

TRUE TO LIFE

An Evangelical Child and Family Agency Publication



On June 24th, the U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe Vs Wade was heard, read, and seen by millions of people around the world. Strong opinions and intense emotions were unleashed in response to the ruling.

ECFA Wisconsin's Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) Program is ready to respond to women facing unplanned pregnancies with open arms and hearts. PSS is postured to come alongside any woman or man in need of support, encouragement, advisement, practical necessities, spiritual direction, and life-affirming options during this critical time in their lives.

Since January 2022, we have already served 22 birth moms and 9 birth dads. Six of our PSS clients followed through with their plans of choosing adoptive families for their babies. Also, a number of pregnant moms and dads are considering adoption as an option, as they review the profiles of waiting ECFA licensed couples. Sixteen of the moms are or will be parenting and have a caseworker coming alongside throughout their journey.

We know that each decision made by our birthparents is difficult and sacrificial whether they are planning to parent or place for adoption. And the phones keep ringing from more callers inquiring and requesting Pregnancy Support Services.

In the Adoption Program, there has been one out-of-state placement made thus far this year. Two families are ready to travel to another country to take placement of children with whom they have been matched.

We greatly appreciate your prayers, participation at ECFA special events, hosting staff to speak to your group, diaper & wipe drives, volunteer efforts, and financial support. Your involvement in our prolife ministry is vital as we seek to care for even more expectant moms and dads, infants, and children at this unique time in history. At ECFA, we will continue to affirm and celebrate each precious life we are privileged to serve.

"The thief comes only to kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

Linda Oberbrunner BSW, CSW
PSS Program Consultant & Social Worker



On July 1st, **Dana Hauser** became ECFA's Wisconsin District Coordinator. She first joined staff on January 31st as a case manager in the Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) Program. Dana and her family attend Grace Church in Burlington. Her husband James serves as a youth pastor and an Area Director for Youth for Christ. Dana is currently completing her Master's Degree in Professional Counseling.

Mary Marquardt is ECFA's newest staff member. She joined PSS as a case manager on June 13th. Mary has a B.A. in Human Social Services and Psychology from Wisconsin Lutheran College. Mary attends Good Shepherd's Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are very pleased to welcome Mary to our staff!



Dana Hauser



Mary Marquardt

38th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, ECFA held its 38th Anniversary Celebration by hosting a brunch at the Marriot Milwaukee West Hotel in Waukesha on May 14th. One hundred and seventy-six guests were in attendance to commemorate the occasion and \$13,734 in net income was raised from the event.



Emcee, Rev. Dave Tietjen, introduced Pastor John Perham of Southbrook Church who gave the morning invocation. Wisconsin Advisory Council Chairperson, Sharon Fuller, shared about the impact of the ECFA Foundation on funding Agency services. Wisconsin Family Council President, Julaine Appling, spoke of her organization's pro-life advocacy efforts and the attack and vandalism at her office in Madison on Mother's Day.



ECFA Board Chairman, Dave Brown, introduced long-time Executive Director, Ken Withrow, and Director of Professional Services, Wendy Payne, who will be taking the helm of ECFA as Executive Director upon Ken's retirement on October 1st. Ken joined the Agency as an adoption counselor and

foster care caseworker on July 1, 1976. He became ECFA's Executive Director on July 1, 1991. Wendy has served as a program supervisor and administrator of client services for over 20 years.

Our Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) Consultant, Linda Oberbrunner, introduced PSS client, Greta,



who shared her heart-warming and personal story about coming to ECFA at a critical time in her life. ECFA adoptive parents, Tim and Sharayah, shared about their journey of adopting two teenagers, Daniel and Kate, from an orphanage in Ukraine earlier this year.



Former Wisconsin Director of Development and Facilities, Jennie Tietjen, was honored with two dozen roses in recognition of her 24 years of service to ECFA. Jennie now serves as the newest member of ECFA's Wisconsin Advisory Council.

Members of the Christian musical group, Point of Grace, provided special music for the event. Denise Jones and Leigh Cappillino were accompanied by Leigh's husband, Dana, on the guitar as they sang several of their well-known musical recordings.

