

True to Life

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Giving Thanks for the Best

In September, October, and November, goodbyes were extended to longtime Agency Foster Parents David and Elisa Shane, ECFA Adoption & Pregnancy Support Services Supervisor, Jill Hait, and Social Services Secretary Judy Bonville.



The Shane Family

September 11, 2016 Final Day

In 2002, the Shane Family contacted ECFA, interested in providing foster care in their home primarily for the newborn infants that were going to be placed for adoption. This hospitable family of four: David, Elisa, Nathan, and Jesse, provided an opportunity for the birth parents and/or adoptive parents to visit with the baby. As a registered nurse, Elisa would answer prospective adoptive parents' questions regarding baby care. She patiently instructed safe holding, diaper changing, bathing, and feeding to encourage bonding and build the confidence of first time parents. Her gentle calmness was always appreciated by each



Jill & Family

October 14, 2016 Final Day

Jill Hait, a former California transplant, had moved to Wisconsin in 2002. After her arrival settling in, she began applying for social work positions. In February 2003, she began employment as the Adoption Supervisor at ECFA. Fast-forwarding to 2015, many exciting changes had occurred personally and at the agency in Jill's life that she is willing to share.

At the agency, Jill added supervision of the Pregnancy Support Services Program to her responsibilities and also her title mid-year. In her home life, she, Dan, her husband, and their sons Ben, Isaiah, and Noah, were excited to prepare for their first family wedding after Ben proposed to Katie for a July 2016 wedding.

Prior to the wedding, Jill and her husband Dan, embarked on a journey of Optimal Health together, which resulted in a remarkable weight loss. In just 10 months, Jill had lost 106 pounds and Dan lost 135 pounds. During this time, they



Judy & Nevaeh

November 23, 2016 Final Day

One of Judy Bonville's final projects was overseeing the bulk mailing of this (Fall) newsletter. Judy came to ECFA a little over a year ago to lend her computer skills and winsome personality to her position as the Social Services Secretary. Her smile and warmth made everyone including the mailing volunteers feel welcomed and appreciated. She crafted new forms for Jill to use in the adoption department and helped prepare for the Spring Volunteer Banquet.

The majority of Judy's family continue to live in Arizona. She has been able to visit her former

The Shane Family

of the clients and staff, too. When birthparent visits took place with babies that were being placed for adoption, Elisa would extend Christ-like compassion to the grieving parent, and often grandparent(s) too, as their visits were ones of saying farewells and telling their babies how much they would always love them. Elisa had to often restock their Kleenex supply after client visits that were filled with emotion.

As the renewal date for the foster care license approached this September, Dave and Elisa felt they would not continue on as ECFA foster parents. Their two sons are now grown adults and Elisa was using her nursing skills once again in the workforce. In addition, the number of placements in their home had dwindled to nothing the past year and a half.

Over the past 14 years, the Shanes' have provided excellent extended care for 35 children, 33 of them newborns. Three of the babies were placed from other agencies, Lutheran Social Services, Adoption Services, and Bethany Christian Services. The other agencies were able to "borrow" the Shanes' since they did not have an available home at the time.

Placement statistics identified that 23 of the children were girls and 12 were baby boys each spending their first months of life, exercising their lungs, trying out first smiles, and growing out of newborn diapers and clothing during their stays with Elisa, David, and their sons.

At ECFA we are so grateful for the sacrifices that were made by the Shanes' during the past 14 years as they prayed for and ministered to the babies and the families that were a special part of their family.

Jill & Family

went through extensive training and certification to become full time Certified Health Coaches themselves, and have since coached over 100 people to lose weight and reach a healthy lifestyle. This has become so rewarding knowing they are giving others HOPE for a better, healthier life, that in addition to enjoying time as a "mom", Jill has joined Dan on this full-time ministry and would be delighted to assist anyone who may be struggling with their weight or overall health. Jill offered her personal cell number 262-441-8971 to come alongside and support you. You can also follow both Jill and Dan's weight loss transformation and private message them on their personal Facebook pages.

