

# Echo

## News from Bethany Children's Home Winter 2024

### Bethany Children's Home - A New Era - 2024

By Joseph T. Birli, Ed.D., LPC, NCC  
President & CEO of Bethany Children's Home

Though Bethany has survived decades from the early days of the orphanage when caring for thousands of children through wars, various political regimes, funding shortages, pandemics, and workforce shortages, to the horrific trauma experiences children encounter today, Bethany Children's Home endures to bring forth healing that every individual in its service is deserving to encounter and experience.

The Bethany of today is no longer an orphanage, though we still receive calls from time to time asking if volunteers can come and hold the babies of the orphanage. We are now a place that provides for those children and youth who have been wounded and hurt by those they may have trusted. In many cases, the children and youth have been traumatized by various forms of mistreatment and abuse. Every time I believe I have heard the worst of how a human can treat another human, I find myself surprised to learn that another horrific circumstance has taken place, traumatizing yet another child.

Over the last four years, Bethany has become a specialized setting in the state of Pennsylvania for Human Trafficking. Yes, in our little neck of the woods, Womelsdorf, Pennsylvania, Bethany Children's Home is in the corridor of Human Trafficking from New York City to Florida. One hundred percent of the children who come to Bethany have either been trafficked or are at risk of being trafficked. What tends to be even more astonishing is that many of these children

have experienced trafficking at the hands of a family member. Many are sold for sex, body parts, labor, food, babies, and shelter, to name a few. Grandmothers have sold their grandchildren into pornography. Thirteen-year-old girls have been pregnant 3 or more times so that their babies could be sold. Children are sold for sex to support a parent's drug habit. These are the realities of the children and youth that Bethany Children's Home is serving today. It's a reality that most do not want to believe is happening, least of all by family members to their children. Yet it is, and the wounds of trauma for these children cause deep scars and pain-based

behaviors that communities and schools do not understand. Their behaviors may appear bizarre and unacceptable, yet the child is just trying to survive another day.

I always found it interesting to hear "the children are our future" yet how society has treated the broken children has not always been very favorable. Though I am not naive enough to think that Bethany always gets it right, we do always try to be better and provide a place for children to feel safe, allow for them to be heard and respected. A place for the healing of the wounds to occur and hope to take root for a brighter future than when they first arrived, believing the lies that they are worthless. The Bethany of today is still in the business of healing as it was in 1863; just some of the issues the

children have encountered have changed from the previous decades. Don't get me wrong, human trafficking has been going on just as long as Bethany has been in existence, it is just more known and being treated for its impact of trauma more today than ever before. Partners such as those of you reading this article have become more aware of the needs of children today and contribute to that healing. Thank you for being a partner and recognizing the needs for therapeutic interventions that contribute to this new Bethany era and the journey of healing for every Bethany youth that we get the privilege to serve. ■



# The Naming of the Bethany Echo

By Jennifer M. Koch, 'MLIS18, Bethany Archivist

In 1944, Bethany Children's Home held a contest to name its new quarterly newspaper. A freshman high school student named Eleanor Shurr submitted the winning entry - "Bethany Echo". This simple yet meaningful name reflected how the newspaper would serve as an "echo" to broadcast news and stories from the Bethany community.

The contest winner, Eleanor Shurr, arrived at Bethany in difficult circumstances in 1930 along with her three siblings- Violet, Franklin, and Beatrice. After the untimely passing of their mother due to pneumonia, the four children found a home at Bethany and according to our records and their letters back to the then Superintendents, they thrived and were thankful for their time and lessons learned at the Home.

Eleanor spent her life at Bethany until departing in 1948 at age 18. In a touching letter to "Pop Vandevere" (a nickname for the Bethany Superintendent), Eleanor explained why she left without saying goodbye: "I knew I couldn't go if I saw you before I left. I hope you will forgive me."

While Eleanor's stay at Bethany was relatively short, her legacy lives on through the newspaper name she bestowed- Bethany Echo. Now, 80 years since the Echo's founding, it serves as a treasure trove of stories and history from the Bethany community over the decades. The full archives remain available for period research, offering a window into life at the Bethany Home across the centuries.



