

# True to Life

AN EVANGELICAL CHILD & FAMILY AGENCY PUBLICATION

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This Spring, why not challenge yourself to bike, walk, skate, pull (a wagon or a bike trailer), or push (a

stroller or a wheelchair) **for life**? On May 15th, the Saturday after Mother's Day, there is an opportunity for you to join other participants along the scenic paved Glacial Drumlin Trail in Waukesha for the 24th annual Bike & Hike. Individuals, couples, families, and groups, have the opportunity to garner their own sponsors to raise funds for the moms, dads, children, babies, and preborn clients that ECFA will serve in the coming months.

Again this year, an anonymous couple has generously offered to match every dollar donated, up to \$10,000!



This year's scripture theme: "Guard what has been entrusted to your care..." from 1 Tim.6:20 is both a challenge and a truism. Each year, hundreds of calls are

received 24/7 from women, men, and families experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. ECFA staff and volunteers become your voice, ears, heart, and hands to reach out to the hurting and hopeless. **Together we become the life preservers!**



All participants receive a t-shirt, fresh popped popcorn from Olson's Ace Hardware old fashioned popper machine, a scrumptious Cousins Subs lunch, refreshing Water Doctor's bottled water, the inspiring and uplifting music provided by Cheryl McCrary and the Heir-born Praise Band, an opportunity for prizes based on pledges, children's games for a nominal fee, and more.



To become a part of this year's event register online [www.ecfawisc.org](http://www.ecfawisc.org) or call Sue or Joan at 262-789-1881.



## Tributes

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – MAY 9, 2010  
TO ALL WOMEN  
WHO CARE FOR AND LOVE CHILDREN!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
JUNE 20, 2010  
TO ALL MEN WHO CARE FOR  
AND LOVE CHILDREN!



# Well Worth the Wait

After receiving 28 Applications and narrowing the interviews to three highly qualified applicants, the decision was made to hire Carrie Bacovsky as the full-time Birth Parent Caseworker in the Pregnancy Support Services Program of ECFA.



Carrie is no stranger to ECFA. In 2005-2006, Carrie did her Bachelor's internship in the Pregnancy Support Services Program for two semesters through UW-Milwaukee's School of Social Welfare. During her stay, she compiled a large statewide resource directory

which is still in use. Carrie was employed at Care Net Pregnancy Center of Milwaukee as the Administrative Assistant while finishing her degree. After she graduated, until mid-February 2010, she served as their Executive Director. In addition, she worked part-time as Legal Assistant to Attorney Edward Plagemann, one of ECFA's favorite attorneys, since September 2006.

Carrie's past and vast experience has helped her adjust quickly to this position. Her heart for equipping women to become godly mothers and successful parents is evident.

Carrie attends World Harvest Community Church and in her free time enjoys worship/ballet class, reading, writing, biking, hiking, and spending time in the outdoors. Please stop by or call to welcome her (return).

## SPECIAL REQUEST

**\*saleable items\***

**\*smiling & friendly volunteers\***

**\*customers always welcome\***

**Almost Anything Resale Shops - West Allis**

**CALL Karen or Laurie**

**at 414-321-0226 for more information.**

## ADONAI EMPLOYMENT, INC.

### ***Making a difference serving employers and job seekers***

Adonai Employment's President, Tom Gauthier, recognizes that there is value in each person. He began his non-profit 501(c)(3) venture about two years ago. His company trains individuals referred from the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). The company website: [www.adonai-employment.org](http://www.adonai-employment.org) states: *We are an organization based upon Christian principles that provides customized employment services to individuals with disabilities and other disadvantages in metropolitan Milwaukee. We help people prepare for, find, obtain and maintain employment. By providing these services, we improve the quality of life of each individual that we serve and assist employers to enrich their companies with a diverse workforce.*

In the past two years, 174 people have been placed with 91 different employers. Each individual has a job coach and is compensated through state and federal training funds that will hopefully foster their eventual independence. Tom says that for every dollar they invest in a person, there will be a 250% positive impact on the economy.

At Almost Anything, we have had the opportunity to have a few placements from Adonai. The first young woman, Amanda, is truly a AAA+ success story for Adonai, Almost Anything, and Amanda, as she was able to sharpen her skills, gain confidence, and then find permanent employment. The friendships she developed with the volunteers and customers has prompted her to return as a volunteer when she has time on Saturdays. It is rewarding to know that the Almost Anything Shops have the opportunity to help change lives of individuals for the ministry of ECFA and in the community.

