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## **Bethany Children's Home awarded prestigious designations**

(Womelsdorf, Pa., Nov. 9, 2020) – Bethany Children's Home has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Behavioral Health Care and Human Services Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

Bethany Children's Home underwent a rigorous review in September. During the review that spanned several days, a team of Joint Commission reviewers evaluated compliance with Behavioral Health Care and Human Services standards spanning several areas including emergency management, environment of care, infection prevention and control, and medication management, among others.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted observations and interviews.

“As a private accreditor, The Joint Commission surveys health care organizations to protect the public by identifying deficiencies in care and working with those organizations to correct them as quickly and sustainably as possible,” says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. “We commend Bethany Children's Home for its continuous quality improvement efforts in patient safety and quality of care.”

“It has been a true honor and privilege to embrace this momentous journey with the entire Bethany Children's Home Team that marks this historical achievement of obtaining Joint Commission Accreditation, said Dr. Joseph Birli, Bethany Children's Home CEO. “I could not be more proud of the exceptional, collaborative and cohesive Team Members that brought this accomplishment to fruition.

“In the midst of an unprecedented pandemic; the passion, resiliency and perseverance was never more evident than the months leading up to the Bethany Team's 4-day virtual inspection survey that ranked as one of the 5 top best organizations to be reviewed, according to Mr. Kevin Feisel, Joint Commission Inspector.”

For more information, please visit [The Joint Commission website](#).

Bethany also is now certified as a Specialized Setting, one of only four agencies in Pennsylvania, for victims of trafficking as well as youth transitioning into adulthood. The specialized setting certification is a component of the federal Family First Prevention

Services Act, signed into law in 2018. Team members have gone through extensive training as part of this certification.

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*The mission of Bethany Children's Home is to continue a Christian ministry, begun in 1863, to serve children and families within our care. Bethany strives to provide a safe place of nurture, protection, and supportive care to aid our residents in their self-understanding, growth, and healing toward a brighter, healthier future.*