

TRUE TO LIFE

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YOU'RE INVITED TO LOVE OUT LOUD

at Our 41st Anniversary Celebration

This year we are blessed to celebrate **41 years** of serving families in Southeastern Wisconsin. We will be celebrating on May 17, 2025 at the Marriott West hotel in Waukesha at 8:30am.

1 John 4:12

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."

This year's celebration theme is Love Out Loud, inspired by our special guest and speaker Sheila Luck. I had the privilege of speaking at length with Sheila and read two of her books. Her testimony and the message God has given her to share, has inspired me and I hope you will also be inspired to love out loud.

"Love is a verb, a word of action. We show our love by what we do when we love deeply, we love out loud."
- Sheila Luck, *I Can with I Am*

Sheila started her career as an engineer for IBM, then transitioned into law. She was employed as an attorney for nearly 20 years, when she heard God calling her toward a new direction. Since deciding to allow God to guide her life, Sheila has been blessed with the opportunity to write and publish 6 books and speak numerous times for pro-life organizations, pregnancy centers, churches, youth groups, women's retreats, and public and private schools. She aims to positively influence the world around her through her life and her work.

Sheila was on the Board of Directors for the Life and Loss Institute (d.b.a. Elizabeth Ministry International) for almost 10 years. She is currently on the Board of Directors for Wisconsin Right to Life, and in 2011, she received a certificate in equipping from The Master's Institute.

Most importantly, Sheila is a child of God who has been married to her husband, Wayne, for over 40 years. She is "Mom" to their two beautiful adult daughters and their husbands, and "Mormor" to their four young grandkids.

Please mark your calendar for this wonderful morning of client stories, life affirmation, and the inspiration of Sheila Luck. Watch your mailbox in early spring for your invitation or register online in April. We are blessed to have a \$5,000 matching grant from friends of ECFA. An opportunity to impact those we serve will be given during the event.

"When we demonstrate God's love with compassion we can improve the lives of others... Through our obedience we enable other to see the heart of Jesus. We can make a difference." - Sheila Luck, *I Can with I Am*

Dana Hauser,
WI District Director



ECFA'S 7TH ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION RECAP

ECFA's 7th Annual Benefit Auction on November 22nd at the Marriott Milwaukee West was an enjoyable time with 147 people attending in person and 11 others who participated virtually. There were 58 individuals new to the auction and 33 completely new to ECFA.

The guests enjoyed a wonderful assortment of appetizers and desserts. Individuals viewed 154 donated items beautifully displayed on tables throughout the room and bid often on the Give Smart App during the silent auction. This year our new auctioneer and his counterpart entertained us as they auctioned off 12 live auction items to the highest bidders.

A total of \$40,880 was raised for the pro-life mission of ECFA! This amount included a \$5000 matching grant from a supportive foundation. We were so excited that over \$18,000 of the funds raised through our Spot Auction will be used to bless our pregnancy support clients with necessities for their children. These necessities include baby items, diapers, household, and transportation needs.

A huge thank you goes out to the ECFA Auction Committee who worked diligently to ensure once again that this year's event was a success. Auction committee members include Sue Carlson, Annette Cernohous, Sharon Fuller, Nancy Roets, Micki Schmitz, and Darleen Snyder.

We are grateful to all who attended and our amazing sponsors!



Inspirational Art by Diane
Lake Geneva Cruise Line
Lighthouse Landscaping
Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
Luberry's
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Milwaukee Admirals
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Olive Garden
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The Flag Center
The Forge
The Track at Burlington Hobbies
TMS Service, Inc.
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Christmas Cheer was Here at ECFA WI

Once again, we were blessed to be able to fulfill the Christmas wishes of our clients' children. Our Pregnancy Support caseworkers were in the Christmas spirit as they wrapped and delivered Christmas presents across Southeastern Wisconsin. Thanks to the generosity of The Track at Burlington Hobbies who displayed a Christmas tree with gift tags for the third year in a row in their store front for those looking to make a child's Christmas brighter.