# Bowl for New Souls Recap

By: Maggie Oelke

Our first Bowl for New Souls 9 pin bowling tournament turned out great! There were 46 bowlers, including 5 kids, that were able to join us for a fun-filled day of bowling, prizes, and pizza. Over \$2,000 was raised and baby items were donated by participants for the dresser ministry.



Thanks go out to Dave at Dave's World bowling pro shop in West Allis for his wonderful donation of three large trophies. Each bowler, young and old, was also given a bowling commemorative trophy made by Dave.

Our top three winners were awarded with first, second and third place trophies. In addition to the trophies, our top winners also received various gift certificates to area restaurants, courtesy of Jim Valentine from Cousins Subs.



Our top winner was Bonnie Rosploch who bowled an 810 for a three game series high! We had other prizes and silent auction items donated from Brookfield Hills Golf Course, Juliet Kosarzycki coaching services, Life 102.5 in Madison, Darleen Snyder of Darleen's Hair Design, The Green Bay Packers, The Milwaukee Brewers,

The Milwaukee Bucks and The Milwaukee Wave. Thanks again to Root River Center in Franklin, all of our participants, volunteers ~ Nancy Schatzman, Phil Snyder, and Sally Boya, and the staff that helped in making this event a success. We hope to see more of you at our second annual tournament next year!



**Thanks Maggie for your outstanding effort undertaking this internship project!**



The 4th Annual Wisconsin Christian Business, Ministry, and Family Festival takes place on June 11th & 12th, 2010 at State Fair Park

in West Allis. This free event connects individuals, families, businesses, schools, ministries and musicians at one comfortable indoor/outdoor setting.

This annual event attracts hundreds of attendees, some browsers, some buyers, and some sellers to gather together in a festive environment. Children of all ages enjoy the games and entertainment while adults benefit from the opportunity to circulate through the booths of exhibitors exploring products and services, networking, purchasing and gathering information from Christian businesses and organizations.

The value of partnering Christian suppliers with prospective buyers is immeasurable. Whether needs are health-related, financial, economic, educational, legal, or in another field, the Wisconsin Christian Festival offers an opportunity for effectively promoting products and services, and networking with community resources. ECFA will have a display table for the 4th year, courtesy of a generous sponsor.

# A Real Collecti-Bill Guy

Meet Bill Broge...at 80 years young, Bill has been in the record business for over 35½ years. He was employed for 30 years by Columbia Records which was bought out by CBS and then worked for Sony. Through the years, he has met and worked with: Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Barbara Streisand, Michael Jackson, and even Ozzy Osbourne to name just a few. Bill chuckled as he stated, "I sure have some great stories."



Eleven years ago Bill founded the International Record Collectors Society. As an avid record collector, Bill frequents rummage and estate sales, and resale shops. This is how we began a great relationship with Bill a number of years ago. Bill visits both Almost Anything stores every Monday to peruse through the donated items and identify any potential treasures among the contributed records. Lately, record donations have been sparse. Bill stated, "We (Almost Anything) are in dire need of a new supply (of 'oldies, but goodies')."

Most of the records are priced at 75¢ a piece. Often, shoppers will purchase the albums and the covers in order to use as wall décor. Last year, numerous 78's were donated to Almost Anything that were significantly scratched. Bill assured Karen, the Supervisor, that he could locate a buyer. He found a traveling carnival that was very interested in purchasing every 78 record for their "shootin' gallery."

Bill commented how "clean and orderly both stores are." He appreciates the friendliness and recognizes the dedication of the volunteers.

If you have any records for Bill to appraise give him a call at 262-339-9343. You will enjoy the time spent with this very special friend of the agency.

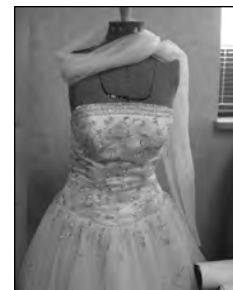
# The Dress Sale



On Saturday, February 20th, females of all ages began dropping off gorgeous gowns, fancy formal wear, dazzling dresses, and accessories for the 1st annual Dress Sale sponsored by Brooklife Church of Mukwonago.

Coordinator, Tarri Stanzer and her core committee of 10 individuals, had many goals in mind when this project was conceived. They desired to make prom night an affordable event for attendees, provide a way for sellers to earn money by selling their beautiful dresses that they wore only once, and donate 10 percent of each sale to ECFA for the Adoption and Pregnancy Support Services Programs.

