

# TRUE <sup>TO</sup> LIFE

An Evangelical Child and Family Agency Publication



## A GLORIOUS DAY!

ECFA was blessed with an absolutely beautiful day for this year's 35th Annual "Bike & Hike". The event was held on Saturday, September 11th. We started at the Bethesda Shelter in Waukesha and proceeded along the Glacial Drumlin Trail. Our theme was taken from Ephesians 4:32, "Be kind, compassionate and forgiving to each other in the same way God forgave you in Christ Jesus".



A total of 102 people was involved including 21 new participants to the Bike & Hike. Eleven individuals were completely new to ECFA and heard about our services for the first time. Over \$22,000 was raised to assist the agency in providing pregnancy support services to women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

After the participants returned to the shelter from their walk or ride, Cousins Subs provided a delicious lunch for everyone. It's so encouraging to have a business support the work and ministry of ECFA. Thank you, Valentine Family!

Executive Director, Ken Withrow,

gave an update regarding the work of the agency over the past year. Pregnancy Support Services Consultant, Linda Oberbrunner, shared about how our clients are being assisted and served professionally and with the love of Christ.

We are so thankful to all of our sponsors and supporters who helped make this year's Bike & Hike an enjoyable and successful event.

### Premier Sponsor – Cousins Subs (6 sites)

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### Financial Sponsors

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### Major Prize Sponsors

Grady, Hayes & Neary, LLC  
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### Prize Sponsors

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### Winners & Prizes

**1st – Kathy Misany** – 4 pack of Milwaukee Brewers tickets

**2nd – Jerry Dalton** - \$200 Pizza Ranch gift card

**3rd – Linda Carlson** –Waukesha State Bank Basket of picnic items

**Most Sponsors – Ann Thompson** – 4 Prairieville Park golf passes

**New Person Prize Drawing – Tony Orzechowski** - \$50 Walmart gift card



We want to give a special thanks to our Bike & Hike Committee Chairs, Brian and Nancy Farrell for all their work in planning and organizing this year's event. We dearly miss Ron Baer and Gloria Anderson – two of our faithful Bike & Hike volunteers who passed away this past year.

A huge thank you also goes to all those who volunteered as crossing guards, registration table workers, cookie bakers, set-up and take-down workers, and others who gave of their time and talents!

# Collaborative & Compassionate Connections

In the Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) Program, partnerships with other agencies and ministries are crucial for effectively ministering to clients. The **needs** of each client fall into many categories including:

- 1) **practical** ~ food, formula, affordable housing or even temporary shelter
- 2) **relationships** ~ family, birth father, and sometimes teachers, or employers
- 3) **spiritual** ~ encouraging a person of wavering faith, introducing someone to a relationship with Jesus, connecting a client to a church family who will love and come alongside to befriend and even disciple
- 4) **financial** ~ stewardship, budgeting, and managing of resources
- 5) **immediate** ~ scheduling a free ultrasound for an abortive-minded caller

6) **legal** ~ appropriate advisement and affordable representation

7) **health** ~ including cooking, shopping, and exercising

This is not an exhaustive list of perceived needs since there is a myriad of other issues unique to each and every client we may serve.

For as long as I can remember, I have never experienced a competitive mindset among other agencies or organizations who minister to birth moms, dads, families and the pre-born. In fact, it is always the opposite! Many people I've known through the years marvel how clients benefit from cooperative, collaborative connections in the community.

Every referral agency staff or ministry leader, whether professionally licensed or a hard-working advocacy volunteer, has one thing in common, compassionate care. Without

a doubt, I know the individuals in this pro-life and pro-love field of pregnancy support services desire to wholeheartedly serve the hopeless and most vulnerable. There is a refreshing sense of peace and joy in connecting each client to another qualified resource.

God placed each of us on the earth at this very time to be part of His plan. We have the opportunity to reflect Him in the services we provide and in other places we confidently refer our clients to.

If you know of any resources that may benefit current or future PSS clients, please contact our office at: 262-789-1881. I look forward to hearing from you.

