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You're Invited to our 40th Anniversary Celebration Brunch

This year we are blessed to celebrate 40 years of serving families in Southeastern Wisconsin. We will be celebrating on May 11, 2024 at the Marriott West hotel in Waukesha at 8:30am.



When planning our 40th Anniversary Celebration we intentionally chose the day before Mother's Day because this brunch will top any Mother's Day brunch offered in the area, with a generous breakfast buffet and an amazing Christian concert. We are

privileged to praise God for his faithfulness over the past 40 years with worship led by two-time Grammy nominated Christian artists Sanctus Real. A few of our Wisconsin staff experienced Sanctus Real live at Beats for Heartbeats this September and were so impressed with their ministry and even more excited that they accepted our invitation to our 40th Anniversary. Mother's Day weekend is an opportunity to reflect on the mothers and mother figures God has blessed us with, as well as those God has given ECFA the privilege to minister to and serve over the past 40 years.

We have confidence that our unstoppable God is still the same today, tomorrow, and forever.

Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Sanctus Real was formed in 1996, the Ohio-based trio has seen major success over their 25-year career span, earning two GRAMMY® Award nominations, a GMA Dove Award® and six GMA Dove nominations. With a total of nine studio albums, most recently 2019's Unstoppable God, which was the follow-up to 2018's Changed, Sanctus Real has accumulated eight No. 1's and eight top five singles on multiple Christian radio formats.

To date, the band has sold more than 1.2 million albums and their music has been streamed 210+ million times globally. With a cumulative radio audience totalling 3.7 billion, they also have more than 25 million lifetime YouTube streams and thousands of days clocked on the road traveling all over the world, touring with other established artists such as MercyMe, Jeremy Camp, needtobreathe, Skillet, and more.

Please mark your calendar for this wonderful morning of client stories, pertinent pro-life information, and the music of Santus Real. Watch your mailbox in early spring for your invitation or register online in April. We are blessed to have a \$10,000 matching grant from friends of ECFA. An opportunity to impact those we serve will be given during the event.



ECFA'S 6TH ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

ECFA's 6th Annual Benefit Auction on November 3rd at the Sheraton Milwaukee/Brookfield Hotel was an enjoyable time with 92 people attending in person and 17 others who participated virtually online. There were 33 individuals new to the auction and 11 completely new to ECFA.

The guests enjoyed wonderful appetizers, warm apple cider, and a decorated cake for dessert. Individuals viewed donated items beautifully displayed on tables throughout the room and bid often on the Give Smart App during the silent auction. Professional and entertaining auctioneer, Dan Pronley, called the live portion of the event, auctioning off 13 items to the highest bidders.

A total of \$27,735 was raised for the pro-life mission of ECFA! This amount included a \$5000

matching grant from a supportive foundation to help finance a much needed security system for the Wisconsin office.

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

We couldn't have pulled off this event without the generous support of our Sponsors:

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Bartz's Floor Covering Inc.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event! Please mark your calendar for ECFA's 7th Annual Benefit Auction, scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2024.



Christmas at ECFA

Our Pregnancy Support caseworkers were excited to deliver gifts to our client families for Christmas. We were able to do so due to the generosity of Grace Community Church and The Track at Burlington Hobbies. The Pregnancy Support caseworkers gathered Wish Lists from our clients for their children. The Track at Burlington Hobbies in Burlington displayed a Christmas tree with gift tags for the second year in a row in their store front for those looking to make a child's Christmas brighter.

Grace Community Church in West Allis also took up a collection of items for the children and mothers we serve as part of their "Giving at Christmas."

The Wisconsin PSS Team had a fun time wrapping and delivering all the presents just in time for Christmas.





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*

Service Projects:

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who assembled a mailing for the Agency in November & December:

Cathy Bogdanovich	Marcia Smith
Barb Chernouski	Darleen Snyder
Pam Crown	Scott & Karen Snyder
Marvin Engle	Nancy Stone
Sharon Fuller	Jan Story
Pamela Grande	Shevonn Tate
Bonnie Gruber	Leah Valentine
Rita Hoffman	Margo Whitcomb
Pat Johnson	Judy Zwitter
Bill & Sue Kusnierz	Friends of ECFA
Kathy Misany	

Serving at Our Office:

- Flower bed clean up by Tina
- Stuffing envelopes, raking, clothes sorting and Christmas card making by the high school girls at Heritage Christian
- Water filter maintenance and trim repair by Pam

Pregnancy Support Services:

- Dr. Brown baby bottles, baby spoons, diapers, and tag blanket from Lori Cottrill
- Highchair, baby swing, and car seat toy from James & Leah Valentine
- Baby clothes from Laverne Torweihe
- Diapers from Noah & April Marquardt
- Cases of diapers, and baby sleepers from the Bill Hardin Family
- Baby socks, rattle, coats, baby wash, feminine products, month photo markers, hangers, insect net, car seat strap covers, car seat canopy, baby white noise machines, and homemade booties, mittens & scarves from Karen Griffith
- Cases of diapers, wipes, baby clothes, shoes, diaper rash cream, formula containers, blankets and bottles from the high school girls at Heritage Christian
- Baby book, clothes and shoes from Gary & Lois Gantner

- Boys shirts and shoes from Kristi Webster
- Diapers, wipes, baby clothes, stuffed animals, blankets, mattress protector, toy cars, and socks from Frieda Kamentz
- Pack n plays from Pamela Grande
- Nursing kit, baby bottles and pack n play from Patricia Miller
- Baby blankets, hats, scarves and slippers from Lois Knight
- Walmart gift card, baby wipes and chocolates from Carol Honeyager
- Diapers and baby clothes from Sue Kusnierz
- Car seats from an anonymous donor

Miscellaneous Gifts:

- Staff Christmas gift of a delicious cheese & sausage box from Eagle Printing
- Banana bread for the staff from Carol Honeyager

Tributes

In honor of: Our daughter, Jamie Gibson
From: James & Kathleen Gibson

In honor of: My new grandson, Caden L. Schaefer
From: Suzanne Jensen

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

In honor of: James & Leah Valentine
From: Leah Daane

Memorials

In loving memory of: My husband, Mike Childers
From: Susan Childers

In loving memory of: Jack Kreuser
From: Mike & Linda Oberbrunner

In loving memory of: My wife, Shirley Reiter
From: Robert Reiter

In loving memory of: Our parents, Rita & Ralph Staus
From: David & Anne Osterwind

In loving memory of: Jennie Tietjen
From: Bonnie Halcomb, and Robert & Sandra Buehler



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

40th Anniversary Celebration Brunch – Saturday, May 11, 2024

Marriott Milwaukee West – Featuring Sanctus Real

Bike & Hike – Saturday, September 7, 2024

Bethesda Park, Waukesha

Benefit Auction – Friday, November 22, 2024

Marriott Milwaukee West

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