



## Press Release

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### **Miss Iowa Princesses Give to Bethany in Celebration of Miss Iowa Week**

**Moline, Illinois** – A group of 17 Miss Iowa Princesses are coming to Bethany for Children & Families (Bethany) on Friday, June 11 as part of a community service project during Miss Iowa Week. The Princesses, ages five through 12, are donating bags of personal care items including soap, shampoo, tooth brushes, and a children's book to Bethany's after-school programs and foster care families. They will also have a chance to tour Bethany's Moline facility and learn about the programs and services offered.

"It is essential children learn volunteerism at a young age so they understand what it means to be thankful and give back to the community," explained Michelle Brandt, Director of the Miss Iowa Princess Program, "We stress to all interested families this is not a competition but a year-long mentoring program and a memorable experience."

The Miss Iowa Princess Program is a mentoring and learning experience conducted by the Miss Iowa Pageant that assists young ladies in becoming leaders of tomorrow. The princesses are paired with a Miss Iowa contestant who mentors them throughout the year. Additionally, the princesses have the opportunity to appear on stage at the Miss Iowa Pageant June 10, 11, and 12 at the Adler Theatre, Davenport.

Bethany for Children & Families is a community service organization that has provided voluntary, not-for-profit services to children and families in western Illinois and eastern Iowa since 1899.

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**The Miss Iowa Princesses are donating items to Bethany on Friday, June 11 at 12:45pm. They will be at Bethany's Moline location, 1830 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.**