you know someone in the Quad Cities who makes extraordinary contributions to our community? If so, submit a nomination! Bethany is accepting nominations for the following awards for the Community Celebration on Saturday, November 3, 2018.

**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.

**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 dedication while caring for foster children.

**Community Champion of the Year**
This award honors a Quad City individual, business, or organization that demonstrates compassion and dedication to the community and supports Bethany’s mission.

Visit [bit.ly/BethanyCC18Form](http://bit.ly/BethanyCC18Form) to submit your nomination!

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!

The Generosity of the Quad Cities

The Quad Cities Blue Thong Society made two separate donations of diapers, baby wipes, and cleaning, kitchen, and other household items!

Thank You

Bethany’s Give Kids a Smile program extends a HUGE thank you to Christy and other members of the Pleasant Valley School District’s Be the Change Club! They donated boxes filled with dental supplies, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, and more!

The student council at Wethersfield Junior High and High School in Kewanee, Illinois, collected backpacks and school supplies for children in foster care!

Carol and Dave recently purchased a new vehicle and, instead of trading or selling their old van, they decided to donate it to Bethany! Thank you so much!
The Generosity of the Quad Cities

Thank you to Colin and Mary Jane, as well as Michelle and Chris, for responding to a call for cleaning supplies in the last issue of The Buzz@Bethany. Michelle and Chris helped out all the way from Florida!

Girl Scout Troop 8487 and Troop 4306 collected over 30 duffel bags full of supplies for foster children. These supplies mean so much to the children Bethany serves, some of whom enter foster care without these basic items.

The Pajama Program donated brand new pajamas and books to the children Bethany serves! These pajamas were extra lightweight so that the kids stay cool at night during the hot summer months.
The Generosity of the Quad Cities

Riverdale Heights Elementary School leadership classes decided that, for their community project, they wanted to collect toys for children in need. They donated bags full of toys to Bethany for Children & Families!

Krisha, her husband, and her friends and work colleagues raised almost $700 to pay for camp registration and for supplies to send one of Bethany’s foster children to Camp Abe Lincoln’s week-long overnight camp!

Megan decided that, for her service-learning project, she wanted to help families in need. Megan held a donation drive and collected clothing and baby supplies for the children and families that Bethany serves. She even collected change and donated it all to Bethany!

Circa ’21 Dinner Playhouse and the Speakeasy hosted two showings of the “It’s a Girl Thing: A Feminine Perspective” performance. Proceeds from the shows and accompanying fundraiser were donated to Bethany for Children & Families and another Quad Cities non-profit!
Recent Grants

The Junior Board of Rock Island awarded a grant of $1,500 to support the clients in Bethany’s Homeless Programs.

The Regional Development Authority awarded a grant of $25,000 to help uninsured children in the Quad Cities receive critical dental and mental health services.

The Moline Foundation awarded a $5,000 grant to support the Prevention Education program at Bethany.

The Roy E. Murray Foundation Fund at the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend awarded $750 to Bethany’s Therapeutic Recreation Program for a trip to Adventureland amusement park and new gym equipment.

The Community Foundation of the Great River Bend awarded a grant of $875 to Bethany to help purchase special software that will develop tools to help children process and express their feelings.

Three Cheers for Volunteers

Debbie and Leta helped fill dental health kits that are provided to kids who receive services on the Give Kids a Smile Mobile Dental Clinic.

Crossways Confirmation Camp helped Give Kids a Smile prepare for the next school year by making 3,000 dental health kits.

Dawn cleaned and sterilized Bethany’s family visit and therapy rooms so that children and families using these rooms have a nice and fresh environment for their sessions.
Wild 5k Run/Walk

Runners braved the heat on Saturday, May 26, to participate in the annual **Wild 5k Run/Walk**. Race proceeds benefitted the programs and services of Bethany for Children & Families. The Wild 5 was organized by Running Wild in Davenport, Iowa, and presented by UnityPoint Health - Trinity in Bettendorf, Iowa. Bethany extends its sincere thanks to Running Wild, UnityPoint Health - Trinity, and all of the other race organizers and sponsors.