Bethany Echo, from October 1944

So, while Eleanor Shurr's echo faded when she left Bethany in 1948, the newspaper name she left behind continues to reverberate as the Bethany Echo to this day.

Sadly, Eleanor passed away on May 15, 2015, in Temple, PA. Her legacy lives on at Bethany Children's Home. ■

## BETHANY DERBY DAY!

May 4, 2024 • 4:00PM

Bern Farm 1160 Old Bernville Rd Reading, PA 19605

Dinner • Silent Auction • Open Bar  
Games • Derby Viewing

All proceeds support Equine Therapy  
for the youth at Bethany Children's Home!



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# 2024 Educational Programming

By Mike McWilliams

Playwright and Author Hillary DePiano once wrote “You can get excited about the future. The past won’t mind.” Bethany Children’s Home’s Educational Programming Department is no doubt excited about the year ahead for youth programming. The Music, Recreation, and Art instructors are excited to offer new and creative group programming daily to assist our youth process through their past trauma, develop new coping skills, build critical social skills, and explore new activities that they have not previously experienced.

Several of our most loved annual events will return this year including Halloween/ Day of the Dead Dance, Holiday Formal, Summer Amusement Park Trip, Back to School Scavenger Hunt, Fall Fest, Homemade Cookie and Ornament exchange among others. Bethany Children’s Home Educational Programming Team will also be putting a new twist into some old traditions with the Easter Egg hunt and Holiday Parranda to kick off the holiday season to name a few.

We are excited to announce the return of our weekly Summer Social Events during the summer months. These events will be hosted weekly for the entire campus to participate in, and each week will all have their own theme. The youth will be participating in weekly themed social events during the

summer months. We will be kicking into the summer months with our First Bethany Children’s Home Kickball game! Other events currently planned in the summer will be a Cottage vs Cottage battle in the first-ever Bethany Olympics, where Cottages will participate in a series on field day games and activities against one another.

The Music department will offer youth the opportunity to express themselves and learn how to record and edit music with the addition of a recording studio on campus. This will provide an outlet for expression, self-reflection, and exploring creative writing techniques. Youth will have the opportunity to showcase their talents in two talent shows throughout the year. We are also excited for our LGBTQ+ ally group, BRAVE.

This group is an LGBTQ+ alliance youth group made by youth, for youth. Brave is a supportive and affirming group centered on LGBTQ+ conversations where youth can freely and safely express their thoughts, opinions, and experiences. Other new and exciting programming opportunities on the horizon for our youth will be Life Skills groups offering the opportunity to gain experience and practice skills involved with independent living skills such as Food Preparation and Safety, Personal Appearance, Hygiene, Housekeeping, Transportation,

Educational Planning, Job Seeking Skills, Job Maintenance Skills, Emergency/Safety Skills, and Housing.

Also coming this year will be the continued expansion of Animal Assisted Therapy provided by Pawsitive Hearts! This therapeutic opportunity will be available to all youth on our campus on a weekly basis. Bethany Children’s Home is looking forward to an engaging and support year for the youth in our care! ■



**Guy Griffin-Silveri**, Educational Programming Specialist, **Antonio Williams**, Educational Programming Specialist, **Abbie-Jean Litman**, Music Education Specialist, **Mike McWilliams**, Educational Programming Supervisor  
**Corrine Eckart**, Art Education Specialist

# Pet Therapy

by Abbie-Jean Litman

Can you remember a time where you've had a long day at work or school, and snuggling up to your pet made all those negative feelings melt away? I certainly can- and so can the youth at Bethany Children's Home, thanks to our wonderful partnership with Pawsitive Hearts Pet Therapy and Rescue.

On Tuesdays here at Bethany, our Cottage Life youth get to visit Gracie, the English Springer Spaniel and Sara Miller, her owner. Together the youth engage in a variety of activities with Gracie- like playing fetch with her favorite tennis balls, hiding treats around the room and sending Gracie on a scavenger hunt, or simply just laying together on the floor while Gracie receives belly rubs and lots of affirmations that she is a good girl.


