

ECHO

SPRING EDITION 2018
A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM
BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME



“He who has health has Hope. He who has Hope has everything.”

On Thursday, May 31st, Bethany officially dedicated the newly renovated Health Clinic in honor of sisters, Helen L. and Anna E. Schneider. Helen and Anna have been lifelong supporters of Bethany and have made significant impacts in education, health, spiritual and moral development, and shelter services for Bethany youth. Their generous support has provided thousands of youth access to services they would not have been able to receive otherwise. It is such a privilege for Bethany to recognize them through the Health Clinic.

The renovations for the Health Clinic were funded through special gifts by the Friends of Reading Hospital, Bethany Ladies Committee and all of the donors to the 2017 Over the Edge Campaign.

In just six months, the Health Clinic was transformed from an infirmary style set-up to one that is more of a doctor's office setting. The Clinic can now serve multiple youth in private rooms along

with providing health education services. The new space includes two private exam rooms, two resting rooms for youth staying home from school with illness, a fully accessible restroom, kitchenette, and office space. The Clinic has been decorated with art made by current residents under the guidance of Artist, Dustin Horne.

Recently staff and youth have shared the following:

“It really looks like a doctor's office in here.” – Bethany Staff

“This is actually a place where I would want to come now.”

–Bethany Youth

“I wish I worked in your clinic.” –Bethany Staff

Thank you to all of our donors for your continued support of our youth. Together, we are able to provide the best medical care and education services for our current and future residents.





Alumni Brandy Henshaw's Message to Bethany's Youth

On the evening of Monday, March 26, 2018, Bethany alumna Brandy "Beasy Baybie" Henshaw shared her inspirational message with current residents. Brandy was a resident from 1993-1996 starting in the Shelter then moving to Knorr Cottage. Discharged just shy of her 16th birthday, she went back to reside with her mother. Only months later she would be pregnant with her first daughter. Twice she became a teenage mother and was later a homeless teen. Her adult years approached and life continued to be filled with lessons; she was arrested and imprisoned at Muncy State Correctional Institution. During her imprisonment she was led to seek and build a relationship with God. That relationship drove her to work on relationships with her family, her community, and most importantly herself.

Today, "Beasy" spends her days as afternoon on air radio personality at HOT 103.9FM in Columbia, SC. She's the author of the short story "That Night, I Died" as well as a motivational speaker, community leader, and mother to four beautiful girls.

**THAT NIGHT,
I DIED**
Brandy Henshaw



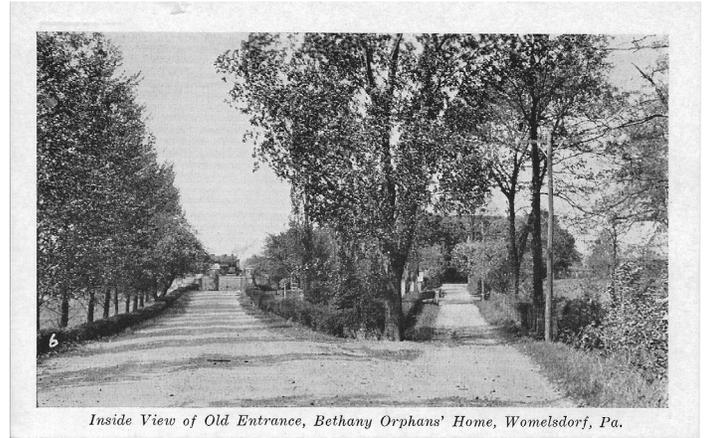
Would you like to share your alumni story with current residents? If so, please contact the Development Office at 610-589-6827 or email info@bethanyhome.org

Alumni Appreciation Day

Saturday, August 11, 2018

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bethany Pool Pavilion



Inside View of Old Entrance, Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa.

Schedule of Events:

11:00 a.m. – Gathering at the Pool Pavilion

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. BBQ at the Pool

(\$8.00 per person; Ages 5 and under are free)

1:00 p.m. – Pool Opens

Activities throughout the day:

- Alumni Sharing
- Archives • Church • Tours of Campus
- (Please note that not all cottages will be open on this day)
- Music • Recreation Games

LUNCH RESERVATION FORM

Please return to the Development Office at Bethany by August 1, 2018 to confirm your lunch reservation.

For more info or to reserve via phone, call Hilary at 610-589-6827. Please make checks payable to Bethany Children's Home and return this slip with payment to 1863 Bethany Rd, Womelsdorf, PA 19567.

Your name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

____ Yes, I will attend Bethany's Alumni Day! I need ____ lunches @ \$8 each. Total \$ enclosed: _____

Bethany Children's Home Christmas in July Wish List

Bethany seeks new in-kind contributions throughout the year to support the needs of the youth in our care. Due to our regulations, clothing and products must be new in order to provide them to our youth.

