



Fall 2022

# TRUE TO LIFE

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## Annual Benefit Auction

Friday, November 11

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Abbingdon Distinctive Banquets



What better way is there to kick off the holiday season than with some fast moving, spirited, and competitive bidding? You can get some of your Christmas shopping done early, bid on an exciting experience, or even end up winning the coveted cinnamon rolls. With hundreds of silent auction items, there's something

for everyone. Then the excitement increases as the auctioneer steps up to the stage with twenty-four hand selected items that will keep your adrenaline pumping until the last "SOLD" is heard. All this along with an amazing meal makes this the must-attend event of the season!

***Unable to attend? That is not a problem!***

**See [page 2](#) for directions to bid online. Silent auction items can be bid on from the comfort of your own home.**

## Toy Drive 2022

Christmas is around the corner which means it is time for our Annual Toy Drive! This event provides four presents for each child we serve. What a joy it is to deliver presents, see wishes fulfilled, and the smiles on the kids' faces. For many kids, these are the only gifts they will receive this Christmas season.

Early in November a Facebook event page will be created which will have the kids' wish list items posted. Be sure to look for it. The page is updated through December as more needs arise. Information regarding dropping off donations will be included.

Thank you in advance for making Christmas special for so many of our kids.





# **ONLINE!!! ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION**

*Join us virtually!!*



Got a phone? Computer? Tablet? Join us virtually! All the silent auction items can be viewed and bid on, online. In order to participate you will need to register at <https://2022ecfauction.givesmart.com>, or scan the QR code on this page. On Friday, November 4th at noon you will be able to view the silent auction items up for bid. Actual bidding will open on Wednesday, November 9th at noon. The silent auction will close Friday evening at 7:45 pm. There is plenty of time to plan your bidding strategy.

If you have any questions, or need assistance, contact DanVallaro at 630-653-6400 x 7210 or email [danv@evanca.org](mailto:danv@evanca.org).

## ***Stride for Life 2022***

We want to extend a huge thank you to all of the participants, donors, and volunteers for making Stride for Life a great success this year.

We had a beautiful late-summer day to walk or ride the paths of Herrick Lake. Following lunch, provided by Chick-Fil-A, games were played, faces were painted, and our younger guests enjoyed the balloon man's creations. Conversation and laughter filled the pavillion.

With the \$5,500 matching grant, this event raised \$18,380 in donations! This would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors. Thank you for helping ECFA continue its life affirming Pregnancy Support Services program. We could not continue our programs and ministry to help prevent child abuse and neglect and strengthen families without our supporters who make the difference.



# *In Fond Memory*



Daniel & Dr. Alma Labunski

## *Dr. Alma Labunski*

Over the summer we lost 2 beloved ECFA Board members. Dr. Alma Labunski served on our Board of Directors from May 5, 1999, until she passed away in July of 2022. She also served on the Board of the ECFA Foundation, served on ECFA's Finance Committee, and was the Chairman of the Personnel Committee. Dr. Labunski had a heart for the staff of ECFA and always shared her love and appreciation for what they do. Dr. Labunski served on numerous boards of various organizations which she chose based on her love for people and her love for the Lord. Dr. Labunski was tiny but mighty! When she spoke, people listened due to how much they respected her. We are grateful for the many years she dedicated to ECFA. She will be greatly missed.

## *Patricia Murphy*

Patricia Murphy served on ECFA's Board of Directors from November 2000 to June of 2021. She served as the secretary of the Board for many years and also was a member of the Social Services and Executive Committees. ECFA was very special to Pat and her husband Charlie as they adopted seven of their children through ECFA. Pat always had a smile on her face, enjoyed attending various events of ECFA with Charlie in both Illinois and Wisconsin, and loved the work being done. Pat will also be greatly missed.



Pat & Charlie Murphy

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## **ECFA Foundation**

Are you wondering how to handle your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) this year? The I.R.A. Charitable rollover gives you the ability to make charitable gifts directly from your IRA up to \$100,000 per year, without tax consequences and without treating the distribution as taxable income when donated directly to a qualified charitable organization. When your gift is directly transferred to the ECFA Foundation,

you do not personally receive the funds, and therefore the distribution is not included in your taxable income. The gift counts towards your minimum distribution requirement.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Carrick at (630) 653-6400 so that we can answer your questions and provide instructions for completing your gift.

# Memorials - In Loving Memory

Evelyn Boonstra  
*From: Chuck and Debbie Slager*

Bonnie Jo Fisher  
*From: Dr. Daryl and Ann Caneva*

Paul and Betty Gibson  
*From: Mr. and Mrs. Roger DeYoung  
Tom and Cecilia Maas  
Gene and Pat Miedema  
Mary Propper  
Scott and Amy Propper  
Marvin and Mary Smit  
Steve and Julie Smit  
Mel and Kay Stegenga  
John and Henrietta Vander Velde  
James and Wanda Veld  
Peter and Heidi Wicklund*

Maurice Hellmer  
*From: Leitha Walling*

Dr. Alma Labunski  
*From: Barbara Hellmer  
Frank and Bev Kvasnicka*

Robert Lemon  
*From: John and Valerie Hacker*

Pat Murphy  
*From: Barbara Hellmer  
Richard and Annette Valtman*

Kristin Todd  
*From: Alice Allman*

Thomas Ora Williams Jr.  
*From: Archie and Lynda Bricker  
Uncle Bud and Aunt Lynda*

Lee Wright  
*From: Darlene Wright*

# Tributes - In Honor of

Beverly Ozinga  
*From: Catherine Solle*

Ken Withrow  
Recognizing Ken's years of faithful service

*From: David and Ann Brown  
Doug and Teresa Fogwell  
Sharon Fuller  
Fred and Diane Heick  
Gary and Carol Knosp  
Vance and Mary Meyer  
Timothy and Nancy Roets  
Steve and Kathy Soneson  
David and Jennie Tietjen  
Paul and Joan Van Gorkom*

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