Sara Miller got Gracie, her almost three-year-old English Springer Spaniel in February of 2021. She is still a puppy but doing a lot of wonderful things already! Sara decided to enroll Gracie into training through Pawsitive Hearts when she met them in Boscov's and fell in love with the idea of pet therapy. She got connected to Pawsitive Hearts and she began her therapy in February of 2023, soon to be a year involved! It took three months to get certified, both Gracie and Sara. After trial periods in retirement homes and then in school settings- Gracie finally was ready to serve. Sara and Gracie began their journey at Bethany Children's Home in September of 2023 and has been our faithful Tuesday evening activity ever since! When Gracie isn't on Bethany campus, she enjoys staying active and loving her human family. Gracie loves camping, hiking, snuggles, and finding every mud puddle she can possibly jump in. Sara's favorite part of bringing Gracie to visit Bethany Children's home: "I love watching (Gracie) interact with the kids. When we come here the kids feel so much more relaxed- hugging

her and playing with her and it makes me feel so good." I can attest, youth appreciate Gracie's energy, companionship and, of course, her hugs. They have expressed that the treat scavenger hunts are one of their favorite things to do with Gracie and that they love how she "just knows" when they need a cuddle, hug, or a little bit of TLC.

Pets have the special and compassionate talent of making us humans feel seen and taking our minds off some of the troubles we face, even if it is only for a moment. I have the honor of hosting the Tuesday Pawsitive Hearts Pet Therapy

groups, and it is so encouraging to see our youth feeling lighter at the end of each session. Youth on our campus can relate their time with Gracie to fond memories of their pets, previously fun encounters with animals, or simply create their own memories with Gracie. I have also seen youth allowing themselves to use this time to be vulnerable and truly express the weekly frustrations or hardships in a safe and comforting place to facilitate healing and healthy conversation. Pets and animals have

proved to be a common thread connecting staff and youth alike. As rewarding as it is to see youth get joy from visits with Gracie, it is just as rewarding to see the faces of Bethany staff members light up as they come to see Gracie during her sessions as well.

I am sure everyone can agree that our days have brightened since Gracie began visiting us, and we are so grateful for her and Sara's service to the community and to Bethany Children's Home. 



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# Friends of Bethany

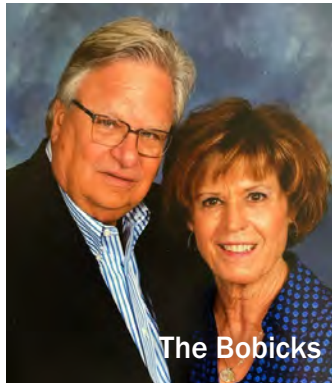


**The LGBT Center of Greater Reading** has an ongoing partnership with Bethany. The Center and Bethany share many resources, and the Center has sponsored events for our youth over the years. We

also have partnered with the Center on initiatives on an organizational level. The Center provides advocacy, support and resources to LGBTQ+ communities in Berks and beyond and has assisted youth at Bethany throughout our partnership.

## Steve and Carmela Bobick

have been Bethany supporters for many years. They have contributed generously to employee appreciation efforts and summer concerts at Bethany. The Bobicks are always willing to volunteer their time for events



The Bobicks



Willie Hartranft

and lend their presence to show support to the organization. Through their consistent support and hands-on involvement, Steve and Carmela exemplify what it means to be engaged and caring members of the Bethany community.

## Willie Hartranft

is a beloved alumnus of Bethany Children's Home. As a child, Willie and his siblings found comfort within the walls of Bethany. Willie couldn't stay away and returned to give back to Bethany by joining the team! Willie enthusiastically supports Bethany's mission through generous contributions and acts as a spokesperson for Bethany alumni. Willie is cherished by team members for his kind spirit and unwavering dedication to Bethany.

