



Our Mission

To enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

Bethesda will become the central point of connection that unites people who have intellectual and developmental disabilities with communities and essential resources to help them live their lives to the fullest extent possible.

Our Values

- Christ is preeminent in all that we do
- All people are inherently valuable to God and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect
- People are empowered to realize their personal goals through discovery, development and use of their skills and talents
- People direct decisions that affect their lives, positively impact the communities in which they live, and are supported in living life to the full
- Our Lutheran organizational identity guides our services and enriches our relationships
- Stakeholders contribute to the goals and priorities of the organization through open, honest communication
- We are flexible and responsive to needs; faithful in keeping promises; and timely, fair and honest in all dealings
- Christian stewardship of all our resources is expected of everyone
- Innovation, creativity, learning, and continuous quality improvement are integral to everything we do

Fun and fellowship in the workplace are encouraged

Katherine Dunbar

Katherine serves as regional director for Bethesda's Central region for over 18 years. In this role, some of her responsibilities include leading and participating in advocacy events, spearheading major programs, such as home revisions, and writing and implementing policy. Dunbar is also responsible for overseeing all community-based and Intermediate Care services provided by Bethesda in her region.

Dunbar has served Bethesda since 1996. Before becoming regional director, she served as an area director in Illinois. Dunbar received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Northeastern Missouri State University.

Lisa Potter

Lisa serves as Peoria Area Director for Bethesda. In this role, some of her responsibilities include managing all group homes from training of staff, budgeting to working with families of adults with disabilities placed in our homes. P.O. Box 3594, Peoria, IL. 61612-3594



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Spiritual Support
As a Christian-based service provider, the spiritual nature of people who choose services from Bethesda is at the heart of our mission. Bethesda is dedicated to improving the quality of spiritual-life experiences by promoting meaningful inclusion to homes and faith communities.

Faith Communities: A personal faith is a personal choice and Bethesda respects every person's individual decision. Many people who have disabilities often find it challenging to locate faith communities that are welcoming and fully accessible to them. Bethesda recognizes the power of a spiritual life and is eager to help people find faith communities that are welcoming and inclusive.

Personal Faith Practices: Spiritual-life practices are an integral part of the development of person-centered plans. Bethesda works to ensure that people have the opportunity to worship and join in fellowship with faith communities of their choice. As they request, people are encouraged and supported to participate in Bible studies, daily devotions and prayers in their homes and faith communities.

Camp Ministries: Bethesda operates camp ministries designed especially for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Combining faith-filled and fun activities, camps are paired with volunteer caregivers who assist in creating a Bible-focused shared work of relaxation and renewal. Bethesda welcomes camps from around the country. We operate five camp ministries: Camp Manz, Waverstown, Wis.; SouthRise, Anderson, Ind.; Camp Bethesda, Tomball, Texas; Bethesda Mountain Retreats, Woodland Park, Colo.; and Bethesda Forest Adventure, Cheshire, Ore.

Bethesda Lutheran Communities Illinois Service Areas

- Freeport
- Sycamore
- Massena
- Carbondale
- Sagee Grove
- Sherman
- Montgomery
- Yorkville
- Springfield
- Chatham
- Plainfield

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Illinois
We Enhance Lives

Person-centered Services
Bethesda incorporates the principles of person-centered supports to build customized services tailored to meet the specific needs and interests of each person. We meet the people we support in attaining their dreams to the fullest extent possible. We work with people and their families to identify and choose services that will guide important life decisions, including how to live and work more independently, how to become active in their communities, and how to find inclusive support in faith communities.

Program Management: Bethesda's professional staff work directly with the people who select Bethesda, their families, guardians, and other chosen providers to develop annual person-centered plans. These plans include the specific goals that are important to each person. Each customized plan is designed to encourage the achievement of personal outcomes and help fulfill dreams. We are committed to working with every individual to help them reach their personal goals.

<http://bethesdalutherancommunities.org/bethesda-lutheran-communities>

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