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**Hello Champions!**

**Thank you for all your work!** When I tell Champions this I sometimes hear the response, "I don't do all that much." Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10a says : *Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.*" Every thing you do, small or large, makes a big difference in our efforts to meet the needs of hurting children. Thank you!

**The F.L.I.P. Program** will be coming in June and we need volunteers who enjoy working with children. This 6 week program is a 4 hour, 1 day a week, educational and fun event for kids while providing some respite for foster parents. If you're interested contact Kim at Bethany, 372-8800.

**Golf Open!** The Bethany Christian Services Golf Committee has started meeting for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Open on Tuesday September 9, 2008. If you have ideas for sponsors for this event, be sure to contact me. We are really hoping to get some new partners—Individual Golfers and Corporate Sponsors to join with us to raise funds to serve Bethany children from this event.

**May is Foster Care Month!** Please consider promoting Foster Care to your church members. I have about 700 flyers in my office just waiting to fill your church member's mailboxes or put out on your information table. We continue to need homes for the many children in our foster care program.

**Respite Days:** We are still looking to create several respite days this year for our foster parents to provide them with a break from parenting for a few hours. This is a much needed service for the caregivers of these children. Please give me call if you are interested so we can get them scheduled.

**Discover Adoption Meeting was held** at Calvary Bible Church in Kalamazoo April 21. The response was wonderful! We are looking for a church in September to hold this event. We do all the work but need your facility, in your community to hold the event. Please consider this opportunity.

**Orientation Meetings for Adoption** are scheduled the first Monday of every month. The next meeting will be May 5 from 4:30 to 8:00 PM. These meetings introduce all adoption programs and begin the process for families who have decided on growing their family by adoption.

Please keep praying for the work being done in HIS name at Bethany Christian Services. Thank you!

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