## WHAT'S COOKIN' IN THE BETHANY KITCHEN?

### White Chicken Chili

\*(serves 8)

**"A youth and team member favorite on a cold day!" – Chef Eric**

- ¼ C. butter
- 1 ½ C. fine chopped onion
- 3 TBSP. Flour
- 1 TBSP chili Powder
- 1 TBSP minced garlic
- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- ¼ tsp. Adobo w/no pepper
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 ½ C. half and half
- 4 Oz. Cooked chicken
- 2 15.5 oz cans of great northern beans
- 1 small can of diced green chilis.



#### Directions:

1. Heat butter in a large pot over medium high heat, until the butter is melted. Add onions to the pot. Stirring occasionally, cook the onions until translucent, about 10 minutes. Add flour, chili powder, garlic, cumin, and adobo to the onions. Cook for another 3 minutes.
2. Whisk chicken stock and half and half into pot. Bring to a boil. Stir in chicken, beans, green chilis. Reduce heat to medium low. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until the soup thickens.
3. Once the soup is thickened, taste and adjust the seasoning to your liking.
4. Serve with a garnish of fresh cilantro or some tortilla strips.

# Christmas Magic at Bethany

There was holiday magic in the air at Bethany on Christmas morning. Over 70 youth residing in our various cottages on campus woke up to discover piles of thoughtfully wrapped gifts with their names on them under the tree. Smiles stretched from ear to ear as they eagerly tore into the presents over the next joy-filled hours.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of 87 donors this year, each child received clothes, toys, gift cards, and specials items from their wish lists. For many of our youth, this was their first Christmas where they felt so seen and cared for. The excitement and gratitude across the campus was a gift in itself.

Volunteers also helped add to the holiday cheer by donating their time to wrap the mountain of gifts prior to Christmas morning. Their efforts helped set the stage for revealing the surprise and delight waiting for the children.

While Bethany always provides the best care possible, resources can be limited. This amazing outpouring from donors allowed these youth to feel extra special this holiday season. It was a Christmas morning filled with the true spirit of the season – one they will treasure for many years to come.

A very special thank you to all of our generous donors, volunteers, and team members who helped make this unforgettable experience possible for our very deserving youth. Your caring support created treasured Christmas memories that will live on in their hearts.



We held a friendly contest asking each of our cottages to creatively depict what their Christmas looked like. We encouraged everyone to tap into their imagination and storytelling to illustrate the day. There was incredible participation, but in the end the winning entry came from Leinbach Cottage! Enjoy...

## The Grinch of Leinbachville

Every Who down in Leinbachville liked Christmas a lot,  
But the Grinch, who lived just North of Leinbachville did not!!  
“Oh, the noise! Oh, the noise! Noise! Noise! Noise!  
There’s one thing I hate!  
All the NOISE! NOISE! NOISE!”  
Then he growled, with his Grinch fingers nervously drumming,  
“I must find some way to keep Christmas from coming!”  
Then he got an idea, an awful idea.  
The Grinch got a wonderful, awful idea.  
The kids should go out without any presents at all.



The kids woke up hoping to find presents.  
But what do they see?  
The Grinch with all their presents from under the tree.  
The kids scream,  
“You’re a rotter Mr. Grinch. You’re the king of sinful sots.  
Your heart’s a dead tomato splotted with moldy purple spots. Mr. Grinch! You’re a three-decker sauerkraut and toadstool sandwich with arsenic sauce.”



He paused and the Grinch put a hand to his ear.  
It started in low then it started to grow.  
But this sound wasn’t sad, why this sound sounded glad.  
Every Who down in Leinbachville, the tall and the small were singing without any presents at all.



Maybe Christmas he thought doesn’t come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more.

He came with the presents through the bright morning light.  
With a smile through his soul, he descended mount Bethany.  
As he rode into Leinbachville, he brought their presents to the Who girls and boys.



## \*The Spirit of Giving\*

In the spirit of giving this holiday season, local siblings Wyatt and Gemma brought cheer to Bethany through a heartwarming fundraiser. The brother-sister duo handcrafted 100 custom snowflake ornaments made from clothespins and sold them for \$2 each on their mom's Facebook page.