Grace Community Church in West Allis once again took up a collection of baby items for our Pregnancy Support Services Baby Boutique as part of their "Giving at Christmas." If your church would like to learn more about blessing our Pregnancy Support Services clients, please contact us at info@ecfawisc.org





WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

There is a continual outpouring of blessings received by this ministry. As a result, there are many individuals to be grateful for in each quarterly newsletter. *"I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1*

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who assembled a mailing for the Agency in October, November, & December:

Janet Abts	Sue Korb
Cathy Bogdanovich	Bill & Sue Kusnierz
Barb Chernouski	April Old Coyote
Lori Cottrill	Marcia Smith
Pam Crown	Darleen Snyder
Marvin Engle	Scott & Karen Snyder
Sharon Fuller	Chris Steiner
Pamela Grande	Nancy Stone
Margo Hoffman	Jan Story
Rita Hoffman	Leah Valentine
Pat Johnson	Margo Whitcomb
Anita Julius	Judy Zwitter

Pregnancy Support Services:

- Diapers & sippy cups from Bill & Sue Kusnierz
- Monthly diaper subscription, sleep sacks, clothes, safety knob covers, car seat, & burp cloths from the Hardins
- Children's Bibles, socks, diapers, and a turkey for a client from Carl & JoAnne Muenzmaier
- Many children's Bibles from Acts 2 Church
- Basket of books, blankets, Bible, Teddy bear, baby items, paint, and coloring books from an anonymous couple
- Case of wipes from Linda Lasch
- Bath towels, wash cloths, boppy cover, blankets, cart cover, shoes, neck support, playpen covers, nursing cover, and crib liner from Karen Griffith
- Cases of diapers and a stroller from Rosemarie Nieznanski
- Play yard from the Lloyds
- Pack n play, clothes, diapers, and a Coach diaper bag from Noelle Klement
- Many cases of diapers & wipes from Every Life Diaper Company
- Leapfrog Words Book, child dishes & utensils from an anonymous donor
- Many baby clothes from the Gantner Family
- Christmas gifts for our moms, slipper & bib set, pullups, diapers, wipes, baby wash & powder, & Desitin from Carol Honeyager

- Lamps, glider, & hamper for a client from Ralph & Janet Abts
- Layettees for our newborn babies made by Linda Duchow, Monica Jaeger, & Karen Amundson
- Baby clothes from Linda Duchow
- Double stroller, car seat, bottles, Desitin, sleepers, devotional, Peggie pops, postpartum kits, baby wash, baby carriers, & bedrail guard from The Schuylers
- Infant stim-mobile from Kim Heyer
- Diapers, wipes, pack n play, clothes, blankets, stuffed animals, & chocolates from Frieda Kamentz

Serving at Our Office:

- Downspout repair by Dean Iwinski

Miscellaneous Gifts:

- Staff Christmas treats from an adoptive couple, Pat Johnson, & Margo Whitcomb

Tributes

In honor of: My friend & sister in Christ, Nancy Farrell
From: Carol Honeyager

In honor of: Our granddaughter, Elsa Mahlburg
From: Gary & Kathy Heller

In honor of: Our son Alecander Sanchez
From: Alexander & Susan Sanchez

In honor of: My friend, Margo Whitcomb
From: Alice Laukert

In honor of: My daughter, Laura Wright
From: Arlene Wright

Memorials

In loving memory of: My husband, Kenneth Connor
From: Gerry Connor

In loving memory of: My "darling wife", Marilyn Lister
From: Warren Lister

In loving memory of: Becca's grandma, Patricia A. Tesch
From: Sue Kusnierz

In loving memory of: My husband, Mark Yegge
From: Diana Yegge



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Pizza Ranch Impact Night – Monday, February 24, 2025 – 4-8pm
Waukesha Pizza Ranch

41st Anniversary Celebration Brunch- Saturday, May 17, 2025
Marriott Milwaukee West – Featuring Sheila Luck

Beats for Heartbeats – Saturday, September 6, 2025
Location TBD

Bike & Hike – Saturday, September 13, 2025
E.B. Shurts Building, Waukesha, WI
Bike or Hike on the Glacial Drumlin Trail

Benefit Auction – November 2025



For more information about these events, contact Sue at 262.789.1881 or suec@ecfawisc.org