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38th Anniversary Celebration Brunch May 14, 2022

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- Spotighting the pro-life and family work of ECFA • Client testimonies • Music by Point of Grace

This year's 38th Anniversary Celebration Brunch will feature the highly acclaimed musical group Point of Grace. Denise Jones, Leigh Cappillino, and Shelley Breem have provided a soundtrack to our lives for over two decades.

With faith filled, and passionate lyrics, their memorable melodies and soaring harmonies have inspired generations to live boldly and keep God's love as the foundation of their lives.

With over eight million recordings sold, three GRAMMY® nominations, multiple Dove awards, and countless accolades, Point of Grace is "the

story of a few gifted college girls with a simple passion to unite and share their musical gifts for the Glory of God." They continue to evolve and engage thousands of fans, both old and new. Each new season of life seems to challenge the trio to reach higher and dig deeper. Their love and support for issues of women and girls is why they have been invited to be a part of ECFA's 38th Anniversary Celebration.

Please mark your calendar for this wonderful evening of client stories, pertinent pro-life information, and the unique music of Point of Grace. Watch your mailbox in early spring



for your invitation, or register online in April. An opportunity will be given that evening to support the ministry of ECFA.

Faithful Partners

On Sunday, December 26th, Jennie Tietjen spoke briefly in both worship services at Spring Creek Church on the pro-life and adoption efforts of the Agency. She thanked the church for their nearly 40 years of support and gave them an engraved gift. It read, "In grateful appreciation for your life affirming partnership from our beginning." In profound gratitude, we recognize & honor

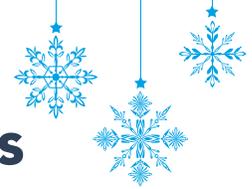
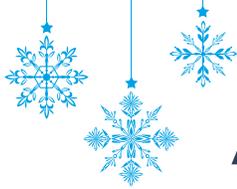


from our beginning. In profound gratitude, we recognize and honor SPRING CREEK CHURCH." After her remarks, Chris Brown, Tech and Missions Pastor, presented a check for \$10,000 to the agency. He then led the congregation in prayer for ECFA and two other agencies that were given financial gifts that morning.

ECFA is very grateful for their supporting churches and wish to especially thank the people of Spring Creek Church. Two other wonderful churches have also supported us for



nearly 40 years - New Testament Church in Milwaukee with Pastor Julius Malone, and Sheboygan Evangelical Free Church with Pastor Gary Hylander. At a later date, a customized, engraved gift was presented to each of them.



A Christmas Flurry of Kindness

During the Christmas season, an email blast was sent with urgency to our ECFA email friends. The short request specified that six “mommas”, all current clients in the Pregnancy Support Services Program, would be blessed at Christmas if gift cards to various stores were provided for them. These would be used to purchase gifts for two unborn children, one momma’s four-year-old, some groceries, and a little something the placing for adoption mommas might need or enjoy.

One momma actually identified a few practical items on Amazon as a “wish list” for her beautiful newborn. In less than 100 minutes after the request was emailed, a “first responder” texted her joyful desire to purchase the three Amazon baby items for “Momma 1.”

Then overnight and the following

day, so many givers emailed, texted, and called offering generous pledges of \$25.00 cards for “Mommas 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.” All this flurry of activity occurred within less than 24 hours! It was truly humbling and absolutely overwhelming to witness all the loving responses. Another email was quickly sent out to share how the need had been met above and beyond all expectations. It was important to make sure the floodgates were closed so donors could bless another ministry so lovingly as God may prompt.

Beautiful Christmas bags and tissue paper were dropped off prior to the e-mail mailing, which provided yet another blessing for the delivery of the gift cards, teething and developmental toys, women’s fuzzy socks, and sweet treats.

On January 4, 2022, the final Christmas presents were dropped off at a very grateful momma’s home. Her tiny baby slept peacefully in her arms as this momma told her about all the kind people at ECFA who gave both of them a memorable 1st Christmas of 2021.

Linda Oberbrunner, BSW, CSW
Pregnancy Support Services
Consultant



THE ECFA AUCTION

ECFA was pleased to hold its 4th Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, November 19th, at the Sheraton Milwaukee/Brookfield Hotel. One hundred and seventeen individuals attended in-person and 23 individuals/couples participated virtually online.