On Sunday at noon, the bargain hunters who had patiently waited in their vehicles in the Waukesha State Bank parking lot of Mukwonago (for at least an hour), quickly moved towards the over 400 dresses sized 0 – 2X. All were carefully hung on makeshift dress racks and display mannequins. Every corner was occupied by those trying on their treasures in this fashion haven. It was hard to believe how quickly this simple bank community room was transformed into a beautiful dress, shawls/wraps, shoe, and jewelry boutique. Other services offered included: a florist, photographer, dry cleaners, an ECFA table, Lauren Lee music CDs, and bake sale.



A total of 82 dresses were "adopted" with \$350 donated to the ministry of ECFA. The majority of sellers picked up their unsold items which they hope to bring back next year. This very successful event blessed and benefitted so many, both now, and in the future.



**Thanks to Tarri and Brooklife for selecting ECFA as the recipient of the gleanings of this unique event!**



## With a Grateful Heart

There is a continual outpouring of blessings received by this ministry on a regular basis. As a result, there are many individuals to be grateful for in each quarterly newsletter. The scriptural premise for our gratefulness comes from Psalm 9:1, *“I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of the wonders.”*

### ***Our thanks from grateful hearts:***

- ♥ For the generous hospitality of Pastor Bill Johnson, Pete, & Beloit Road Baptist Church in West Allis to house and set up for the ECFA Volunteer brunch
- ♥ For the delicious brunch created and prepared by Julie Hemmernik from Beloit Road Baptist Church
- ♥ For the thoughtful volunteer “Thank You” gifts donated by John Fisco, Jr. and Something New Christian Outlet
- ♥ For the bubble bath, shampoo, diapers, baby clothes, blankets and formula collected at Grace Community Church in honor of Sanctity of Human Life month
- ♥ For the much appreciated, brand new, very light weight, Oreck Vacuum cleaner from a generous volunteer
- ♥ For the three adorable “onesies” and baby dresser donated at our 1st annual Bowling event from Nancy and John Schatzman
- ♥ For the cute baby pajamas donated at our 1st annual Bowling event from Amy Oelke
- ♥ For the cuddly baby pajamas donated at our 1st annual Bowling event from Kevin Oelke
- ♥ For the baby bottles and bottle cleaner donated at our 1st annual Bowling event from Deanna Hebert
- ♥ For the six beautifully made quilts and two receiving blankets crafted by Carol Hannula
- ♥ For the breathtaking, solid oak dresser from Steinhafels Corporate coordinated by Barb Hupe which will soon bless a mother and her baby for years!
- ♥ For the nearly new baby crib, youth bed, and mattress combination from Gail Lalonde
- ♥ For the professional graphic design and expertise of Beth Ramsey in designing Almost Anything materials, the 2009 agency Christmas card, and the 2010 Bike & Hike.
- ♥ For the delightful singing provided by The Joyful Hearts: Mary Walker, Meg Kausalik, and (ECFA’s own) Dorinne Geldon at the Spring Volunteer Brunch.

## Memorials

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In loving memory of:  
dear friend, Joyce Cher  
From: Greg & Nancy Riederer

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In loving memory of:  
my wife, Marilyn Schulz  
From: husband, Ron Schulz

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In loving memory of:  
our mother, Eleanor Karczewski  
From: son & daughter-in-law,  
Paul & Sandy Karczewski

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In loving memory of:  
our Aunt June Beseke  
From: Irv & Ann Peters

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In loving memory of:  
Volunteer, Lyle Winger  
From: a grateful ECFA & Almost  
Anything Staff

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In loving memory of:  
Terry L. Nash,  
From: his beloved wife, Denise

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In loving memory of:  
our neighbor, John Harschutz  
From: John & Sandy Norris

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In loving memory of:  
dear friend, Lloyd Konrad  
From: Bob Newsbaum

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In loving memory of:  
our cousin, Lloyd Konrad  
From: James & Ruth Konrad

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In loving memory of:  
Patty Sue Foster McDonald  
(Jennie Tietjen’s Mother, Illinois Staff)  
From: The Wisconsin ECFA Family  
& Advisory Council

# Mark Your Calendars!



24th Annual Bike & Hike – May 15th  
 (Details inside)  
 Glacial Drumlin Trail, Waukesha



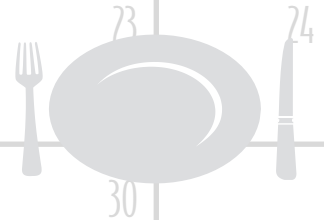
Wisconsin Christian Expo  
 June 11th & 12th  
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Christmas in July Campaign

26th Annual Fall Banquet  
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Speaker TBA  
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