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Hello Champions!

Breakfast at Bethany: You are invited to **Breakfast at Bethany** on Wednesday September 17 from 8-9:30 AM. We plan to present information to you regarding the Open Arms Ministry as well as have the Champions for Children Director and Bethany's Open Arms Coordinator make some brief presentations. We look forward to thanking you and your pastor in person for your help in our ministry here at Bethany. Please RSVP to Karen Renzema by Monday September 8.

Golf Open! The Bethany Christian Services Golf Open is Tuesday September 9, 2008. If you are interested in golfing or 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. Please consider joining us!

Respite Days: We have one church that is planning on holding a respite day in November 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 your church might be interested in providing this much needed service.

Foster and Adoption Meetings: Foster Care Orientation meetings are scheduled the first Monday of every month. The next meeting will be October 6 from 4:30 to 8:00 PM. Domestic Infant Adoption meeting will be September 22 at 6:30 PM. International adoptive families will have an orientation meeting on September 18 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Also coming September 29 from 6-8:30, Flowers and Brains, Elephants and Dancing; a training for all adoptive and foster families to learn about the brain functioning and trauma reactions. All meetings are at the Bethany office in Kalamazoo. To reserve your place for any of these meetings, please call the office at 372-8800.

Discover Adoption Meeting will be held at the Crossroads Church and Ministry at 14701 US HWY 27 N in Marshall, Michigan on Monday September 15 beginning at 5:30. Please come, have dinner with us and learn about our adoption and foster care programs. RSVP preferred by not required. Child care is available. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Your help in getting this information to your congregation is vital to us. Please consider how these events can be advertised or promoted in your church.

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

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