~ Linda Oberbrunner, BSW, CSW  
PSS Caseworker/Consultant



## The 2021 Annual Benefit Auction

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT  
SHERATON MILWAUKEE/BROOKFIELD HOTEL  
375 S. MOORLAND RD., BROOKFIELD, WI

*I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving*  
*Psalms 69:30*

Invitations mailed separately ~ Register online at [www.ecfawisc.org/events/auction](http://www.ecfawisc.org/events/auction)



## Employment Opportunities

Evangelical Child & Family Agency is seeking a Licensed (WI) Master's Level Social Services Supervisor 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 a mailing for the agency in July & September:

Sherri Andrews	Kathy Fuhr	Jane Runnels
Art & Annette	Sharon Fuller	Darleen Snyder
Cernohous	Pamela Grande	Scott & Karen
Barb Chernouski	Rita Hoffman	Snyder
Lori Cottrill	Carol Honeyager	Dave Tietjen
Joyce Dankert	Sue Kusnierz	Tina Wienss
Char Duranceau	Gail Moses	Judy Zwitter
Marvin Engle	Julie Patterson	Friends of ECFA
Nancy Farrell	Teresa Reichow	

## Serving at Our Office:

- ♥ Lots of important tree trimming and weekly debris cleanup, by Marvin Engle
- ♥ Air conditioner maintenance by Andrew Tietjen

## Pregnancy Support Services/Baby Blessings Boutique:

- ♥ Many beautiful "Beach" brand handbags from Ozinga Bros., Inc.
- ♥ Many nicely put together layettes from an anonymous donor
- ♥ Baby blankets, stuffed elephant, pacifiers, baby bottles and backpack from Sue Roman
- ♥ Diapers, blanket, onesies, wipes, Dr. Brown's bottles, pacifiers and bottle brush from Lori Cottrill
- ♥ Baby clothes from Gary & Lois Gantner
- ♥ Diapers, blankets, bibs, socks, utensils & wipes from the

Seasoned Salt Seniors at Grace Community Church

- ♥ Patriotic girl outfits from an anonymous donor
- ♥ Diapers, handmade quilt & many ladies personal care items from Gail Pavletic
- ♥ Gift bags, baby clothes and baby slippers from Carol Honeyager
- ♥ Baby socks and hangers from Pamela Grande

## Miscellaneous Gifts:

- ♥ Treats for the office staff and guests from Dennis

## Memorials

In loving memory of: Gloria Anderson  
From: Bike & Hike volunteers

In loving memory of: Ron Baer  
From: Bike & Hike volunteers

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

In loving memory of: John Petroff  
From: Christian Life Counseling

In loving memory of: My friend, Jane Stefanich  
From: Janice Phillipson

## Tributes

In honor of: Muza and Iwinski families  
From: Betty Muza

## ECFA and Unaffiliated Eligible Donor Choice Option #22880

With the fall season upon us, United Way Giving Campaigns are being held with many businesses.



Remember, ECFA does not receive annual program funding from United Way. We only receive funds gifted through the United Way Donor Choice program. If your business conducts a United Way Giving campaign, please consider the ECFA Donor Choice Option #22880. Also, some employers have a "matching gift" program. Check with your HR department. Thank you to all who take part with United Way Giving campaigns through their place of work. During FY 2021, ECFA was gifted \$10,408 through 25 generous donors. Thank you, again!

## 38th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, May 14, 2022

with Point of Grace



Marriott Milwaukee West, Waukesha



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& Family Agency  
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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Adoption Training from a Christian Perspective

Saturday, October 30th, 2021

Register online at [www.ecfawisc.org/services/adoption education trainings](http://www.ecfawisc.org/services/adoption%20education%20trainings)



## 4th ECFA Benefit Auction, November 19th

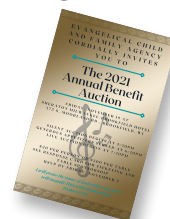
Brookfield Sheraton

Donations of new items greatly appreciated

Register online at [www.ecfawisc.org/events/auction](http://www.ecfawisc.org/events/auction)

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

Marriott Milwaukee West, Waukesha



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