The products and items used in our cottages are very similar to what you would use in your own home. Please check out our Wish List for specific items we are currently in need of. If an item is not listed, but you wish to make a donation please call the Development Office at 610-589-6827 to discuss or to schedule a drop off of wish list items.

DAILY USE

Journals
Fidgets
Word Search/Puzzle Books
Mini Travel Games
Board Games for Teens

HOUSEWARES

Bath Towels
Small Plastic Bins for Toiletries
Shower Curtain Liners
Shower Rings
Kitchen Dishcloths/towels
Twin Sheet Sets

Coffee Makers - 10-12 cups
Non-Stick Pots and Pan Sets
Nylon Kitchen Utensil Sets
Colorful 6x9 area rugs

SUMMER FUN ITEMS

Beach Towels
Beach Chairs
Beach Umbrellas
Beach Blankets
Boogie Boards/Beach Games
Rolling Cooler
Sunscreen
Insect Repellent

Flip Flops (teen sizes)
Swimming goggles (teen/adult sizes)
Water Shoes
Rain Ponchos
Sleeping Bags
Legos

CLOTHING

White Socks -
Young Men & Misses
White T-Shirts -
Young Men & Misses
Summer Pajamas -
Young Men & Misses

Gym Shorts -
Young Men & Misses (please not too short)
Sports Bras

GIFT CARDS

Dairy Queen
Dough Roller
Game Stop
Grotto Pizza
Fractured Prune
Giant or Redner's
Walmart

Bethany Out & About!



Bethany Night at the Reading Royals



On the air with WEEU!

Bethany Events:

FREE Concerts:

June 22 – Stephanie Grace
July 20 – Reading Buccaneers
August 10 – The Uptown Band

August 11 – Homers Breakfast & Alumni Picnic

September 6 – Liquid Courage

September 21 - Over The Edge

September 28 – Tribute Breakfast



Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting



Immanuel UCC in Shillington's Rise & Run 5K

Bethany Children's Home

Summer Concert Series

Concerts start at 7:00 PM

Featuring:

JUNE 22

Stephanie Grace

JULY 20

**Reading Buccaneers
& Alumni Drum & Bugle Corp**

AUGUST 10

The Uptown Band

**RAIN OR SHINE
FREE ADMISSION**

Freewill offering accepted.

Proceeds to benefit Bethany's mission. Concessions available.

Please no weapons,
tobacco, alcohol or pets.

Seating is on the lawn, so please
bring your favorite chair or blanket.



1863 Bethany Road • Womelsdorf, PA 19567
610-589-4501 • www.bethanyhome.org

Will you go Over The Edge for Bethany???

Over the Edge is a unique opportunity to provide individuals the opportunity to rappel down the side of the Abraham Lincoln Apartments in Reading, PA on September 21, 2018. This is our 3rd year hosting this special fundraising event in Reading, PA. Individuals and teams join together to earn a spot to rappel by raising a minimum of \$1,000 from friends, family, and colleagues. Last year we raised over \$110,000 for Bethany! Go over the edge with us!

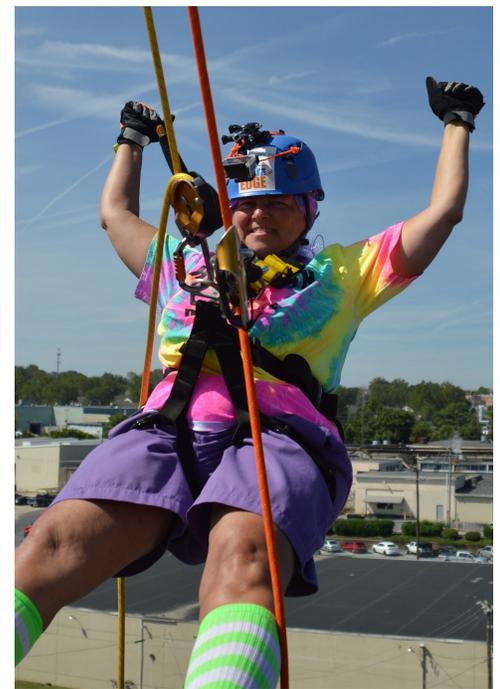
Where will the funds raised go?

All funds raised from the campaign will support our youth life skill development and therapeutic services. When a youth enters care at Bethany they are not only provided their basic needs of food, shelter and clothing but also a supportive environment to help them work through the trauma they have faced and regain control of their future.

