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Hello Champions!

**I am Karen Renzema.** Karman Hamlin introduced me in your newsletter last month. She did an excellent job recruiting you and keeping you posted on activities at Bethany Christian Services. My hope is that my tenure in this position as the Champions for Children coordinator is helpful to you as we work together to minister to the needs of families and children in Southwest Michigan.

Many of your names seem familiar to me. The likely reason is that I have lived my entire life in Southwest Michigan. My approach to keeping in contact with all of you will be slightly different than Karman's. I prefer to build relationships with people by talking and meeting with them. I will seek opportunities to do so as you volunteer for various events or as we are in contact with each other. I will also continue to send a brief newsletter each month. Please feel free to call me at anytime, I would enjoy hearing from you about yourself, your ideas, hopes and dreams as we travel this road together. You are welcome to call me or email me at [krenzema@bethany.org](mailto:krenzema@bethany.org) or by phone at 269-372-8800.

**Thank you for responding to the challenge to volunteer for the ice cream Social on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> and helping make it a success!** Many of you responded by volunteering to help at the event, donating school supplies, and baking goodies to add to the ice cream that was provided. We had about 150 people attend and had a great time.

**We are gearing up for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf open to be held at Thornapple Creek on September 11.** If you are interested in golfing or being involved in this event, please let me know. We would be thrilled to have a group of Champions and/or church members golfing or volunteering. A church team of 4 can golf at a special fee. Please encourage your golfing members to consider supporting Bethany in this event. We depend upon your support!

Most of all, remember to pray for Bethany Christian Services. You are receiving prayer calendar in this email. Please share it with other who are prayer warriors. The greatest need is for foster and adoptive families for the many children without a family. The enemy's agenda is to keep this need from being fulfilled. However remember, ***TOGETHER, WITH OUR LORD, WE ARE THEIR HOPE!***

You are a blessing,

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