



Fall 2019

TRUE TO LIFE

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Stride for Life 2019

Saturday, September 14th turned out to be a very pleasant, sunny day. It was perfect for running, biking, and walking for the participants at the “Stride for Life” event held at Danada Forest Preserve in Wheaton. The race kicked off with a short talk from our Pregnancy Support Services counselor, Julie Twohill, followed with prayer by Executive Director, Ken Withrow.

This year, we made some changes to this annual event. First, the name was changed to “Stride for Life”. We added a 10K run and chip timing. Also, we moved the event from August to September which is a bit cooler time of the year. And indeed, we were blessed with perfect weather for the event.

As usual, there was a face painter and balloon maker to entertain not just the kids but the adults as well. Medals were awarded to the top three male and female runners of the 10K and 5K races, and top three runners of the ½ Mile Kids Fun Run. All the little ones who ran in the “Toddler Trot” were awarded cute medals as well.

We want to thank all our volunteers, those who financially supported the event, and those who prayed for us. Save the date, September 12, 2020, for next year’s “Stride for Life”!



Annual Benefit Auction

Silent & Live Auctions

Accepting Reservations until Tuesday, November 5th

Register online at www.evancfa.org or call Odette 630-653-6400 x 7214

Friday, November 8, 2019

Abbington Distinctive Banquets

3S002 Rt. 53, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Doors Open: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:45 pm

Building Update

Much has been accomplished in the restoration of ECFA's Wheaton office building since a massive fire destroyed it in May of 2018. The roof and exterior windows have been installed and the electrical wiring is almost complete. The HVAC system is being set up and a rough inspection of the facility is pending. There is also much left to do including the construction of the walls, ceilings, and other interior work. Our hope is that the restoration of our building will be complete by late fall.



Save the Date

Love in Action Dinner

May 8, 2020

Celebrating 70 Years

of faithful service

Featuring:

Abby Johnson

"Unplanned"

I.R.A. and 401K Giving Opportunity

Are you wondering how to handle your IRA and 401K Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) this year? You may already know that the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act, popularly known as the I.R.A. charitable rollover, has been made permanent. This gives you the ability to make charitable gifts directly from your IRA or 401K 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.

If you are considering a gift to ECFA Foundation, Inc., you may want to take advantage of this IRA opportunity. If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can instruct your plan administrator to make a direct

transfer of all or a portion of your annual RMD. The annual RMD charitable distribution has a cap of \$100,000.

When your gift is transferred directly to ECFA Foundation, you do not personally receive the funds, and therefore the distribution is not included in your taxable income. Your gift counts towards your minimum distribution requirement.

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

Christmas in July



Our "Christmas in July" appeal was different again this year. We are still without a waiting room to put up our tree to decorate with the paper ornaments that our donors send back to us along with their gifts. However, soon enough we will be moving back into our renovated office and look forward to next year when we can celebrate our annual tradition. This year \$2,962 was raised from this appeal.

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

Memorials - In Loving Memory

Alice Beck

From: Mrs. Joyce Bunce

Mrs. Bonnie Jo Fisher

From: Mrs. Betty Beenes

Mrs. Elsie Weeks

From: Mr. and Mrs. Joel Carlson

From: Mr. and Mrs. William Newell

Evelyn Boonstra

From: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Slager

Ronald and Anne Kooy

From: Mrs. Kristy Jaspers

Mr. Dennis Weiner

From: Staff at El Sierra Elementary School

Lucas Edward Camey

From: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Camey

Mr. Thomas Long

From: Mrs. Nancy Long

David & Ann Brown

Ms. Ann Helt

Friends of Dennis

Mr. Calvin DeYoung

From: Ms. Adalee DeYoung

Mr. John Oldenburg

From: Mrs. Thelma Oldenburg

Marc & Patricia Incrocci

Arthur & Claire Jaros

Ron and Carol Mikicich

Glenn & Brenda Miller

Tributes - In Honor of

Irene Levander

From: John Levander

Esther Pikel

From: George and Gloria Dearing

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Woolf

For their 50th wedding anniversary

And your lives of service for the Lord

From: Mr. and Mrs. John McParland

ECFA Foundation Inc.

Initiated in 1995, ECFA Foundation Inc. was designed to provide Christ-centered resources for children, individuals, and families. Affiliated with Evangelical Child and Family Agency, the Foundation's ministry is committed to serving as a significant funding source for the Agency. For more information regarding the Foundation, please contact Tim Carrick or Ken Withrow at 630-653-6400.

Is It Time to Make Your Will?

Request our workbook *Preparing a Christian Will*. It will guide you through the process of gathering the information that is needed by your attorney to draft your personal document. There is no charge or obligation. For information on Planned Giving and Estate Planning, see our website: http://www.evancfa.org/opportunities/planned_giving.html Contact Rita at 630-653-6400 for your workbook.

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