Their youngest sons have been such a blessing and adventure to Jill and Dan since they came into their lives four years ago after Jill and Dan became licensed through the foster to adopt program of Waukesha County. This past spring, Jill felt God nudging her to become a full-time mom to their sons and asked Dan if this would be a possibility. Since they had become successful certified health coaches the past year, financially Jill's resignation of her position was a feasible option they wanted to consider. They came to the conclusion that this would be best for their family.

Jill gave an ample six month notice so that a qualified replacement could be found, trained, and hired before her final day of October 14, 2016.

On her last day, over 50 farewell wishers of all ages came to the Open House that was held at the New Berlin agency. Adoptive families, agency attorney friends, Advisory Council members, past staff, colleagues from other agencies, and volunteers came to share their gratefulness to Jill for her life and service. Dan was able to meet some of those who have been significantly impacted by the life of his wife who he gets to share daily life with now. In addition, he is very, very happy to enjoy her as his business partner too.

A beautiful Fall flower arrangement was sent from her parents in California to add to the festively decorated lower level. An assortment of delicious Cousins Subs was unexpectedly donated for attendees to enjoy along with other tasty items and desserts that were provided by the agency.

As the day was almost over, a count was completed to tally the number of children aged one day old to 16 years of age that were placed domestically and internationally during the course of Jill's tenure. An amazing **201 children** found their forever homes! Plus, each child's parents are forever grateful to Jill for all the encouragement, love, and support she poured into every case she worked on or supervised during her 13 memorable years at ECFA.

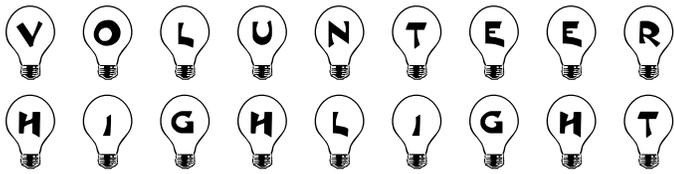
Judy & Nevaeh

homeland for extended periods this last year yet has enjoyed the unseasonably warmer Wisconsin winter, summer, and fall of 2016.

She and her husband, Michael, have been able to raise Neveah, her granddaughter, for the past eight years. Judy recognized that Neveah, as a preteen, would benefit from one-on-one schooling in their home. Since she and Neveah have a very special relationship, the goal for successful learning has become the priority.

Although we are sad to lose Judy, we fully support her committed teaching decision. In addition, we have been told that she and Neveah will be volunteering at Bike & Hike and also some future mailings where established connections will continue.





Delightful, interesting, and a people person best describe Judith (Judy) Popa. Almost a year post retiring, Judy began volunteering weekly at Almost Anything after investing years in two very unique careers. Previously, she had volunteered as part of the original AA crew for a few years when the store first opened on 76th & Beloit Road.

In the shop, besides cashiering, marking items and more, Judy enjoys being a consultant to the customers who seek her opinion when making a decision before their purchase. She said time and time again, she has observed the generosity of Almost Anything customers. She explained that, “many generous customers intentionally make purchases on behalf of others who are in need. Their dollars help the agency and then help the person receiving the purchased items, too.” She added, “I see others extremely generous in donating a wide variety of their things for others.”



Judy described herself as an avid reader particularly of American History. She also enjoys writing, decorating using her creative flair, and bargain hunting where she acknowledged she is able to exercise restraint. She is known for her collection of hats which she loves to wear, and has 35-40 in a rainbow of colors and styles.

After a number of years of civilian employment for the Air National Guard she joined the Guard as a member later in life (35). In all, she served 28 years.

A few years later, while taking a tour at Forest Home Cemetery, she returned alone a few days later to view an area she missed. While in the office, the Director asked if she was there to apply for the job. Although she said, “no” she was given an application. Long story short, Judy ended up working for the Cemetery for 19 years, giving public presentations, tours, and sales of services. She ended up living on site at this historical grounds with her little kitty “Stormy” who had been wandering as a stray at another nearby cemetery. Her life stories are truly charming.