They promoted their efforts through an upbeat, charming video that quickly gained momentum, with generous supporters donating even more on top of the \$2 cost per ornament. Thanks to the community's support, Wyatt and Gemma exceeded their goal and raised \$300 for the youth at Bethany!

This was the family's second year organizing a holiday fundraiser to uplift their community. Bethany is honored to be chosen to receive their donation this year. Wyatt and Gemma's caring hearts touched many, reminding everyone that Christmas is truly the season of giving.

Thank you, Wyatt, Gemma and family, for being a light of hope and inspiration!

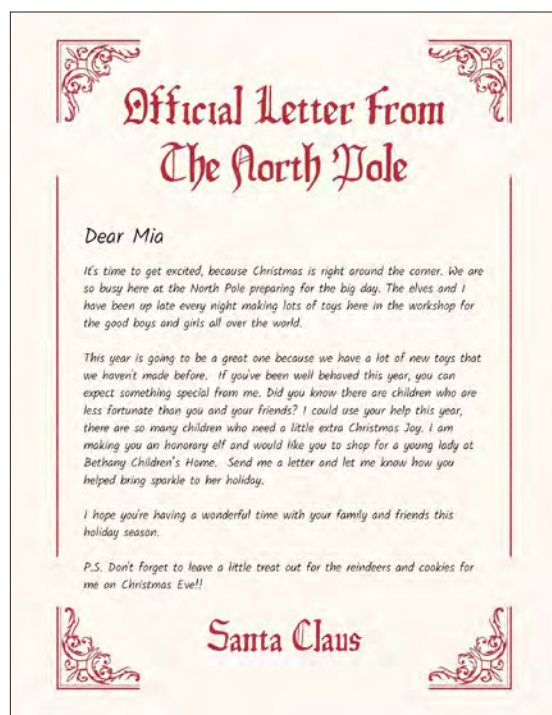


## Santa's Secret Elves

Christmas 2023 marked the first year of our "Santa's Secret Elves" Program! A new program aimed at encouraging children to jump into the spirit of giving during the holiday season. Through the program, Bethany sent 50 personalized letters from Santa, at the parent's request, to children aged 1-16 in our local community and expanding as far as Texas.

The letters invited the child to become one of Santa's Special "Honorary Elves" by picking out a small gift to brighten the holidays for a child here at Bethany. Even one clever canine got roped in as an honorary elf!

As our first-ever attempt, the Santa's Secret Elves program was a booming success. Parents provided enthusiastic feedback about the meaningful impact and excitement it had on their kids. We hope to continue to add honorary elves through this program for many years to come! We hope all the families enjoyed receiving letters as much as we enjoyed sending them! Thank you for enjoying this new program with us!



# Board Member Spotlight



## Mr. John Karahuta

January of 2024 held two milestones for Mr. John Karahuta and his truly blessed life, as he puts it. He has been married for 40 years of his 70 years on earth. He shared that back in 1954, he dropped from “God’s Pocket” into a loving family and an incredible

loving extended family headed by immigrants from Slovakia. He attended a Slovak Parochial Elementary School, in a Slovak neighborhood of south Reading, PA. During this time, he was raised by his parents, grandparents, two sisters, numerous nuns, five uncles, an aunt and everyone else on the Slovak blocks who knew his family. He shared that the aforementioned village reprimanded him in both English and Slovak, depending on the generation conducting the correcting.

He grew up in a blue-collar community with a hard emphasis on education. Playgrounds were the gathering place for kids and if there was a sport to be played the kids played it. Even at 70, John is still playing. The push of family took him through high school onto college. He stated that there was never really a choice, education was the key to moving forward. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in psychology and added a master’s degree in counseling from Kutztown University. He worked in a variety of social service positions, three years as a social worker at a hospital psychiatric unit, 10 years as a counselor at an alternative school in the Reading School District, and 16 years as Coordinator of Student Assistance Services at the Conrad Weiser Schools.

