



Bethany Children's Home
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Bethany Children's Home

Community Festival & 147th Anniversary Day

Friday, August 20, 2010

Book Sale

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Car Show!

Plenty of Food!

Quilt Raffle!

The Keystone Band of
Rehrersburg
2-4 pm

Kid's Games!

The *UPTOWN BAND*
appearing from
7:30 to 9:30 PM

Fireworks begin at 9:30 PM



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Brighter Futures For Kids and Families

Founded in 1863 and related to the United Church of Christ, Bethany Children's Home is a non-profit residential home for a school-age, co-ed population. Bethany serves more than 250 disadvantaged youth each year on its Womelsdorf, PA campus.

Programs Include:

- Long-Term Residential
- Short-Term Intensive Treatment
- Emergency Shelter Care
- Foster Care

For more information
610-589-4501

www.bethanyhome.org

Foster Parents Needed

Bethany Home, a provider of the highest quality services and supports for children and youth since 1863, is currently recruiting married couples and families for providers for our Foster Care Program. Some basic requirements are: Must be 21 years of age or older, complete FBI and child abuse clearances, have pre-service physical, complete pre-service and on-going training, have a separate bedroom for the youth, and complete home and pre-service assessments. A stipend is provided for services. Bethany Home provides support, case management services, and on-going training. Bethany Home follows the Sanctuary model of Care.

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Bethany Home is an EOE/Drug Free Employer
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2008-2009 Annual Report

This issue of the ECHO contains statistical and informational details regarding the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year. Combination of this information with the ECHO, instead of a separate publication, allows Bethany Children's Home to save printing and mailing costs, as well as benefitting our environment by reducing the use of paper. Please see page 2 for specifics on donations, census and finances.

Preserving our Past

On September 21, 1863, Reverend & Mrs. Emanuel Boehringer welcomed Caroline Engel to The Orphan's Home of the Shepherd of the Lambs, in Philadelphia. Over the past 147 years we have changed names and locations, but our mission has been the same — to provide shelter and loving care to children in need.

Documentation from 1863 to the present day has been kept, currently stored in the basement of Reed Cottage. If you know anything about Reed Cottage, you know it is not the best location for document preservation. To this end, Bethany Children's Home has been blessed with the talents and services of volunteer archivist and genealogist, Carl Bloss. Carl is an alumnus of Bethany, having recently celebrated the 73rd anniversary of his admission. Carl has been working diligently to organize and preserve pictures, documents and artifacts detailing the storied history of Bethany Children's Home. The "Book of Life", which chronicles the admission data of all Bethany residents, is now safely kept in an acid-free box and handled only with white gloves.

The importance of preserving these artifacts, as well as our mission to continue to care for youth in need, cannot be stressed enough. If you would like to donate to this cause or to the everyday operations of Bethany Children's Home, please send your tax-deductible contributions to:

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Musical Instrument Collection Drive

Is there a quiet instrument in the depths of your closet that longs to make music again? Bethany Children's Home is in need of band and orchestra instruments in good condition. To donate, contact Jon Henning or the Music Therapy Department at (610) 589-4501.

2008-2009 Annual Report Information

Fiscal Year July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

The 2008-2009 fiscal year was one full of economic and financial challenges for the entire country. Bethany Children's Home felt the effects as well, in the form of an 18.58% decrease from the prior fiscal year in donated funds, as well as a downturn in government funding. A total of 1,022 donors made a contribution. Of those, 690 also made a donation in FY 07-08, 204 were new donors, and 128 had donated in at least one prior year. Bethany Children's Home is immeasurably grateful for every donation received, including monetary and in-kind contributions. Without your dedicated support, we could not continue to provide our services.

THANKS for helping to provide
"Brighter Futures 4 Kids and Families"

COMBINED UNRESTRICTED FUND & GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET (Audited)

Operating Revenue & Support	\$ 4,644,155
Operating Expenses	\$ 7,255,443
Operating Loss	\$ 2,611,288

The revenue and support generated for the general operating fund is received from government agencies, contributions, and our non-business related entities of the ABC Child Care Center, Farm and Counseling Ministry programs.

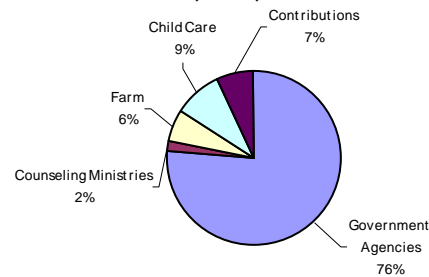
COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As of June 30, 2009 (Audited)

ASSETS	\$29,257,000
LIABILITIES	\$ 3,255,000
NET ASSETS	\$26,323,000
Unrestricted	\$18,470,000
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 1,034,000
Permanently Restricted	\$ 6,819,000

This statement represents all assets and liabilities of Bethany Children's Home Inc. and its related entities. Bethany's endowment fund is recognized as an asset in this report. Your contributions and Bethany Children's Home investment income enable Bethany Children's Home to provide Brighter Futures 4 Kids and Families.