Our guests enjoyed a festive atmosphere with lively music, tasty appetizers, and delicious hot apple cider. Individuals perused 152 donated items that were displayed on tables in the room during the silent auction. Professional auctioneer, Dan Pronley, called the live portion of the event, auctioning off 14 interesting items to the highest bidders.

All but nine items were purchased during a time of high spirited and competitive bidding. A total of

\$21,349 was raised for ECFA in net proceeds from the event. This amount included a \$5000 matching grant from a supportive foundation to help finance a much-needed kitchen remodeling project at the agency.

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

Please mark your calendar for ECFA’s 5th Annual Benefit Auction, scheduled on Friday, November 4, 2022. Also, remember to invite family and friends to join us in

supporting the agency’s pro-life work and ministry!





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 November & December:

Art & Annette	Rita Hoffman	Barb Schmidt-kunz
Cernohous	Carol Honeyager	Darleen Snyder
Joyce Dankert	Wally & Anita	Scott & Karen
Char Duranceau	Julius	Snyder
Marvin Engle	Ruth Knapp	Tina Wiens
Nancy Farrell	Sue Kusnierz	Judy Zwitter
Sharon Fuller	Genelle Missurelli	Friends of ECFA
Pamela Grande	Gail Moses	
Margo Hoffman	Nancy Roets	

Serving at Our Office:

- ♥ Baby Blessings Boutique organized by Carol
- ♥ Garden clean up, Christmas tree decorating and office work by Tina
- ♥ Water filtration system help from Pam

Pregnancy Support Services/Baby Blessings Boutique:

- ♥ Many baby clothes, bottles, diaper ointment, bibs, pacifiers, mama socks, baby socks, onesies, diapers, wipes, and brush & comb sets from the Seasoned Salt Seniors at Grace Community Church
- ♥ Lots of baby bottles, car seat straps, teether, aspirator, and baby socks from Shannon
- ♥ Receiving blanket, baby lotion, and shampoo set from Lori
- ♥ Baby blankets, baby clothes, and hats from Mark & Sarah
- ♥ Baby books from an anonymous donor
- ♥ Boys' pajamas from Dave & Jennie
- ♥ Crib set, blankets, sleep sack, baby socks, cups, snow pants, bibs, pajamas, and lots of baby clothes from Gary & Lois
- ♥ Baby outfits from Carol

- ♥ Money, gift cards and toys for Christmas gifts for our PSS clients from Carmen, Art & Annette, David & Cheryl, Scott & Karen, Phil & Darleen, Nick & Kristen, Gennelle, Kraig & Pamela, Barry & Jenni, John & Christi, and Jill

Miscellaneous Gifts:

- ♥ Treats for the office staff from Dennis
- ♥ Coffee maker for the office from John & Kathy
- ♥ Christmas tree topper and decorative plants from Tina
- ♥ Cheese and sausage box for staff from Grady, Hayes & Neary, LLC

Memorials

In loving memory of: Danice Courtois, our friend and long-time ECFA neighbor
From: Mike & Linda Oberbrunner

In loving memory of: Virginia M. Kulinski
From: Robert & Carmelita Stehr

In loving memory of: My father & mother-in-law, Steve & Shirley Thorup
From: Phillip White

In loving memory of: My husband, Nels Wright
From: Arlene Wright

In loving memory of: Marian Konrad
From: Kathleen Simundson

Tributes

In honor of: My daughter, Tamara
From: Gary

In honor of: Dwane & Jennifer Gehman
From: Anthony & Christie Gehman

In honor of: My sister, Jennie Tietjen
From: David McDonald

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

Introducing Dana

Dana Hauser joined the Wisconsin Staff as a pregnancy counselor on January 31st. She has a BS in Psychology and is a graduate student at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin, where she is studying to earn a Master's degree in Professional Counseling.



Dana has several years of experience in the field of human services, including most recently as a Child Welfare Case Manager at Children's Wisconsin for Milwaukee County. Dana and her family attend Grace Church in Burlington where her husband is the assistant pastor. Welcome Dana to ECFA!

ECFA Foundation



The ECFA Foundation continues to support Agency services in several ways. Recently, the Foundation provided a grant for the purchase of much needed new computers for the New Berlin office. This gift will help our staff immeasurably.

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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Invitations to come soon

36th Annual Bike & Hike - Saturday, September 10, 2022
At Bethesda Park in Waukesha



5th ECFA Benefit Auction, November 4, 2022
Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel

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