

# TRUE TO LIFE

An Evangelical Child and Family Agency Publication



## *ECFA's 38th Anniversary Celebration Brunch with Point of Grace*

This year's 38th Anniversary Brunch will feature the very talented musical trio Point of Grace. Leigh Cappillino, Denise Jones, and Shelley Breen have a passion to unite their musical gifts for the Glory of God. They have over eight million recordings sold, three GRAMMY nominations and multiple Dove awards.

Along with ECFA's special musical guests, Julaine Appling will be sharing about current issues of concern for Christians. Julaine is the President of the Wisconsin Family Council and is a sought-out speaker on God's plan for marriage and family, the sanctity of human life, and religious freedom in Wisconsin.

In honor of Mother's Day, we want to bless our moms we work with in our Pregnancy Support program. We're putting together some fun pampering items for those we serve. If you'd like to contribute, check out our Amazon wishlist at [ecfawisc.org/brunch](http://ecfawisc.org/brunch). The items you purchase will get sent to our office.

Our morning would not be complete without hearing the compelling stories from some of our ECFA



**Point of Grace:** Leigh Cappillino, Denise Jones, & Shelley Breen

clients. This is the first time ECFA is hosting an anniversary brunch. We hope you will enjoy the morning with us. Tickets are \$25 or \$250 per table. An offering will be received that morning to help underwrite ECFA's pro-life services.

Seating is for tables of 10. Table and other sponsorships are available.

RSVP by Monday, May 2nd @[ecfawisc.org/brunch](http://ecfawisc.org/brunch). For information or promotional materials please call (262) 789-1881 and ask for Sue Carlson or email [suec@ecfawisc.org](mailto:suec@ecfawisc.org).

**Saturday - May 14th 9:00 a.m.  
Marriott Milwaukee West  
W231 N1600 Corporate Court  
Waukesha, WI 53186**



# HIS PLANS PREVAIL

International travel for adoptive families basically has been “on hold” since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. ECFA is extremely grateful that two children from China were able to meet their adoptive families and travel to their “forever” homes just before the Covid crisis began in 2020.

Likewise, as the current Ukrainian crisis unfolds, God, in His sovereignty and mercy, allowed three Ukrainian children to join their ECFA forever families in the past several months.

Andrey, age 12, joined the West family of six, which includes four siblings. He resided in the Charity Center, a Christian orphanage in Central Ukraine, prior to his placement with the family. The Wests had hosted Andrey in their home in the past. They continued to communicate with him via videoconference calls during all of Covid. When they were reunited in Ukraine, Andrey felt as if



Chis, Martha, Andrey, Wyatt, Eliza, Stella & Nora

he had always been a part of their family.

Based on what Andrey has shared, the adoptive parents are confident that he feels as if he belongs in their family and is secure in his new home. Please pray for Andrey’s continued adjustment and for the Charity Center, which continues to care for numerous orphans in Ukraine. The Center has recently extended their ministry to serving refugees as well.

Within the past six months, Kate, age 16, and Daniel, age 17, joined the Fromstein family of four, which includes a younger sister and brother. The teens resided in an orphanage in Ukraine prior to their placement with the Fromsteins. The family had hosted them in their home in the past. They kept in touch via phone calls and FaceTime, and openly discussed potential adoption with them since their initial hosting visit in their home.

Kate and Daniel’s adjustment is going very well for all family members. Kate is so grateful for the opportunity to be living in the United States. She is taking advantage of every opportunity she is being given without taking anything for granted.



Tim, Sharayah, Kate, Everlie, Asher, & Daniel

Kate is living to her full potential in her school, family, and work life.

Daniel shared he has desired a “real” family all his life and is thrilled to finally have one of his own. Please pray for their extended family and friends who remain in Mariupol and other parts of Ukraine.

ECFA is thankful for the opportunity and privilege of joining these families in their adoption journey through home study and post-placement services, offered as vital components of the Adoption Program.

Dorinne Geldon, BSW, CSW,  
Adoption Social Worker



## Employment Opportunities

Evangelical Child & Family Agency is seeking a Licensed (WI) Master’s Level Wisconsin District Director and a Pregnancy Support Services worker of evangelical Christian faith for the Greater Milwaukee area.

Please see <https://www.ecfawisc.org/jobs> for more information.



# 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 mailings for the Agency in February & March:

Cathy Bogdanovich	Char Duranceau	Teresa Reichow
Art & Annette Cernohous	Marvin Engle	Barbara Schmidtkunz
Janet Certalic	Sharon Fuller	Darleen Snyder
Barb Chernouski	Margo Hoffman	Scott & Karen Snyder
Lori Cottrill	Rita Hoffman	Nancy Stone
Joyce Dankert	Carol Honeyager	Tina Wienss
	Anita Julius	Friends of ECFA

### Serving at Our Office:

- ♥ A variety of needed maintenance projects around the office by Todd Hoskins
- ♥ Many valuable interior design ideas and help with our office renovation from Claudette Ahlgren, Janet Certalic, and Julie Frank

### Pregnancy Support Services/Baby Blessings Boutique:

- ♥ Many wonderful baby items including baby clothes, blankets, books, and baby toys from the Women's Tea at the Racine Community Church (of the Nazarene)
- ♥ Beautifully coordinated, colorful, and prayed-over layettes for our expectant and adoptive moms from Sue Armstrong

- ♥ Baby clothes, handmade blankets with stuffed animals tucked inside, handmade burp cloths, baby bottles, shoes, bibs, winter-wear, diapers, wipes, socks, cradle sheet, and baby wash from The Presbyterian Women at Kettle Moraine United Presbyterian Church
- ♥ Special mom and baby coffee cup from Maureen Riordan

### Memorials

In loving memory of: My brother, Gaylord DeWitt  
From: Georgene DeWitt

In loving memory of: Marian Konrad  
From: Lee Bast, Marcia Gackle, Sherry Shanks, Mary Starosta, Dick & Dolly Victorson

In loving memory of: My son, Justin D. Kowalski  
From: Maureen Riordan

In loving memory of: My husband, Alex Muza  
From: Betty Muza

In loving memory of: My wife, Janet Schley  
From: Gerald Schley



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## ECFA Foundation

The ECFA Foundation exists to support Agency services from meeting needs at our facility to providing staff with new computers. Please consider investing in the ECFA Foundation. Your gift will support our work and ministry as we move into the future.

For information about how to direct a gift to the ECFA Foundation, please contact Tim Carrick at 630-653-6400.



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**ECFA Adoption Training from a Christian Perspective - Saturday, May 7, 2022**

At Poplar Creek Church, New Berlin  
Call ECFA for more information

**38th Anniversary Celebration Brunch, Saturday, May 14, 2022  
with Point of Grace, Client Testimonies, and more!**

Marriott Milwaukee West, Waukesha  
Starts with Breakfast Buffet at 9:00 AM

**36th Annual Bike & Hike - Saturday, September 10, 2022**

At Bethesda Park in Waukesha

**5th ECFA Benefit Auction, November 4, 2022**

Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel  
Accepting Donations



For information about these events, contact Sue at the office 262.789.1881 or [suec@ecfawisc.org](mailto:suec@ecfawisc.org)