Judy humorously shared during the past few months she has caught herself unconsciously rearranging items and displays at checkout counters while waiting in line at Walgreen’s and a few other stores. We are so glad that Judy’s exciting journey in life has led her back once again to Almost Anything!

A NEW DAY DAWNS

This past Spring when Jill Hait’s position opened, the search began for a qualified person to take on both the Adoption and Pregnancy Support Services Programs in Wisconsin. A number of candidates applied and some were interviewed. The choice continued to narrow with input from our wonderful State Licensing Specialist, Cindy Phillips. She helped to interpret the newest state requirements for staff hiring and recommended the candidate complete the state mandated S.A.F.E. adoptive home study course, offered in August, since state implementation was scheduled for October 1, 2016.

The decision was made and position offered to Dawn Salveson in early July for a start date of September 12, 2016, to give her time to finish her other employment and move from Illinois to Wisconsin. Her title is Social Services Supervisor. She was able to train with Jill for four weeks before Jill departed. Dawn, a self-described “morning person” arrives first on most days.

Dawn was a part-time employee in the Intact Family Services program at ECFA in Illinois. She also worked full-time as a therapist and crisis interventionist with various populations and ages. She had received her BS in Psychology from John Brown University and an MSW from Aurora University. Her personal and professional life experiences have prepared her well for the Wisconsin position. In the past, she was a Wisconsin resident and can pronounce many of the unique neighboring cities with ease and finesse.

She is the proud mother of five biological and adoptive children who reside throughout the country and appreciates the ability to connect with them through modern technology.

Please welcome Dawn as she learns the programs and familiarizes herself with the many ECFA friends and family this side of the border.



Beyond the “Call” of Duty

When Judy Bonville gave her notice to resign and become her granddaughter’s full-time teacher, it became quickly apparent that God was well aware of the anticipated vacancy ahead.

A job description was just created at the same time when a call came in. The Spring Creek women’s ministry service event coordinator, Jennie Duty, called to offer some volunteers for any agency project that needed a few willing helpers. While conversing and asking if the job information could be shared with the Bible Study group, Jennie indicated that **she was highly interested**. After receiving calls and contacts from other applicants the final two excellent candidates were selected. Lots of prayer went into the final decision.

Jennie was able to begin training immediately because Cindy, our State Licensing Specialist, accepted the background checks of Jennie that had been completed just a few weeks before. Jennie and her family of six were licensed to become an adoptive family for a beautiful little five-year-old girl from China whom they had the pleasure of hosting this summer in their home for 30 days. Jennie’s family intended to introduce her to a family for adoption that might meet her at the gatherings they hosted on behalf of Great Wall China Adoption (GWCA). Instead, they all felt that she completed their family and inquired about the home study process. Special Children of Wisconsin did the study and Director, Beth Peters, was kind enough to share her background results with ECFA after being ok’d by the State for the employment process.

Jennie’s background in computers, database, and working with volunteers are what is needed to move the position forward. Since the adoption process will not take place for quite a while, the part-time hours for the secretarial position are a perfect fit for Jennie and her active family.



She, her husband Scott of 15 years, Nathan (12), Jack (11), Joelle (9) and Elliot (7) attend Spring Creek Church where they are very involved in multiple ministries.

It has been a joy to see God’s hand in all the details for each vacancy at ECFA. He has always been the foundation of this ministry and will continue to be in the years to come as we trust Him for wisdom, discernment, guidance, and strength until His return.

A Campaign of Decision, Direction, & Donations

Last year during the Fall, 68 generous friends of LECFA directed their giving dollars through 1) United Way in addition to various 2) Company Match Programs, 3) Employer Match Programs, and 4) Family Foundations that were given through this summer.

Each of these dollars benefitted the programs of ECFA this in a significant way.