He quickly learned that not all kids had what he had growing up. He learned that things were, in fact, quite the opposite

for way too many children. He described that during 40 years of his marriage, to a very tolerant wife, Fail, they raised two children. Erin is a Research Integrity Specialist at Lehigh University, and Evan is the Director of Clinical Services at the Ohio Hospital of Psychiatry. He shared that his children had the same kind of extended family village, loving and setting examples as Gail and he did. He thanks all those that contributed from the Harts and Karahutas.

John retired nine years ago from his job as Bethany Education Coordinator. He was asked to consider being on the Bethany Board of Directors by Dr. Betsy Adams two years ago. He stated that he jumped at the chance to be part of the village again. What he saw happening at Bethany, during his career, is what he wanted for all the neglected, abused, and trauma-affected kids that he had come to know over the years. Bethany was a safe place where structure and rules are defined as caring. Physical, emotional, spiritual, and creative needs are taken care of, and a positive future is not some pipe dream for only those lucky kids like himself, he shared. He expressed that he is lucky to have found a place like Bethany to keep the legacy of his own village working for good. His relatives who disembarked at Ellis Island wouldn’t have it any other way.



## Steve A. Bobick

Steve grew up in Bethlehem, PA and graduated from Liberty H.S. He earned a BS degree from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA. Following graduation he spent two years in The U.S. Army serving in Alabama and Viet Nam. At Lycoming

Steve met and married Carmela. They have two children, Brian and Katie and two grandsons, Kieran and Sebastian.

Steve and Carmela moved to Berks County in 1977 where over the next ten years Steve worked for three local IT firms: Business Computer Systems, Advanced Cybernetics and Weidenhammer Systems. In the late eighties Steve

## Board Member Spotlight, cont.

started Professional Computer Solutions, a business that owned and operated three ComputerLand stores in Reading, Allentown and Wilkes-Barre.

In 1991 Steve formed UtiliTech, Inc., a consulting firm that analyzed telecommunications and utility bills for commercial businesses, not-for-profits and municipalities across the United States saving their clients millions of dollars. In 2010 Steve sold UtiliTech, Inc. to one of his employees and retired.

Since his “retirement” Steve has served on the board or committees of the board for the following not-for-profits:

- Bethany Children's Home
- The Highlands at Wyomissing
- Prospectus Berco
- South Mountain YMCA Camps
- Shared Growth
- The Vision Resource Center of Berks County
- Lycoming College
- Conrad Weiser Area School District
- Trinity Lutheran Church in Robesonia
- Berks Career and Technology Center
- Olivet Boys & Girls Club
- United Way of Berks County
- Greater Reading Chamber Alliance
- Berks Connections/Pretrial Services
- The Lutheran Home at Topton (Diakon)

Steve and Carmela's passion for kids is why Steve is still on the board of Bethany Children's Home. All kids deserve to have loving parents who provide a safe and caring environment where kids can grow and thrive as they make their way into adult life. Bethany serves the kids who didn't have those opportunities. Bethany provides that safe and caring environment where hopefully that trust and love can be restored. Carmela and Steve had those loving parents and want to help as many kids as they can to have the same opportunities.



## Rev. John Folk

The Rev. John Folk will be starting as the designated pastor of Trinity Reformed U.C.C. in the new year. While he loves all aspects of parish ministry, it is in the context of serving those in the greatest need that he finds his passion. John has been active in the life of the conference,

regional and national settings of the United Church of Christ. He has served as a part of the UCC Board of Directors, Bethany Children's Home Board of Directors, General Synod Implementation Team, Rejoicing Spirits, CWS CROP Walk coordination team and has had a particular focus on the planning and facilitation of conference meetings along with the youth ministry events including youth@synod and conference, regional, and national youth events and activities.

He is a 2013 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary, receiving both a Master of Divinity and a certificate in youth and young adult ministry. Prior to serving in parish ministry, John held positions in project & program management, service delivery, loss prevention, operations management, and was the least successful hot dog vendor in the history of Farmer Brown's Market.

