

---

2-27-08



Hello Champions!

**Here is the news from Bethany Christian Services for this month!**

**Expanding our Champions for Children** is the focus of our growth in 2008, as mentioned last month. We were recently able to order our new Champion information brochure. Please let me know if you would like one to engage your congregation or pastor in a discussion about your exciting role as a Champion for Children in your church. Soon we are hoping to hold an event that will bring all our Champions together, like we did last fall. Stay tuned for that opportunity.

**Easter is the last Sunday of March.** Over the years, many of you have generously donated Easter baskets for some of our foster children. If you would like to do this again or join in on this event, please call our office and talk to Kim. Let her know that you're a Champion for Children.

**Come skate with us at our Bethany activity.** On Tuesday, March 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM we will be at Rollar World. The entry fee is waived if you bring in a can good. If you want to volunteer, come in and help tie skates! Give us a call to let us know your coming.

**Respite Days:** We are 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. I have contacted a few of you and hoping to hear that you will consider this support opportunity. Please give me call so we can get them scheduled.

**Discover Adoption Meetings.** We are looking for a location for our next Discover Adoption Meeting. Will this be at your church? We hope to hold our next meeting in April. If you are interested in having this meeting at your church, give me a call.

**Orientation Meetings for Adoption** are scheduled the first Monday of every month. The next meeting will be March 3 from 4:30 to 8:00 PM. These meetings introduce adoption and begin the process for families who have decided on growing their family by adoption.

**A refugee family** that was mentioned last month is now looking for a job for the father of that family. Working in a greenhouse or like position may be suited for him. Are you able to help?

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

Karen Renzema

Bethany Christian Services 6687 Seeco Drive Kalamazoo, MI 49009 269-372-8800