



Fall 2017

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5K 4 Kids 2017



This year we held our 5K 4 Kids on a beautiful Saturday morning at the DuPage Forest Preserve HQ Exercise Track. More than 100 people were in attendance, with most of those participating in either the Kids Fun Run, Toddler Trot, 5K Run/Walk, or the 10 mile Bike Ride.

From the uncertain looks of some of our toddlers, to the determined eyes of school-agers, from the grins of the winners, to the appreciative smiles of adult finishers, all were accompanied by the cheers of families and supporters. Gold, silver, and bronze medals were given out to our top finishers and the younger attendees were treated to face painting, bubbles, and more! Our entire crowd ate up breakfast sandwiches



brought by Chick-fil-A and devoured bagels from Einstein's Bakery.

Although much planning and coordinating is needed to host a successful event, along with the labor of many volunteers to setup and take down equipment, the final result and enthusiasm of those who attend make it all worthwhile.

ECFA is appreciative of our supporters who help to underwrite the Pregnancy Support Services program at the Agency. Though not every person who attended participated in a race and not every participant won a prize, all who came were awarded with the knowledge and benefit of assisting a wonderful cause.

Join us for ECFA's Annual Benefit Auction

Friday, November 10, 2017

Register by Friday, November 3rd
at evanfca.org/events/auction.html
or call Rita at 630-653-6400



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Annual Benefit Auction

Abbington Banquets

3S008 Route 53, Glen Ellyn
RSVP: Friday, November 3rd

Come and celebrate with us and begin your holiday shopping while supporting a great cause. Our Pregnancy Support Services Program provides support to women facing unplanned pregnancy or a crisis during pregnancy. We come alongside moms, dads, and children.

Doors Open & Silent Auction begins: 5:00 pm

Dinner is served: 6:45 pm

Live Auction begins: 8:00 pm

We hope to see you there!



Christmas in July

“Christmas in July” is a special time at ECFA and always brings a smile to those who stop by the agency to see our brightly lit and decorated Christmas tree in the agency waiting room.

This year we were blessed by 107 wonderful supporters who donated a total of \$8,789.00 to our Christmas in July appeal.

Thank you so much on behalf of the children, families and individuals who benefit from your kindness and generosity!

ECFA Foundation Inc.

ECFA Foundation Inc. exists to become a significant funding source for ECFA services. If you would like more information about investing in ECFA’s long-term future, please contact:

Tim Carrick or Ken Withrow at 630-653-6400

Art & Play Therapy

Art and play therapy are therapeutic ways of helping children deal with problems in a natural and developmentally appropriate setting. The process of play offers children a way to feel safe and allows them to use their imagination and thoughts to face issues such as grief, abuse, trauma, or behavioral difficulties.

As our counseling team continues to see more children with their families, we have seen an increased need for an art and play therapy room, specifically for our work with children. We have designated one of our offices for that use and have set up a fun and inviting room. However, there are still a few items we would love to have for our room and donations of these items would be greatly appreciated.

For additional information, contact ECFA by calling 630-653-6400 or emailing julie@evancca.org.

~ Julie Sellers MA, ALMFT



puppet theater
wooden blocks
play tools
plastic farm animals
art supplies
child easel
toy cars
tool bench
plastic figurines
craft paint

animal hand puppets
costume jewelry
hand held vacuum
craft supplies
action figures
play dishes
dress up clothes
dri-erase board
doll house

Pregnancy Support Services

Pregnancy Support Services (PSS) often assists clients with basic needs, such as baby wipes and diapers, baby shampoos or lotions, to ease the financial strain of having a new baby. The PSS program is only able to do this through the generosity of those who choose to donate these items. Clients in the program repeatedly comment how much they appreciate the practical help. Many thanks for your faithful support.

~Faith Allman, Supervisor, PSS

Another opportunity to bless the clients would be to provide a financial donation to the *PSS Benevolence Fund*, which helps clients facing hardship and crisis.



Currently, our needs include:

diapers (Size 1-3),
diaper wipes
diaper cream
baby wash and lotion

Memorials - In Loving Memory

Pastor Marc Abbatacola

From: Richard and Annette Valtman

Carol Bocek

*From: Herbert & Magdalene Justinger
Robert & Mary Jane Pozzo*

Evelyn Boonstra

From: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slager

Ryan Durkin

From: Richard and Annette Valtman

Bonnie Fisher

*From: George & Fran Antonopolos
Guy and Gerri Antonides
Thomas Babler
Betty Beenes
David & Nancy Beenes
Carole Boller & Marilyn Hanson
Tim & Lu Burfield
Patrick & Lisa Burke
Daryl & Ann Caneva
Dr. & Mrs. R. G. Caneva
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Friends at Cheiron, Inc.
Suk & Wing Cheung
Bonnie Clemens
Daniel & Sarah Collins
Randy & Gilda Cottingham
Andy Curtis
Mary Kay Doody
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Cassidy Frank
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Rebecca Schumacher

Melvin & Lois Seeman

Lance & Agnes Sherry

Michael & Elaine Sicich

Jennifer Skogh

Steve Snyder

James Stoffregen

Gary & Roseann Szott

Steven & Lauren Taggart

Richard & Judith Voegtle

Roy & Carol Votava

Paul & Karen Weinewuth

Dolores Wisniewski

Lyn Wozinak

Donald & Deborah Zbikowski

Ronald Kooy

From: Anne Kooy & Kristy Jaspers

Clayton and Elsie Moore

From: John and Tamara McParland

Eleanor Oosterhoff

*From: Larry and Linda Kleinert
John and Alyce Vanderbilt*

Donald Reeve Sr.

From: Rose Reeve

Ryan R. Reeve

From: Rose Reeve

Merilynn Rill

From: Beverly Johnson

Judith Ritchie

From: Cathy Goodrich

Edward Smith

From: Mary McPherson

Thomas Long

*From: Friends of the Biostatistics Dept.
of the College of American
Pathologists
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Lyle & Beth Buettner
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Dr. Alma Labunski
Galen Peters
Paul & Ilene Peterson
Harold & Joan Schafer
Judy Showonek
Karl & Deborah Somerville
Bill and Sue Vanderberg
David and Dawn Vanderberg*

Tribute In Honor of

Jennie Tietjen

In recognition of her long and dedicated service to ECFA

From: Rev. David Tietjen

Joni Erickson Tada & Friends

From: Rose Reeve

Robert & Ruth Erickson

In Honor of their 75th Wedding Anniversary

From: Rose Reeve

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