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ECFA's 41st Anniversary Celebration

After another year of faithful ministry, ECFA held its 41st Anniversary Celebration by hosting brunch at the Marriott Milwaukee West Hotel in Waukesha. Ninety-two guests were in attendance to commemorate the occasion, with 40 new to the event, and 21 entirely new to ECFA. Thanks to the generosity of attendees and sponsors, the event raised \$16,836.95 in net income to support ECFA's ongoing services to children and families.



Emcee Mikey welcomed everyone and introduced Jim Valentine, a member of ECFA's Advisory Council, who opened the morning with a heartfelt invocation. Executive Director, Wendy Payne, then shared an encouraging update on the agency's work, introduced staff members, and welcomed the Wisconsin Advisory Council. Wendy also prepared the audience for the powerful testimonies that followed.

Pregnancy Support Services caseworker, Mary Smith, introduced a client who shared her personal journey of hope through ECFA's support. Adoption worker Dorinne, along with pregnancy support case worker Ella, gave moving testimonies highlighting the transformative impact of adoption and family support provided by ECFA. Their stories offered a glimpse into the real lives changed by the agency's work.

Musical guests His Way provided inspiring worship throughout the morning, blessing attendees with their heartfelt performances. Keynote speaker Sheila

Luck delivered an inspiring and challenging message. Drawing on her experience as a pro-life advocate and author of six books, Sheila encouraged attendees to reflect on their own roles in protecting life and strengthening families. Following her appeal, instrumental music played as guests considered how they could partner with ECFA. Board Chairman Dave Brown concluded the event with a closing benediction, sending everyone forth with gratitude and renewed purpose.

We would like to thank everyone who attended this year's event and for your generous support. ECFA will hold its 42nd Anniversary Celebration with a brunch on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at our new venue, Davian's in Menomonee Falls. We look forward to seeing you there as we continue serving and ministering to families in Wisconsin!



Welcome our New Staff!



Charlotte Osterlund

We are excited to welcome Charlotte, who joined ECFA on May 5, 2025 as a Pregnancy Support case manager! After completing an internship at ECFA Wheaton, she is thankful to be continuing to work with ECFA and their mission. Charlotte has a bachelor's in social work from Aurora University located in Illinois and she is currently pursuing a master's degree in social work. We are thrilled to have Charlotte on our team!

Sarah Cordova

We are excited to welcome Sarah, who joined ECFA on June 3, 2025 as our new Event Planner! With a background in digital marketing, she brings a creative and strategic approach to both event planning and content creation. Sarah is passionate about designing experiences that connect people with one another and with the heart of our mission. We're thrilled to have Sarah on our team!



Do you have your Choose Life WI license plate yet? If not, what are you waiting for? By displaying the Choose Life license plate, you're supporting Wisconsin's vital Pregnancy Resource Centers and making a real difference for women and babies across the state. Each purchase includes a tax-deductible \$25 annual contribution to Choose Life WI, Inc. ECFA is proud to receive a grant from Choose Life each year to help fund our pregnancy support services. Join us in driving change—one plate at a time!





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

Memorials:

In loving memory of: Charlene Duranceau

From: Jo Clark (Andy Clark Family); Robert & Mary Johnson, Christopher & Barbara Obst, Mathew & Laura Szebeni, and other friends and family

In loving memory of: Our friend, Paul Hansen

From: James & Leah Valentine

In loving memory of: My husband, John Sawyer

From: Nancy Sawyer

In loving memory of: My former wife, Jennie Tietjen

From: Dave Tietjen

Tribute:

In honor of: My special friend, Nancy Farrell, for her birthday

From: Carol Honeyager

Serving at Our Office:

- Regular office cleaning by Noreen Lessmann
- Flower bed clean up and planning of beautiful flowers by Tina

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who assembled a mailing for the Agency in April:

Art & Annette Cernohous	Lynn Rajkovic
Janet Certalic	Marcia Smith
Ruth Engelhardt	Darleen Snyder
Marvin Engle	Scott & Karen Snyder
Sharon Fuller	Nancy Stone
Anita Julius	Jan Story
Bill & Sue Kusnierz	Barbara Ziedonis
April Old Coyote	Judy Zwitter

Pregnancy Support Services:

- Baby clothes from the Gantners
- Baby clothes, Disney baby gym, baby activity mat, diaper bag, nursing essentials kits, hooded towels, socks, & diapers from the Hardins
- Knit blankets for moms from Patty
- Boppy pillow, mug & matching journal, shopping cart pad, baby clothes, toy, bottles, bottle drying rack, knit booties & mittens, head support pillow, rattle, burp cloths, socks, and office supplies from Karen Griffith.
- Baby wipes from Carol Honeyager
- Baby clothes, pajamas, & hooded towels from Joe & Ann Hurley, and Jake & Maria Fleischmann in memory of Charlene Duranceau
- Diapers from Sue Maleski
- Baby gym, diapers, and wipes from anonymous donors
- Diapers from Bill & Sue Kusnierz



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Beats for Heartbeats – Saturday, September 6, 2025
Kettle Moraine Lutheran PAC

Bike & Hike – Saturday, September 13, 2025
E.B. Shurts Building, Waukesha, WI
Bike or Hike on the Glacial Drumlin Trail

Benefit Auction – November 21, 2025
Spring Creek Church – Pewaukee

42nd Anniversary Celebration Brunch- Saturday, May 2, 2026
Davians - Menomonee Falls, WI

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