

Discipleship Opportunities

Missouri Tax Credit still available for individual or business donors:

Please let your congregation know that financially partnering with Bethany is not only life-affirming, it's financially wise as well. For every \$100 or more donated to Bethany by June 30, 2009, families receive a 50% additional Missouri tax credit. For example:

If, Donation=	\$1000
Federal Deduction (35% rate) =	350
State Deduction (6% rate) =	60
Tax credit=	500
Total Savings=	910
TOTAL OUT-OF-POCKET=	\$ 90

GREAT WAY TO BE A WISE STEWARD OF YOUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES!!!

How can we partner? There are so many ways to be a disciple for the babies of Bethany. Financial partnership helps babies around the world. Get directly involved in a number of ways from Shepherding Homes, Mentors, Adoptive Families, or being part of our Crisis Response Team. See below for more information. To start the process, contact the Bethany Office at 314-781-6363 or email dnicholson@bethany.org. You will receive a packet of information about Bethany and interview with a Bethany representative. The goal is to use your specific life-affirming gifts and talents to help those served through Bethany. Thanks in advance for your interest, commitment to children, and consideration.



Shepherding Homes

Do you have the gift of hospitality? Could you take in a young woman facing an unplanned pregnancy? Bethany is reviving their SHEPHERDING HOME program, seeking families to provide a home for a young woman as she walks through a pregnancy. This would include mentoring, helping with transportation, if necessary, providing lodging and food and witnessing on a daily basis. Young mothers will have background checks and interviews will be done prior to placements to assure that the right fit is made. Since this will be a new program, families are asked to be patient as the program is established to make it the most successful. Training will be provided.



Mentors

Do you have the gift of compassion? Could you provide a relationship to a woman planning to parent her child? Two out of every 3 women Bethany serves chooses to parent. Bethany is seeking wise women to walk beside these young mothers as they make informed parenting decisions for their infants. The time commitment is based on a mother's need and your desire as well. It could be as seldom as once a month visits and phone calls to weekly interaction. Match meetings will occur to assure that the mentor and young mother are a good fit. Training and consultation will be provided.



Adoptive Families

Do you have the gift of selfless love? Could you provide a child a forever family? Children are waiting for families to call their own. Bethany is seeking families that are willing to walk the journey through adoption despite the obstacles to provide for a child who is in need of a family. Bethany has numerous adoption programs. The Bible says: "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:37 Could God use your family in this way? Bethany will walk with you every step of the way. Training is provided.



Crisis Response Team

Do you have the gift of versatility? Bethany is developing a team of disciples to respond to ongoing one time needs. This may be praying for children, rocking a child, seeking donations for a family without possessions, hosting a baby shower for Bethany babies, putting together care packets for birth mothers, etc. Needs arise throughout the year and Bethany is seeking a team of caring individuals to help out. There is no minimal commitment, however, it is the hope that once you engage in being able to directly make an impact on someone in our ministry you will feel the call to keep helping. Pictured above is Layla who needed warm arms to hold her as she lived out her days here on earth. She made such an impact on those who were able to spend time with her.



Event Planners:

Do you have the gift of creativity? Join our team to help host events for adoptive families and birthparents. Help Bethany honor and celebrate the gift of children.



Orphanage Partnership

Do you have the gift of building teams? Bring a church team together to commit to a Bethany sponsored orphanage. Your team can make a direct impact to enhance the lives of orphans. You can take mission trips, do fundraising drives, and even adopt from some of the orphanages. What an impact this would have on God's kingdom!!!



Office Assistant

Do you have the gift of organization? Help our office with ongoing office tasks, including answering the phone, filing, organizing, etc. There are a variety of tasks!! You choose how much time you donate to bless Bethany!!



Create your on Position!!

We always want to seek your input on how you could use your God-given gifts. Share ideas with us. We want to find a place for you to use your unique gifts.