Our special thanks to all of the following donors:

1) UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Eight Anonymous Donors through:

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3) EMPLOYER MATCH PROGRAMS

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4) SPECIAL GIFTS/FAMILY FOUNDATIONS:

Oliver & Charlene DeGroot

John & Barb Findley

Steve & Nancy Hayes

Jay & Mary Kraft

Harry & Dianne Marek

Tom & Pat Miller

Don L. & Carol G. Taylor Family Foundation

The total of **all** these designated gifts from October 2015 through September 2016 was \$50,179!!! This has been a **huge increase** from the previous year because of the intentional decisions for LIFE made by individuals, families, and the business community who are positively impacting future generations.



BANQUET BLESSINGS REAL RESULTS REFLECTED



On October 7, 2016, there were 247 guests that attended the 32nd Annual Banquet to enjoy these blessings:

- * new location
- * well-arranged silent auction area
- * delicious entrees and desserts
- * an engaging delightful comedian
- * Emcee Ken's reflective & historical perspective as ECFA's Executive Director
- * two exceptional fathers' heartfelt testimonies joined by their families
- * three generations of gifted singers and a talented pianist who all attend the same grace-filled church
- * a personable professional roving off-duty wedding photographer
- * very inspiring responses on the Investment Card

The theme of Fatherhood and accompanying Psalm 68:5 resonated with many guests who acknowledged the program appealed so compellingly to men and women, young people and older people of all ages.



With all the heaviness of the pre-election, so many commented as they left that it was such a refreshing evening to feel energized and uplifted.



Of the 247 guests, 67 became acquainted with ECFA for the first time. For 90 attendees who were familiar with ECFA, this was their first event. Sally Boya decorated the tables with a beautiful centerpiece.

She sewed Fall-themed squares that displayed five uniquely shaped gourds of autumnal hues all donated by the Ruhle Family Farm of New Berlin. The entrée choices of Walleye Pike and Chicken Breast were so hard to choose from that exactly half of the guests chose one or the other. There seemed to be a lot of fork tasting and sharing between guests during dinner and dessert time at most of the tables. The delectable desserts of chocolate decadence or Granny Smith caramel topped apple pie were placed alternately and hard to stay with just one.



Two-sided cards were distributed to the guests after comedian, Mike Williams' engaging presentation. He verbally walked his attentive audience through an offering process in such a light-hearted and engaging way. A special area on the back of the card resulted in encouraging prayer commitments for the ministry. There was a total of: 60 pray-ers monthly, 9 for weekly, and 10 daily. Those that chose weekly and daily commitments intentionally crossed out the word *monthly* and substituted *weekly* or *daily* as they made their own choice to commit. One of the daily pray-ers is a 12 year old young man who also began volunteering at the agency a few months ago. He is such an example of Christian maturity to many adults and staff that have met him already.

As for income from that night, \$17,000 was offered as a challenge in two separate matches to encourage givers who wanted to double their dollars (photo here). A gross total of \$53,341.00 has been given which includes some monies pledged before the year end. After paying for the dinners and other expenses, the net income was \$35,562.98. That was the second highest total since the 1993 record keeping began. We were amazed that after Mike's encouragement for ECFA friends to become monthly donors, a whopping 38 givers responded; 36 new and two current increased their amounts. The combined monthly total of new gifts equals = \$1,545 X 12 or \$18,540.00!

This year, five major banquet sponsors gave \$4,400.00 to help defray initial costs related towards the speaker and ten table sponsors were able to cover the meal costs of their guests. The banquet facility servers were outstanding and a date for next year has already been reserved after over 100 compliments were received regarding the new venue and food.



This year's Silent Auction Team of three, Elisa Shane, Micki Schmitz, and Pamela Grande were assisted that evening by Terry Arenz, Becca & Cathy Bogdanovich, Sally Boya, Sue Carlson, and Leah Cuny. Together this team's effort generated \$2,380.00 with 75 of 80 items sold. There were 32 auction donors as follows this year that included six who chose to remain anonymous: Tim Albrecht, Judy Bonville, Sally Boya, Danice Courtois, Cindy Garcia, Armand & Mary Go, The Green Bay Packers, James Grow, Carol Honeyager, Anita Julius, Dr. Alma Labinski, Jim & Nedra Lemke, Bob & Ev Lutter, Dr. Randall Melchert, The Milwaukee Bucks, Carl Muenzmaier, Janet Nunziato, Sarah, Linda & Mike Oberbrunner, Rebecca & Wanda Prusak, Greg Riederer & Family, John & Marie Rompainen, Lil Scholl, Elisa Shane, Alex Snavely, Darleen Snyder, Dick & Lois Stefanowski, Mark & Laurie Swan, Swimtastic Swim School, ECFA Wheaton IL Office, and Margo Whitcomb.

