

TRUE TO LIFE

An Evangelical Child and Family Agency Publication



NEW
LOCATION

Save the Date – September 7, 2024

We hope you'll join us for ECFA's 38th Bike & Hike and Beats for Heartbeats, Christian Musical Festival

Please note the location change for check-in is at the **E.B. Shurts Building (810 W. College Ave., Waukesha, WI)** which is conveniently located next to the trailhead of the **Glacial Drumlin Trail**. We will start and return here for a time of fellowship with lunch, family friendly games and prizes.

We "loved" last year's theme Love Moves, so we decided to continue it. Our verse this year is 1 John 4:19 "We love because He first loved us."

We invite you, your friends, family, and church community to join us as we move to show the love of Christ through our actions. As we walk, run, bike or skate together we can ensure that no mom and her family walks alone during a pregnancy.

Love Moves 2024 is a great opportunity to spread the word about ECFA and connect with other people who are passionate about our life affirming ministry, and we get to do all this while getting some exercise in God's beautiful creation along the Glacial Drumlin Trail.

Speaking of prizes, we have some very exciting fundraising incentives. We know fundraising can be daunting, that is why we provide helpful fundraising ideas on our website, in our e-newsletter, and on social media. Make sure to subscribe and follow to receive the latest news about this and other events as well as ministry updates. Please see our website and event page for more details and to register: ecfawisc.org/events. Or call Sue at 262-789-1881.

On September 7th immediately following Love Moves 2024, we have another exciting opportunity to celebrate the value of every life through the power of Christ at Beats for Heartbeats. Beats for Heartbeats is a Christian Music Festival which will be hosted this year at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Performing Arts Center at 3399 Division Rd. Jackson, WI. This is our third year in attendance as one of the four organizations that promote abundant life and are blessed by our partnership with Beats for Heartbeats.

The schedule is:

- His Way 3:05pm
- Koine 3:55pm
- Leanna Crawford 5:35pm
- Rhett Walker 7:20pm

Assigned Seating (\$25-\$35)

Purchase Tickets at

beatsforheartbeats.com/2024-music-event



Heartbeats Inc. is a local non-profit organization that supports pro-life efforts in all areas from life at conception, human trafficking, adoption/fostering, and suicide prevention. Heartbeats Inc. exists to spread the lifesaving message of God's love to everyone with uplifting speakers and music.

Dana Hauser

Wisconsin District Coordinator



**Are you
on our
email list?**

In addition to our True to Life newsletter that is published four times a year, we now have an E-newsletter, ECFA Heartbeat, that is published twice per month with current ECFA updates! You won't want to miss the client impact stories, announcements, prayer requests, event info, and special needs.

Send a note to info@ecfawisc.org and we will add you to our email list.



Building Families THROUGH ADOPTION



2,000 miles away, in the country of Haiti, a 4.4-pound baby boy was found at the Institute of Social Welfare. Prenatal and birth history on this little boy were not available. He resided in an orphanage until he was placed with an ECFA adoptive family who had been waiting five years for the placement of a child from this country.

The Dooyema family felt God calling them to add to their family through adoption. So, they stepped out in faith and began the adoption process for Haiti. They hoped to provide a child with an opportunity in life that he may not have had otherwise. As they were waiting for a referral, their prayer was, "May there be something about him that helps us know he's the one meant for our family." When they received the referral for "Junior," they knew he was the one God had meant for their family since both of their grandfathers' names were also Junior. God is SO good!

After about seven weeks of being in their home, Junior was speaking almost all English. In one year, he grew 6.5 inches, while also learning how to skip, ride a bike, go to school without mom by his side the entire time, and how to trust his family. He has attached and bonded with all family members and is very comfortable in his home and family. The Dooyema family is so grateful to God for His grace in leading them to ECFA and to love this boy. They feel blessed to get a closer glimpse at God's huge heart for adoption. Junior is equally blessed to be in such an amazing family who loves him dearly.



Dorinne Geldon
Adoption Social Worker



Do you have your Choose Life WI License Plate yet?

If not, what are you waiting for? Displaying the Choose Life license plate will provide funding for the adoption work Wisconsin's vital Pregnancy Resource Centers do day in and day out, helping women and babies across The Badger State. Your purchase of the Choose Life license plate will include a tax-deductible \$25 contribution each year to Choose Life WI, Inc. and our ongoing support of Wisconsin's lifesaving, women-helping Pregnancy Resource Centers.



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*

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

Pam Crown	Sue Kusnierz
Marvin Engle	John & Kathy Misany
Sharon Fuller	Marcia Smith
Bonnie Gruber	Darleen Snyder
Margo Hoffman	Scott & Karen Snyder
Rita Hoffman	Nancy Stone
Pat Johnson	Jan Story
Anita Julius	Margo Whitcomb
Sue Korb	Friends of ECFA

Pregnancy Support Services:

- Car seat, pack & play, many cases of diapers, baby clothes, nursing kit, & baby lotion from the Hardin Family
- Pack & play, children's Bibles, journal, baby clothes, & bouncy seat from Rosemarie Nieznanski
- Crib, pack & play, & baby clothes from Lauren Mattila
- Baby sleepers from Scott & Karen Snyder
- Onesies & booster seat from friends of ECFA
- Hooded towels & baby lotion from Patricia Miller
- Crinkle blankie, teethers, baby clothes, burp cloths, wipes, & finger puppets from Carol Honeyager
- Starbucks gift cards for client moms for Mother's Day from Sue Kusnierz
- Diapers, wipes, blankets, diaper bags, baby clothes, baby lotion, baby bath, & shampoo, safety kit, washcloths, children's Bible, socks, towels, sleep sack, & play mat from many 40th Anniversary guests that brought items to the event

- Children's clothes & shoes from the Ellenbergers
- Car seat cover, book & teether set, hair bows, baby toy, bottles, feminine products, nursing pads, baby lotion, diaper rash cream, bows & mittens, changing pad cover, book, hats, & hangers from Karen Griffith
- Diaper subscription with EveryLife diapers from an anonymous donor
- EveryLife diapers from Jan Atchley
- Cases of diapers from EveryLife Diapers
- Beautiful layettes for our moms from Gil & Linda Dachow

Miscellaneous Gifts:

- Lunch for office staff from Art Cernohous
- Annual use of the beautiful kitchen & fellowship hall at Woodridge Church for small events

Serving at Our Office:

- Interior trim painting & bulk mail hauling by Marvin Engle
- Front porch repair and exterior painting by a person that requested to be anonymous
- Beautiful flowers & care for our flower beds by Tina Wienss

Tributes

In honor of: Sharon Fuller's birthday
From: Ronald Unmacht

In honor of: My new grandson, Austin Jensen
From: Suzanne Jensen

In honor of: My son, Steve
From: Dolores Wuttke

Memorials

In loving memory of: My friend's mother, Lorraine Faller
From: Sue Kusnierz

In loving memory of: My good friend's mother, Betty Muza
From: Renee' Marek

In loving memory of: Mickey Nabrzyski
From: Lois Knight



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E.B. Shurts Building – 810 W. College Ave., Waukesha, WI
Bike or hike on the Glacial Drumlin Trail

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Beats for Heartbeats – Saturday, September 7, 2024

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Performing Arts Center – Jackson, WI

Pizza Ranch Impact Night – Monday, October 7, 2024 – 4-8pm

Waukesha Pizza Ranch

Benefit Auction – Friday, November 22, 2024

Marriott Milwaukee West

NEW
LOCATION

Bowling Event – winter of 2025

Watch for more details

**YOU'RE
INVITED!!**

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