Wisconsin Advisory Council member, Phil Synder, shared about the impact of ECFA's ministry to expectant mothers and children in explaining how the offering that day would help the Agency carry on its pro-life services. Pastor Chip Bernhard, Jr., of Spring Creek Church concluded the event by giving the benediction.

We would like to thank everyone who came to this year's event and for your very generous support. ECFA will hold its 39th Anniversary Celebration with a brunch on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Marriott Milwaukee West Hotel. Amy Ford, co-founder and President of Embrace Grace will be the featured speaker. We invite all our friends and supporters to come join us!



Evangelical Child & Family Agency is seeking a pregnancy support worker of evangelical Christian faith for the Greater Milwaukee area. This position involves the provision of pregnancy counseling and case management services to women and men experiencing a crisis during pregnancy. Life-valuing options of parenting or adoption are encouraged. Community outreach is also an expectation of this position. Salary is based upon education and previous experience.

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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 the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of the wonders." Psalm 9:1

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who assembled a mailing for the Agency in April:

Cathy Bogdanovich	Bill & Sue Kusnierz
Barb Chernouski	Gail Moses
Char Duranceau	Barbara Schmidtkunz
Marvin Engle	Marcia Smith
Margo Hoffman	Darleen Snyder
Wally & Anita Julius	Scott & Karen Snyder
Sue Korb	Nancy Stone

Serving at Our Office:

- Our neighbor, Holly that watches our building at night and on weekends and picks up packages as needed
- Beautiful flowers and landscaping that brighten our day, by Tina Wienss
- Water filter installation, flush and regular filter changes by Pam Poglitsch

Pregnancy Support Services:

- Numerous responses for diapers and a vacuum by many Friends of ECFA
- Many wonderful items from our Amazon Wish List for our mothers
- New car seat from St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- Natural baby clothes from The Simple Folk
- Baby blankets from Crossroads Community Church
- Beautiful crib and baby seat for a client need, from Greta Erdman
- Boy's clothes for a client from Christine Meyer, Carl & JoAnne Muenzmaier, & John & Christi Reinsch
- Baby wipes, blankets, clothes, hats, socks, & chocolates from Frieda Kamenz

Miscellaneous Gifts:

- Many books, resources, and Bibles from Bethany Services in Waukesha
- Car repair for a client from CARS (Christian Auto. Repair Service) at Fox River Christian Church www.foxriverchristian.org/cars
- Beautiful kitchen remodel by 2nd Life Home Repair & Remodeling

Memorials

In loving memory of: Our sister, Kathleen Beekman
From: Ron & Betty Beekman

In loving memory of: Judy Felsner
From: Dennis & Anne Abere, Phillip Bangle, Deanna Blank, Allen Greeler, Sandra Hay, Sarah Holze, M.D. & J.R. Jaber, Scott & Ann Linskens, Stan & Rosalie Relyea, Roger & Beatrice Sikorski, Lou & Joann Tomalak, Debra Walters, and Russ Zarleng

In memory of: My friend Jill Ausloos' mother, Eloise Knigge
From: Linda Oberbrunner

In loving memory of: Virginia Kulinski
From: Dixie Walloch

In loving memory of: Joan E. Norby
From: Sue Kusnierz

In loving memory of: Our mother, Mildred Schildt
From: Ken & Gerry Connor

In loving memory of: My parents, Howard & Maxine Ulvog
From: Wendy Schoonhoven

Tributes

In honor of: My dear friend, Nancy Farrell's birthday
From: Carol Honeyager

In honor of: Lawrence & Ardyce Fronk's 69th wedding anniversary
From: Tom & Robin Fronk



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36th Bike & Hike Fundraiser – Saturday, September 10 at 9am
on the Glacial Drumlin Trail, starting at Bethesda Park Shelter, Waukesha

5th ECFA Benefit Auction – November 4, 2022
Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel
Accepting new item donations (Call Sue for more info)

39th Anniversary Celebration Brunch – Saturday, April 22, 2023
With Amy Ford, Co-Founder and President of Embrace Grace Ministry
Marriott Milwaukee West, Waukesha

ECFA's
**Bike 2022
& HIKE!**

ENCLOSED:

Bike & Hike Brochure &
Prayer Pathways Card

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