Now the question for next year. Do you have a preference for having Mike Williams return a second year to share more of his story that he promised guests or would you prefer to have a concert style/worship format with meal at the Country Springs with guitarist song writer Aaron Shust? Or any other option that you would suggest?

At this year's banquet, numerous guests indicated their preference on the returned cards. We are currently considering and tallying all responses. We will need to finalize some decisions by December 30, 2016. If you have a choice, please email your response to lindao@ecfawis.org with your contact info before that date. All votes will be calculated before a final decision is made. We look forward to having both long-standing and new friends join us next year on October 6, 2017.



PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES CHRISTMAS GIFTING & GIVING IDEAS

By Dawn Salveson, Social Services Supervisor

The Pregnancy Support Services Program of Evangelical Child and Family Agency relies on the generous donations of people like you to make the unexpected and often crisis situations in our clients' lives a little easier. Your kindness and generosity is always appreciated! To arrange a drop-off for large donations please contact me, Dawn Salveson, Social Services Supervisor at (262) 789-1881 to determine if we have need or room for your donation. Space limitations sometimes prohibit us from accepting all donations but we do encourage donors to give these items to other community organizations dedicated to helping children and their families.

General Donation Guidelines:

All items must be new and unwrapped.

No food or formula

We Cannot Accept:

- Cribs
- Cribs accessories
- Damaged or broken items
- Diaper cream
- Snowsuits
- Used car seats

Items NOT needed at this time:

- Handmade Blankets and hats & clothing
- 2T and older children clothing
- Picture Frames
- Size 1 diapers
- Stuffed animals



Gift Cards:

Gift cards are always appreciated and are used by staff to provide specific items needed for a client and child. Some suggestions include:

- \$10 gas cards
- \$20 Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl's, Walgreens, Goodwill etc. (used to purchase needed items for clients such as maternity clothes, diapers, personal hygiene items, etc.).
- Kohl's Cash (Non-expired)



Suggested Items for Donation:

Newborn (for hospital):

- Diaper bag
- Diapers (sz. Newborn)
- Newborn long-sleeved onesies
- Newborn winter sleepers
- Bottles
- Teething rings
- Wipes
- Burp cloths
- Car seat covers

New Moms (for hospital):

- Black Overnight bags
- Neck and Shoulder Comfort wraps
- Journals
- Animal Adult coloring books & colored pencils
- Fuzzy socks
- Women's pajamas
- Breast pads

Infant Miscellaneous items For Fruits of Your Labor

Closet:

- 0-3 month long-sleeved onesies
- 0-3 month winter sleepers
- Baby bathtubs
- Boppy pillows
- Breastmilk storage bags
- Size 3, 4, and 5 diapers

Thank you from the PSS Team, Dawn, Alycia, & Amy



TREASURES OF THE HEART

Last year, ECFA Friend Wanda Pruzak, came to the agency with a beautiful red tote bag emblazoned with a unique intertwined hearts pattern. She began to share a project for a program that God prompted her to develop for homeless women that she referred to as: *Treasures of the Heart*. She explained this idea for a community outreach program to help Christian women put their faith into action by assisting women in need while introducing them to a life in Christ. She added, “Warren Wiersbe says it well, *God can see our faith, but men can only see our works.*” This gave substance to the need for the project she proposed at her church.



The vision of the program explains: *The name of this program is twofold. The treasures given are material things of temporary value on earth but when given from the heart will result in a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, our greatest treasure. The receiver of these treasures will know that they are loved and valued by other women and ultimately Jesus Christ.*

After presenting the idea to the W.O.W. (Women Of the Word) Bible study at Woodridge Church in New Berlin (where she is actively involved), the idea became a reality. Funds and items from the women and community were amply provided.