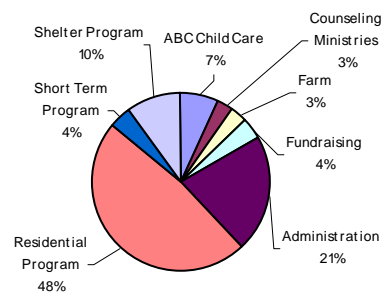
REVENUES & SUPPORT (Audited)

\$4,644,155



EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS (Audited)

\$7,255,443



Census

Residents in Bethany's three programs—Residential, Short-Term, and Shelter come to us from a variety of counties. For FY 08-09, Berks 38%, Cumberland 1%, Dauphin 1%, Lancaster 4%, Lebanon 4%, Lehigh 3%, Northampton 4%, Philadelphia 32%, Schuylkill 11%, York 2%

Bethany Book Sale

March 20, 2010, marked the first Used Book Sale held at Bethany. Thousands of books were donated ranging in categories from children's to history and fiction to self-help. A small but mighty group of staff & families helped to organize the books and volunteered at the sale. Approximately \$900 was raised—it takes LOTS of 25¢ - \$2.00 books to get to that amount! The book sale will be held again on Anniversary Day. If you have any used books you would like to donate, please bring them to Bethany before August 1, 2010.

National Walk @ Lunch Day

As part of an initiative to encourage staff members to be healthy, on April 28, 2010, 30 employees participated in National Walk @ Lunch Day, sponsored by Highmark Blue Shield. The group walked from the Administration Building to the Womelsdorf Park, where a healthy lunch of turkey sandwiches, baked chips, an apple and oatmeal cookies was enjoyed. Other Wellness Committee sponsored activities include yoga classes, relaxation sessions, and smoking cessation programs.

Golf Tournament—September 10, 2010

The 2nd Annual Bethany Children's Home Golf Tournament will be held Friday, September 10, 2010, at Galen Hall Golf Club, 9:00am-Shotgun Start. Sponsorships are available. Contact the Development Department at 610-589-4501 for more information.

Leadership Message



Chief Operating Officer
Greg Kalata



Chief Program Officer
Gary Neider



Chief Relations Officer
Jon Henning

It's good to have friends. In tough times, friends help each other get through. For many people, times have been very challenging. Bethany is not immune to these economic difficulties. For those of you who have continued to contribute to Bethany's work with youth throughout the past several years, we are exceedingly grateful. Your support has enabled us to continue to provide a safe and nurturing home for many boys and girls who needed that safety and encouragement. Your support has been critical to our ability to be a home for kids in the face of shrinking governmental support. The problems that our youth have experienced can make facing each new day a daunting task. The

dedicated staff at Bethany work to lessen the trauma and hurt that these kids bring with them. For our staff this work isn't a job. It is a mission; a ministry. We thank you greatly for making the kids at Bethany Children's Home part of your mission and ministry. We could not do it without your help.

Basketball Team

For many years, Bethany has had a boy's basketball team that played various teams from around the area. This marked the first year that Bethany participated in a sanctioned league run through the Olivet's Boys and Girls Club in Reading, including six other teams. Ten to twelve boys began practicing three nights a week in late December to prepare for the season. The season consisted of 10 games, including 5 home games. In the inaugural season, the Bethany basketball team showed many good qualities a team can have. The boys worked hard throughout the entire year, showing a lot of perseverance throughout the season. The home games had a fun, positive environment to play in thanks in large part to all the support from other youth and staff on campus who were able to attend the games. In participating in the league, the boys learned some valuable lessons of life and basketball. Unfortunately, we never had our full team to compete in the games this season and were unable to come out on top in any of the games. The win/loss record should not go on to represent the team Bethany had this year. The boys helped create a positive buzz around campus and hopefully taught the participants on the team one thing or many to use further down the road in their respective journeys. The coaches are proud of all the boys who played and put forth great effort during practice and the games. Hopefully this is something that they can look back on as a positive experience during their time at Bethany. Submitted by coaches Phil Stricker & Jarel Gallman



Snow Sculpture Contest

Creativity, determination, a sense of fun and the willingness to work in freezing conditions inspired Bethany youth to hold a snow sculpture contest. Thanks to a very snowy winter, the youth had plenty to be creative with and sculpted wonderful designs! The following winners were named: Eck Cottage, Most Patriotic; Keck Cottage, Most Innovative; Leinbach Cottage, Most Creative; Brobst Cottage, Most Picturesque; Moyer Cottage, Most Sanctuary-related. Seventeen youth contributed their artistic talents to designing and building the snowy art work. They were treated to a pizza party for their efforts.

Spring Incentive Trip



Each winter the youth at Bethany have the opportunity to earn a chance to participate in a special trip. The trip is a reward for positive and improved behavior. The Spring 2010 Incentive Trip was an outing to Hershey Park on a sunny, but slightly chilly April day. Accompanied by therapeutic services staff, the youth had a chance to ride some of their favorite thrill-inducing roller coasters or tamer merry-go-rounds and play arcade games to win prizes. The day of fun was concluded with a stop at Chocolate World and dinner at a local restaurant. To reward good summertime behavior, youth can earn a 3 day beach vacation in August.