

TRUE TO LIFE

An Evangelical Child and Family Agency Publication



"Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Hebrews 13:8

ECFA's 40th Anniversary Celebration with Sanctus Real

This year's 40th Anniversary Celebration will feature two-time Grammy Nominated trio Sanctus Real. You may recognize some of their most well-known songs such as Confidence, Unstoppable God, and Today, Tomorrow, and Forever. Our celebration will consist of a generous breakfast buffet, client impact stories, and an unforgettable time of worship with Sanctus Real.

In honor of Mother's Day and our 40th Anniversary we included an insert with your event invitation with Baby Gift Suggestions. These baby gifts can be brought to the event, mailed, or dropped off at our office before or after the event. Our Amazon wish list makes giving to our families easy.

We look forward to seeing you with your family and friends as we reflect on 40 years of ministry to families in Wisconsin. Tickets are \$30 or \$300 per table. An opportunity will be given to support the ministry of ECFA, impacting the lives of those we serve. We have been blessed with a \$10,000 matching grant from friends of ECFA. Seating is for tables of 10. Table and other sponsorships are available.

RSVP by Monday, April 29, 2024 @ ecfawisc.org/anniversary. For information or promotional materials please call (262)789-1881 and ask for Sue Carlson or email suec@ecfawisc.org.

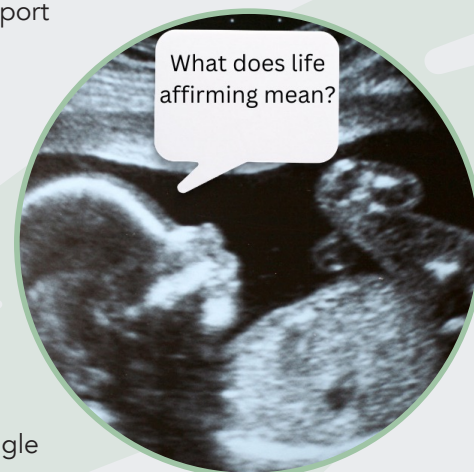
Saturday, May 11th 10:00AM

Marriott Milwaukee West
W231 N1600 Corporate Court
Waukesha, WI 53186

What Can One Person Do to Affirm Life in Their Community

(Adapted from Heartbeat International)

- Pray for families facing unplanned pregnancies that they will find the hope and support they need to continue their pregnancy and parent or place their child for adoption.
- Get to know your local pregnancy help organizations. Arrange groups from your church to take a tour of ECFA Wisconsin.
- Educate your church gradually over time. Invite a representative from ECFA to speak at your small group or church event.
- Support ECFA materially or financially. (We are always happy to receive new baby items and diapers.)
- Volunteer or encourage others to volunteer with ECFA.
- Create a church baby item drive for families in your community who need diapers, baby clothes, baby food, car seats, and so forth and donate these items to ECFA Wisconsin to distribute to the families they serve.
- Create a support group for young moms, such as Embrace Grace, especially for single moms in the community, and involve volunteer women from your church to facilitate the group or join our new mentorship program.



Pizza Ranch Impact Night Fundraiser for ECFA Wisconsin

Thank you to those who supported our Pizza Ranch Impact Night Fundraiser. Our ECFA Wisconsin staff and our volunteer, Marcia Smith, helped in the dining room at the Waukesha Pizza Ranch from 4pm-8pm on February 26th. It was a fun night serving many familiar faces and introducing new people to the impact ECFA has on Wisconsin families. We received 10% of the gross sales plus tips for a total of \$607 for ECFA's Pregnancy Support Program. We used some of these funds to shop at the Hope Hub at Jake's Network of Hope. See more below. The Next Pizza Ranch Impact Night is scheduled for June 3, 2024. Mark your calendars for good food and fellowship all for a good cause.



Jake's Network of Hope

Jake's Network of Hope My Neighbor Wisconsin program provides an array of essential daily living items to qualified 501c3 nonprofit partners for pennies on the dollar.

The possibilities are endless: home goods, baby care items, cleaning supplies, personal care items, and office supplies. The My Neighbor items are available in their Hope Hub, a resource center where all partners can visit and source items. All product donations must be used for charitable purposes. We were able to use some of the proceeds from our Pizza Ranch fundraiser to purchase baby items for our Baby Blessings Boutique, cleaning, and office supplies to keep our building cleaned and stocked, and items to create gifts bags for the moms we serve for Mother's Day, all at a fraction of retail cost. We had so much fun choosing items, knowing we were being good stewards of your donations because we were able to stretch the funds



so much farther through partnership with My Neighbor Wisconsin program. Some of the most exciting finds were a new Pack and Play for \$25, diapers bags for \$3 each, and packages of baby wipes for \$1 each.

Needs in "Baby Blessings Boutique"

- Children's Bibles
- Car seats
- Pack and Plays
- Diapers
- Pullups

OPEN HOUSE

ECFA Wisconsin Open House June 7, 2024.

Open House/Community Information Sessions for community members, stakeholders, and the general public to learn about the programs ECFA offers and the impact we continue to pursue on behalf of families in Southeastern Wisconsin.

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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 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 January & March:

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| Marvin Engle | Scott & Karen Snyder |
| Pamela Grande | Nancy Stone |
| Bonnie Gruber | Jan Story |
| Margo Hoffman | Shevonn Tate |
| Rita Hoffman | Leah & Sophia |
| Pat Johnson | Valentine |
| Sue Korb | Margo Whitcomb |
| Sally Kronshage | Friends of ECFA |
| Kathy Misany | |

Pregnancy Support Services:

- Diapers from Scott & Amy Mannebach
- Baby outfits, sleepers & receiving blankets from Barbara Jones
- Knit booties, mittens, scarves & cowls, and nursing pillow from Karen Griffith
- Maternity clothes from Renae Ebert
- Diaper bags from Margo Whitcomb
- Baby wash & diapers from anonymous donors
- Cases of diapers from Carl Muenzmaier
- Baby bath from Sarah Blatt Prevatt
- Baby clothes & crib sheets from Audrey
- Diapers, pacifiers and baby wash from Linda Westhauser

- Diapers, baby wash & lotion, and baby clothes from Tina Wienss
- Diapers from Adam & Lana Harwood
- Diaper subscription from the Hardin Family
- New crib mattress from Rosemarie Nieznanski
- Knit blanket & baby sweater from Lois Knight
- Bassinet & stroller from Rachel Aviles
- Diapers, wipes & receiving blanket set from Lori Cottrill

Serving at Our Office:

- Office work and decorating by Tina Wienss

Tributes

In honor of: Sharon Fuller's birthday
From: Scott & Kim Fuller, Maria Fischbach, & Donna Misirian

In honor of: Nancy Farrell's birthday
From: Carol Honeyager

Memorials

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

In loving memory of: My wife, Jennie Tietjen
From: David Tietjen

In loving memory of: Jean Van Dixhorn
From: Marilyn Bohren, Pat & Diane Miles, Steven & Karen Shircel & David Van Dixhorn



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40th Anniversary Celebration – Saturday, May 11, 2024
Marriott Milwaukee West – Featuring Sanctus Real

Pizza Ranch Impact Night – Monday, June 3, 2024 – 4-8pm
Waukesha Pizza Ranch

ECFA Wisconsin Open House – Friday, June 7, 2024
ECFA Wisconsin Office

Bike & Hike – Saturday, September 7, 2024
Bethesda Park & Glacial Drumlin Trail – Waukesha

Beats for Heartbeats – Saturday, September 7, 2024
Washington County Fairgrounds

Benefit Auction – Friday, November 22, 2024
Marriott Milwaukee West



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