Please join us on September 21, 2018 to watch our Edgers go "Over The Edge". Our Base Camp will be offering health and wellness information as well as food and fun!



Register at www.becomeanedger.com



Volunteers Making a Difference for our Youth

"It Takes A Village to Raise A Child" resonates at Bethany each and every day. Through our dedicated staff and volunteers, Bethany can provide a safe and nurturing environment for our residents to take back their lives. With the assistance of volunteers throughout the year, we can provide many special opportunities to our youth such as birthday parties, off campus trips, holiday celebrations, sporting events, special Wednesday night activities, honor roll dinners, and much more. In addition, our volunteers during the spring and summer months assist us in keeping our campus beautiful. Over the past few months we are thankful to our volunteers who have helped prepare garden beds, paint bedrooms, help create relaxation rooms in our shelter, design and plant a butterfly-themed garden, clean up winter debris, paint basketball court fences, railings, and more....

To learn more about our volunteer opportunities call 610-589-6827 or email info@bethanyhome.org



Alvernia University MLK Day Volunteers



New Goshenhoppen UCC Volunteers



Patrick Troy, Epping Community Church, NH



Girl Scout Senior Troops 1634 & 1065, Conrad Weiser Units



Materion Corporation



Harvest Bible Church



United Way of Berks County Emerging Leaders United



Berkshire Systems Group Inc./SAH



Berkshire Systems Group Inc./SAH



Berkshire Systems Group Inc./SAH



BB&T Lighthouse Project



BB&T Lighthouse Project

Giving from the Heart: Donations from the Community...



Forney Family donates a bike to Bethany



St Michaels Hamburg First Aid Supplies



St. Ignatius 5th Grade Basketball Club



Easter Candy from Wyomission UCC



Solomon's Macungie Easter Donations



Trinity Lutheran Church Easter Donations



Liz Fortner Berks Community Action



Mom's Club of Sinking Spring



Graduation Quilts from Reformed Church of the Ascension



The Brenneman's made a donation of an original stained glass window from 1883.

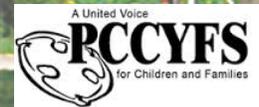
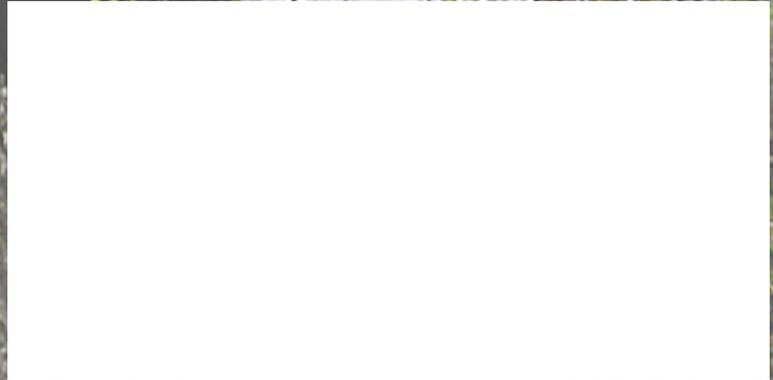


St. Paul's UCC, Trexlertown Golf Outing



1863 Bethany Road
 Womelsdorf, PA 19567
www.bethanyhome.org
 610-589-4501

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



ABOUT BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME

Founded in 1863, Bethany Children's Home has provided a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid youth in their own self awareness, growth, and healing for a brighter healthier future. Everyday youth who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned are taking back their lives with the help of Bethany.

Services: Music Therapy, spiritual services, arts and recreation, Safe Spaces, anger management, social services, and more are provided to every youth at Bethany.

Programs: Bethany offers individualized programs for youth who for whatever reason cannot live with their family or a substitute family. From Emergency services to longer term Residential Treatment programs, Bethany supports youth while they heal and prepare for the next steps of their journey. **To learn more**, visit www.bethanyhome.org and follow us on Facebook.



Bethany Children's Home is an approved EITC organization for the FY 2017-2018. Education Improvement Tax Credit funds will be used to enhance the academic support and enrichment programs provided at Bethany through the

Haas Learning Center. Funds from EITC benefit education remediation for youth served at Bethany. The program focuses on a balance of individualized services and group learning based on academic and educational needs.

To find out how to support Bethany through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program program, go to: www.bethanyhome.org/get-involved/eitc/ or call **610-589-6828**

A Simple Gift

through your will or estate will help us with what we do today and far into the future. It's a simple gift that costs nothing during your lifetime. To learn more about Bethany's planned giving program, please call 610-689-6827 or www.bethanyhome.org



The official registration and financial information of Bethany Home Inc. and Bethany Children's Home Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. Tax Id: 23-1365188