The **Wild 5** began and ended at UnityPoint Health - Trinity, and the post-race party was held at the hospital’s beautiful Healing Garden, where food and refreshments were provided. Awards were presented to overall male and female participants, as well as the first three placers in twelve age groups. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported Bethany this year!
Wild 5k Run/Walk
Program Spotlight — TRP

The Therapeutic Recreation Program (TRP) is an after-school program designed for at-risk youth between the ages of eight and 17. The program uses leisure and recreational activities in a constructive way and provides anger management training with an emphasis on developing positive social relationships.

TRP provides a safe and nurturing recreational and learning environment in which staff members challenge troubled youth to replace problematic behaviors with appropriate social skills. Increased emotional and social competency allows them to succeed not only in their educational settings, but also at home and in the community.

TRP serves youth with serious emotional problems that may lead to placement outside the home. The Therapeutic Recreation Program provides after-school programming during the academic year and offers educational and recreational outings during the program’s extended summer hours.

TRP provides services in cooperation with agencies from a variety of fields, including:

- Special Education
- Juvenile Justice & Court Services
- Community Mental Health
- Foster Care

The Therapeutic Recreation Program offers a range of programming activities from cooperative academic games to artistic outlets that allow youth to explore and express a full range of appropriate recreational and social skills. TRP’s behavior management system is a diverse blend of approaches designed to promote self-esteem and accountability, and the program’s personalized skills curriculum provides each client with a unique opportunity for growth.
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.

Vicki Burke is the Program Coordinator for Illinois Foster Care & Licensing. The nomination stated, “In August 2011, I made a decision to fulfill a dream to become a foster parent. Being somewhat of a shy individual, I did struggle a bit with feeling a bit overwhelmed and doubting whether I could do it. Vicki was the licensing social worker and was very patient and explained what was needed and always made time to answer questions to reassure me that I could do it. Without her taking the time to go through the process and checking in periodically, I may have never completed the program, which I would have truly regretted.”

The nomination went on to say, “I think Vicki has a personal moral compass that guides her to do what is best and what is right, no matter the time and work involved. She doesn't do it so that she stands out from others or receives accolades. She does it because she knows in her heart it is the right thing to do ... She gives 110% with all that she does. She is kind and caring and never makes you feel like you are bothering or inconveniencing her. Vicki is the type of person that you would want working for your organization because she represents to the community what your mission is really all about.”
The Next Step Conference

Bethany for Children & Families held its annual *The Next Step* conference on April 20, 2018. Nearly 100 local high school girls attended the free conference, which was held at **Western Illinois University - Quad Cities Campus**. The purpose of the conference is to empower girls and help with their journey into adulthood and the next phase of their lives.

Thank you so much to all of the speakers, volunteers, chaperones, and organizers who made the conference a success. Special thanks to **Jasmine Babers**, founder and editor of **Love, GIRLS Magazine**, who acted as keynote speaker, and **Kyla Milton** for providing lunchtime entertainment.
The Next Step Conference
Congratulations on Graduating!

On May 7, 2018, five students graduated from the Bethany Black Hawk Phoenix Day Treatment Program.

Phoenix offers special education and case management services to at-risk youth in the Quad Cities.

“A lot of you guys have been here for many years now, and it’s great to see all the progress you’ve made,” said Neil Shipley, a caseworker at Phoenix.

All of these students overcame their personal struggles to graduate from high school with help from the amazing Phoenix staff.

“Before Phoenix, I was getting into some trouble. They helped me with my anger, and they helped me communicate better,” said Tony, one of the graduates.

Join us in congratulating Caleb, Gabriel, Tony, Gerald, and Alyis on their graduation!

Congratulations!
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

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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.
In-Kind Drive: School Supplies

It’s July! We’re enjoying the summer, but in just a few weeks, it will be time for school supply shopping! The children in Bethany’s programs — such as Foster Care, Therapeutic Recreation, School-Based Therapy, and the Phoenix School — greatly benefit from in-kind donations of new school supplies, and these types of donations are tax-deductible! To schedule a time to drop off items, contact Dylan Davis at (309) 736-6642 or ddavis@bethany-qc.org.

Needed Items

- Book Bags
- Boxes of Tissues
- Calculators
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Loose Leaf Paper

- Markers
- Paper Towels
- Pencils & Sharpeners
- Pens (Black, Blue, Red)
- Pocket Folders
- Rulers
- Spiral Notebooks

This mailing was prepared by students in the Black Hawk Area Special Education Center Vocational Education class. For more information, visit www.bhased.org.