Wanda had researched the number of homeless women and children. She discovered, “The shocking facts are that 84% of families experiencing homelessness are female-headed. Over 92% of homeless mothers have experienced severe physical and/or sexual abuse during their lifetime. The impact of homelessness on mothers is profound. Many experience anger, self-blame, sadness, fear, and hopelessness.” She continued, “Our aid is limited. However, we can make a difference, one woman at a time, by showing our love and concern, and perhaps; light a spark of hope not only physically but spiritually. The following scripture can guide us in this endeavor:

Matthew 25:35-36 *‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’* Jesus demands our personal involvement in caring for others’ needs. (Isaiah 58:7).”

She challenged each woman to become involved. She developed an itemized list of personal hygiene products that each tote would include: Comb/Brush, Shampoo / Conditioner, Body Wash/Bath Sponge, Bar Soap/ Face Soap, Body Lotion, Deodorant/Antiperspirant, Hand Sanitizer, Feminine Wipes, Q tips 170 Walgreens, Tooth Brush, Toothbrush Holder, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Emery Board, Sm. Bt. Non-Alcoholic Mouthwash, Lip Moisturizer, Small First Aid Kit, Pain/Fever Reliever, Note Pad/Pen, Good News Tract, New Testament/Psalms & Proverbs, Water Bottle, & Handwritten Note. Each tote is specific to an ethnicity with appropriate products for skin and hair.



These totes were to be given to the homeless women from three different agencies. At ECFA, they are given only to homeless clients seeking pregnancy support services for themselves and their unborn baby.

Recently, Alycia our social worker was able to share the first tote with a caller who was able to find temporary shelter at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission’s Joy House. Not only the client was extremely grateful to be given such a thoughtful gift item but also the staff at Joy House was impressed with the thought and care that went into selecting such appropriate items for a homeless woman.

We are grateful to Wanda and all the W.O.W. women for their heartfelt compassion and generosity to furnish these beautiful TREASURES OF THE HEART.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE NE WISCONSIN AREA

We are in search of an additional part-time adoptive home study worker for the northeast part of Wisconsin. The requirements are 1) documented training in the S.A.F.E. Home Study process, 2) a college degree, preferably BSW or MSW and personal identification with the Agency mission. The hours are flexible and dependent on client needs and case assignment. Computer proficiency and writing skills are necessary. If interested, please e-mail a current resume to lindao@ecfawisc.org. Any questions may be directed to Dawn Salvesson or Linda Oberbrunner @262-789-1881.



Current Volunteer Opportunities ECFA & Almost Anything Resale Shop

Whether you are newly retired, between jobs, a mom with school age children, a college student, a handy person that has everything under control on the home front, or have a unique talent you'd like to share then keep on reading and know how much **we need YOU!** Please consider the opportunities below and indicate your interest(s) through a call, email, scan, or fax and how we may contact you. Call Sue or Linda at: 262-789-1881 M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 p.m or lindao@ecfawisc.org or 262-789-1887 (fax)

- Becoming an ECFA Advisory Council member
- Church Contact Ideas:
 - *Arranging for an ECFA Presentation with the *Love Story* 3 minute video
 - *Hosting a "Baby Shower"
 - *Baby Bottle Boomerang event for a women's, youth, or other group
 - *Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (1/15/2017) Ideas
- Overnight or weekend phone volunteer (from your home, prefer female due to the call content)
- 31st Annual Bike & Hike held in Waukesha on (5/20/2017)
- Almost Anything Resale Shop Positions 9116 W. Oklahoma Ave. West Allis
- Trade Show design for an ECFA exhibit
- Volunteering for a bulk mailing at the New Berlin Office (seven times throughout the year)
- Gardening & landscaping the New Berlin property
- On call maintenance issues, Almost Anything or New Berlin office
- Pick-up of Almost Anything donations
- Storage of Almost Anything items
- Scrapping (metals) of non-saleable Almost Anything donations
- Office Projects as needed
- Other: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

THANK YOU & GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU!



