

Fall 2021



# TRUE TO LIFE

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## AUCTION 2021 WE ARE BACK!

We're back in-person for this year's Annual Benefit Auction!! Make plans now to join us for this exciting event to raise funds in support of ECFA's ministry! Tickets for the event are \$36.00/person. We will have silent auction items as well as our special live auction items.

If you can't join us in-person, you can still participate. This year's event will employ the same online bidding tool used in 2020 allowing virtual participation in the silent auction portion of the event no matter where in the country you live. Directions are on page 3, as well as our website, on how to register or be a virtual guest at the auction.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 ~ 5:30 PM  
ABBINGTON DISTINCTIVE BANQUETS  
3S002 ROUTE 53 | GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137

*See Page 3 for online bidding directions!*



### *Colorful Trees, Bonfires, Hot Cocoa, Snow??*

With fall in full swing the Christmas season is not too far ahead, and with that comes ECFA's Annual Christmas Toy Drive! In mid-November our toy drive will begin! Every year we ask the kids we serve to provide us with four things on their wish list, in the \$20 to \$25 price range. It is our desire to ensure that each child receives these 4 items! For many kids we serve, these will be the only gifts they receive. If you would like to be part of our toy drive, be sure to watch our Facebook page and keep your eyes open for an e-newsletter in mid- November, about this event!

Until then, enjoy the beautiful autumn season!

~Wendy Payne, MSW, LSW  
Director of Professional Services

# *Stride for Life*

We were blessed with sunny skies, warm weather, and a great turnout for our annual Stride for Life at Herrick Lake on Saturday, September 18th. Nearly 100 supporters, both in person and virtual, ran, walked, and biked to support ECFA. The trails were in great shape and participants enjoyed exercise, games, lunch from Chick-fil-A, and the gorgeous weather! Kids were also treated to face painting and balloon designs adding excitement and fun to the day. It was a pleasure to gather in person to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. We are grateful to all who supported this event, helping us to raise almost \$10,000 (including pledges) to sustain and grow our ministry to those in need.

Thanks to those who participated, donated, volunteered, and prayed for this event...we are truly blessed.



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## *Welcome Lawrence*

**Lawrence Connor** joined ECFA as an Intact Family Services case manager on September 27th. He has a BA in Communications and a Diploma in Arts and Ministry. Lawrence has seven years of experience in human services including as a chemical dependency counselor, case manager, and a juvenile probation officer. We are glad to welcome him to the Agency!





# AUCTION 2021

This year's Annual Auction will utilize the same online bidding tool that was employed in 2020. As a result, you don't have to be present "in person" to join the bidding for *silent auction* items. Those joining virtually may do so at no cost. Please note that live auction bidding is limited to those attending in person.

*Whether joining us virtually or in-person, you'll need to register online to create your personalized GiveSmart account. This can be done by going to our website ([www.evanca.org](http://www.evanca.org)), choosing the "Events" tab at the top of page, and then selecting "ECFA Annual Benefit Auction, 2021".*

*From ECFA's Auction webpage, click the link just below "Tickets Are Available Now!" to access the Givesmart auction site. From there:*

1. Select the button to either purchase tickets to attend in person or the button to attend virtually at no charge. NOTE: If attending virtually, choose "No" when the dialog box opens and asks if you'd like to purchase a ticket. Tickets are not needed for virtual silent auction participation.
2. Follow the prompts to create your account.
3. Check the terms and conditions box.
4. Check the "Text Messages" box to receive messages regarding your bids, purchases, and event announcements.

*If you have any questions, please call Tony Malandro or Hayes Anderson at 630-653-6400. We look forward to seeing you at the auction!*

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## Honoring Jenna King



Jenna King was just 19 years old when she first began volunteering as an after hours receptionist at ECFA during the summer of 2009. She developed a great love for ECFA and over the course of six years she volunteered, completed two internships, and began her social work career as a caseworker in the Intact Family services program.

Jenna committed herself to the Mission of ECFA and the families she served. She had a special place in her heart for the children on her caseload. She enjoyed talking with them, spending time with them, and of course praying for them.

In honor of Jenna's love and care for the children she served, her parents, Phil and Julie King, along with their church, Lombard Bible Church, will be hosting the "Jenna King Toy Drive" on an annual basis. This toy drive will provide Christmas gifts to abused and neglected children. I know Jenna would love this! She greatly enjoyed our annual toy drive and couldn't wait to deliver the gifts and see the happiness on the faces of the children!

~Wendy Payne, MSW, LSW  
Director of Professional Services

# Memorials - In Loving Memory

**Bob Allen**

*From: Shirley Bray*

**Evelyn Boonstra**

*From: Charles and Deborah Slager*

**George DeVries**

*From: Beverly DeVries*

**Melvin Douglas**

*From: Arlene Difino*

**Robert and Elaine Hall**

*From: Bill and Lynn Hall*

**Maurice Hellmer**

*From: Robert and Alice Beck*

*Shirley Bray*

*Pat McCall*

*Mike and Linda Oberbrunner*

*Wendy Payne*

*Esther Pikel*

*Ken and Claire Withrow*

**Geraldine Sorensen**

*From: David Sorensen*

**Ralph Todd**

*From: Alice Allman*

*Lyle and Shirley Bartsh*

*Ryan and Liz Brands*

*Merlin and Ellen Bratberg*

*Scott and Louann Carpenter*

*Earl and Linda Clark*

*Terri Damerel*

*Tom and Mary Deming*

*John and Jill Finnan*

*Andy and Julie Hart*

*Mark and DeAnn Hatlef*

*Julie Jurgenson*

*James and Erika Kelly*

*Andee Matter*

*Bill and Hope Meschke*

*Laura Mielke*

*Doug and Peggy Noga*

*Ralph and Maribeth Nussbaumer*

*Marsha Olsen*

*Paul and Theresa Osgood*

*Shannon Peters*

*Lougene Peterson*

*Frank and Deb Rechlice*

*Mike and Joyce Rakowski*

*John and Elaine Salek*

*Galen and Kris Seehausen*

*Marge Schouweiler*

*Al and Madelyn Sisson*

*Jessie Todd*

*Todd and Sarah Ward*

*Dustin Zaumer*

**Robert and Elaine Hall**

*From: Bill and Lynn Hall*

**Jim and Elsie Weeks**

*From: Bruce and Cindy Everhart*

*Shirley Formby*

*Bill and Marilyn Newell*

*Joe and Angela Montoya*

*Dave and Jennie Tietjen*

*Ken and Claire Withrow*

**Clark and Bessie Wilson**

*From: Ms. Martha Comstock*

# Tributes - In Honor of

**Wes and Jean Dusek**

*From: Deanna Chase*

**Thomas Idichandy**

*From: David Sorensen*