



Bethany Christian Services

Description:

Bethany Christian Services began in 1944 as the fulfillment of a dream shared by two young women, Marguerite Bonnema and Mary DeBoer, who wanted to establish a Christian residence for homeless children. With the assistance of businessman Andrew VanderVeer, they established the Bethany Home. Their humble ministry has grown into an international team of nearly 900 dedicated professionals actively ministering to children and families.

Headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Bethany is a not-for-profit, pro-life, Christian adoption and family services agency. Bethany's support comes through reimbursement for services, and from gifts received from individuals, churches, corporations, and foundations that share Bethany's commitment to improving the lives of children and families. With over 75 locations nationwide and international ministries in 15 other countries, Bethany touches the lives of more than 30,000 people each year.

Bethany is widely known as an adoption agency, but our Christian care extends to people struggling with unplanned pregnancies, infertility, and a multitude of other challenges.

For more than sixty years, Bethany has responded with compassion, integrity, and commitment to the needs of children and families.

Other Services

Orphan Care: There are 143 million orphans around the world. Learn how Bethany cares for orphans on five continents with a broad range of services.

Embryo Services: It is estimated that 400,000 human embryos are currently in cryopreservation in the United States. When the genetic parents decide that their family is complete and embryos are still available, they are faced with a dilemma: donating their embryos to research, thawing them and letting

them die, or donating them to a couple who is unable to conceive. Many believe that embryo donation and adoption is the most life-honoring solution to this difficult choice.

Adoption Support: We know from our experience that adoption is a journey, an exciting and usually joyful one, as is any kind of parenting. We also know that there will be questions, some of which are very specific to adoption and some of which pertain to any parent or adoptee.

Infertility Ministry: One in five couples in the U.S. deals with some form of infertility. Bethany's Stepping Stones ministry brings Christian hope and help to couples through its free, bimonthly newsletter, bookstore, web forums, and other resources.

Foster Care: Foster care is the temporary care of children who have been removed from their parents because they have been abused or neglected. It is a part of Bethany's ministry because we believe that every child deserves a loving home. Bethany offers training and support for foster parents in many locations across the country.

Estate Planning: Nationwide, sixty percent of U.S. adults do not have a will. Bethany's office of planned giving has a free kit to help get you started with making an estate plan for your family.

Country: Michigan

City: Grand Rapids

Website: <https://www.bethany.org/careers>