John is married to his husband, Frank Orrs. They share a home that was originally St. Mary's School, a one-room schoolhouse, in Elverson, Pennsylvania. They love to travel & have two dogs: Joey (named after Joe Paterno) and Noah.

John has been a member of the United Church of Christ for most of his life. He is firmly committed to the denomination's stance on offering an extravagant welcome along with our capacity to appreciate the past while listening carefully for the still speaking voice of God leading us toward new, exciting, and sometimes unexpected ways of being the church. ■

# Meet the Chief!

## Embracing a Journey of Achievement and Growth

As Chief Administration and Programs Officer, Nick Hill, embodies a commitment to excellence, innovation, and continuous growth. With fervent dedication to human services, he has established a remarkable presence through a culmination of diverse experiences and unwavering passion.

### Pioneering Achievements

Nick Hill has consistently exemplified leadership and determination, evident in re-opening our emergency shelter program in March of 2023, setting the bar yet again, by leading a team to three years consecutively with no program citations under the governance of D.H.S. Through strategic foresight and ingenuity, the analysis and implementation of the emergency shelter brought in 145 referrals to the program within the first month of its opening, a much-needed service for congregate care stakeholders.

### Expertise and Skills

As an adept leader, Nick Hill possesses a unique blend of skills that encompass a background in Criminal Justice Administration, and graduate level studies that encompass Organizational Development, specifically, Non-Profits, with a sub-concentration in Human Resources. This expertise, coupled with an insatiable thirst for knowledge and adaptability, enables him to navigate complex challenges and contribute meaningfully to the field of healing, specifically Bethany Children's Home.

### Professional Journey

Nick's journey is characterized by a commitment to continuous improvement and learning. He has garnered 10 plus years of experience in work with juveniles both independently in after school settings in the surrounding inner cities, to becoming an expert in dependency and delinquency. Nick fosters deep insights while honing his expertise along the way. From the start of his Bethany journey as a direct support professional to leading the organization as second in command, it demonstrates an overarching thirst for knowledge growth, and the mindset of a servant leader.



### Vision and Impact

Beyond personal accomplishments, Nick remains steadfast in his dedication to making a meaningful impact. This is manifested through his board service with CASA, Camel Project, and Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance along with serving on various committees in Berks County. He actively contributes enhancing services in congregate care across the board in the state of Pennsylvania with desire to make a lifelong impact on the juvenile justice system.

### Looking Ahead

Embracing a future brimming with possibilities, Nick continues to set the bar high, aiming to make Bethany Children's Home the leader in the human services industry,

not only for the youth they serve but the team members they employ. In summary, Nick epitomizes a blend of expertise, innovation, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. His journey serves as an inspiration, reflecting the profound impact one can make through dedication, resilience, and a genuine passion for the healing journey. ■



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## About Bethany Children's Home

Founded in 1863, Bethany Children's Home has provided a safe place of nurture, protection and supportive care to aid youth in their own self awareness, growth and healing for a brighter, healthier future.

Everyday, youth who have been abused, neglected or abandoned are taking their lives back with the help of Bethany.

**Services:** Spiritual services, educational-programming, recreation, social services, and more are provided to every youth at Bethany.

**Programs:** Bethany offers individualized programs for youth who for whatever reason cannot live with their family or a substitute family. From emergency services to longer term Residential Treatment programs, Bethany supports youth while they heal and prepare for the next steps of their journey.

Thank you for your continued support in the healing of our youth.



Bethany Children's Home

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### OPEN POSITIONS



- ✓ Cottage Support Staff 2nd & 3rd Shift
- ✓ Bilingual Professional Learning & Development Specialist
- ✓ Live-In Resident Advisor
- ✓ Bilingual Youth Worker 2nd & 3rd Shift
- ✓ Cottage Supervisor 3rd Shift (bachelor's degree required)
- ✓ Clinical Behavior Specialist

### BENEFITS

- ✓ 4+ weeks PTO in your first year
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