With A Grateful Heart

There is a continual outpouring of blessings received by this ministry on a regular basis. As a result, there are many individuals to be grateful for in each quarterly newsletter. The scriptural premise for our gratefulness comes from

Psalm 9:1, "I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of the wonders." **Our thanks from grateful hearts:**

- ♥ Thank you to the dedicated volunteers that assembled the following mailing:
Summer Newsletter (plus) Banquet Invitation
Jan & Ron Baer
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Kelly & Reese Borton
Sally Boya
Ruth Engelhardt
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- ♥ For the baby bottle sanitizer and two teethingers for the PSS Program from Laura Genatiempo.
- ♥ For the baby blankets, sheets, diaper bag and Pack & Play for our *Fruits of Your Labor* PSS client incentive program from Meredith & Jim Libbey & Family.
- ♥ For the baby bassinet for our *Fruits of Your Labor* PSS client incentive program from Linda Lauritch.
- ♥ For the *Peace & Hope* candle holders to be given as gifts at our Almost Anything Christmas Party from Sally Boya.
- ♥ For the eleven cute baby gift bags, baby wipes, diapers and various infant clothing for our Pregnancy Support Services Program from Carol Honeyager.
- ♥ For the three boxes of baby diapers from Doug & Lana Bainbridge.
- ♥ For cutting up two large items, that were carelessly discarded at Almost Anything in the rain, requiring their brute strength and logistical placement in the dumpster, by Steve & Andy Schulze.
- ♥ For the baby photobook sets for our *Fruits of Your Labor* PSS client incentive program from Carol Gedde.
- ♥ For the four diaper wreaths, baby afghan, and adult afghan for our PSS program from Chris Suhfras.
- ♥ For the tote bag, purses, CD's and bag of nice women's clothing from Dr. Alma Labunski.
- ♥ For the file assistance project from Spring Creek Women's Bible Study Volunteers: Meg Arnold, Jennie Duty, Ginny Lockman, & Marni Stelter.
- ♥ For Dick Merten's final Fall Cleanup of the agency parking lot.
- ♥ For the completion of many maintenance projects at the agency by Jim Valentine.

Memorials

Michael Foster Memorials:

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Michael Cape & Nicole Penegor;
John & Kimberly Caviggiola;
Nick & Stella Contos;
Helen & Marian Contos;
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Dr. Alexander & Tina Linardos;
Nicholas & Melia Linardos;
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Leeann Behling;
Alfred & Geraldine Buerosse;
Gwen Eckman; Marjorie Peterson;
Albert & Carol Toth;
In loving memory of:
Friend & former co-worker, Kit Glenn
From: Diana Baker
In loving memory of:
My dear friend and mentor
Lloyd Konrad
From: Robert Newsbaum
In loving memory of:
My friend Caroline Colby
From: Arlene Wright

In loving memory of:
Husband, Dad, Grandpa,
and Great-grandpa Alex Muza.
Happy birthday!
From: Betty Muza & family

In loving memory of:
Our sister's father-in-law Tony Lorenz
From: Mike & Cathy Bogdanovich

In loving memory of: D. Wallschlagler
From: Gary & Chris Suhfras

Tribute

In honor of: Our granddaughter Emma
Kristine Miller
From: Karen Weddig



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November 24, 2016

A Blessed Thanksgiving to Our ECFA Family & Friends



December 6, 2016

AA Volunteer Christmas Party 5-7 – Beloit Road Baptist Church

December 25, 2016

Christmas Peace & Joy To Our ECFA Family & Friends

ECFA'S
**Bike
& HIKE!**
Supporting Moms, Dads & Babies

January 15, 2017

Sanctity of All Human Life Sunday



May 20, 2017

31st Annual Bike & Hike – Bethesda Park & Glacial Drumlin Trail, Waukesha

October 6, 2017

33rd Annual Banquet & Silent Auction – Country Springs, Pewaukee