

EAS News

Roses and Dreams 2012

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2012 Roses and Dreams patrons enjoy the appetizer buffet and anticipate the live and silent auctions

The 8th annual Roses and Dreams fundraiser was held on March 3, 2012 at Christ the King Parish Center. The event exceeded all expectations by not only raising funds to support EAS programs and services, but by also having record-setting attendance. The event included live and silent auctions, an appetizer buffet catered by 5Flavors and live music provided by Ed Clark. In addition, other event revenue projects were the Wall of Wine, an iPad raffle and the EAS Made by Moms card sales.

This year's event was co-chaired by EAS board members Roslyn Brookens and Judy Nordstrom, who worked to solicit and collect donations, organize

volunteers and plan the many details of the annual fundraiser. Business sponsors for this year's Roses and Dreams were: Kerber Eck and Braeckel; Sisters of St. Francis; Clinical Radiologists, S.C.; and Hospital Sisters Health Systems. Individual event sponsors were: Dr. and Mrs. James Ambrose; Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Sherrick; Dr. and Mrs. Kevin Coakley; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bodewes; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Nordstrom; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walbert.

Thanks to the hard work of EAS board and staff members, volunteers, event sponsors and donors, Roses and Dreams 2012 was a huge success and all contributions were truly appreciated.



2012 Roses and Dreams Fundraiser

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Donation Made in Memory of ...

The life of Bertha Beckmann, mother and mother-in-law of Dr. Michael and Karen Beckmann of Springfield. Mrs. Beckmann was born November 17, 1929 and passed away October 16, 2011. Mr. Beckmann survives and resides in Kenosha, Wisconsin.



Bertha and Earl Beckmann

EAS Grant Initiatives



At the June 9, 2012 Catholic Campaign for Human Development awards luncheon. L-R: Sr. Maureen Irvin OSF, EAS Board President Lisa Coakley, EAS Executive Director Jennifer Schultz, Rev. Msgr. Carl A Kemme



Teen Parent Program – sponsored by grants from the San Damiano Fund and Blowitz Ridgeway Foundation

EAS facilitated Teen Parent Programs in four high schools during the 2011-2012 school year to provide education and support to teen parents. Program Coordinators met regularly in conjunction with District #186 Parents as Teachers staff at Springfield High School, Lanphier High School, Southeast High School and the Lawrence Education Center.

Clean Road to Health Program – sponsored by a grant from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This grant allows EAS program participants to use their incentive points to earn \$5.00 laundry vouchers that can be used at Craven's Laundromat in Springfield. Laundry products are available through the generosity of donations from the Springfield Social Club and John and Joann Craven. In addition, this grant provides funding for transportation incentive

items that include mass transit tokens and passes for EAS mothers and their families.

Healthy EAS Families Program – sponsored by a grant from Memorial Medical Center Foundation

This new initiative will provide funding for programs and activities that promote healthy living for EAS families. Its activities include planning and planting a community garden, training for a 5K event and many other programs and services to strengthen the well-being of EAS families.

UIS Interns at EAS

EAS is grateful for the help of two University of Illinois Springfield student interns this past spring.

Jennifer LaFary worked with the EAS Program in Springfield. She planned activities and provided childcare during the monthly meetings. She also observed the Teen Parent Program at Springfield public schools and assisted with office duties. Jennifer completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology this spring. She is looking forward to continuing at UIS in the Human Development Counseling

Master's Degree Program.

"My experience with the EAS Program here in Springfield has been special to me," she commented. "The EAS staff includes truly amazing people and I have learned a lot from them."

Cindy Brune is a student in business administration at UIS and has been working with the EAS Program in Litchfield. Cindy helped plan and move Litchfield's EAS childcare to a new location during monthly meetings. She observed at the Beardstown EAS location and is currently tutoring moms

who are getting ready to complete their GED certificates. Cindy recently commented on her work at EAS by saying, "In my short time working with the EAS Program I have learned so much! I really look forward to a continuous and rewarding relationship with the EAS Program and the moms for many years to come."

Thank you to both Jennifer and Cindy for the valuable work they contributed to EAS Programs.

Watch for details coming soon on the EAS Scholarship Luncheon this Fall!

Save the Dates

Saturday July 7, Saturday July 14 and Saturday July 28, 2012: Pork Patty Fundraisers at Wooden Nickel Winery, 3225 Honeybend Avenue, Litchfield, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25 and Tuesday, November 13, 2012: Texas Roadhouse, 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Mention you are there to support EAS and 10% of your total food purchases will be donated to EAS

Saturday, December 1, 2012: Chicks and Chocolate EAS Fundraiser, 6:00 p.m. at the Wooden Nickel Winery

Saturday, March 2, 2013: Roses and Dreams 2013 Fundraiser at Christ the King Parish Center in Springfield

Program Updates

Beardstown: The Beardstown EAS Program is excited about their recently planted community garden. Working with volunteers from the U of I Extension office in Jacksonville, Beardstown EAS families are growing vegetables and learning new ways to plan and prepare healthy meals. Additionally, some of the extra vegetables will also be sold at a local farmer's market during the summer months. The Beardstown EAS Program is sponsored by the Cargill Cares program.



Beardstown EAS families at their community garden

Litchfield: The Litchfield EAS Program is also looking at new ways to encourage healthy families. They recently completed the "Couch to 5K" program, where even non-runners easily grasped the fundamentals of preparing for a race. Not only did this program encourage moms to become healthy through exercise, but it also helped them build confidence and self-esteem. The "Couch to 5K" program provided an opportunity for EAS moms to work together as a team to help one another accomplish the goal of becoming healthy.



Litchfield EAS Moms successfully complete 5K event at Farmersville Irish Days on June 16



Litchfield EAS moms at "Couch to 5K"

Springfield: The Springfield EAS Program is pleased to announce the addition of the new Program Coordinator, Rachael Frederick. Rachael began in her position in early May. She is busy getting to know EAS families, conducting weekly educational classes at Contact Ministries and is planning the Springfield Summer Picnic to be held on Monday July 23 at Enos Park.



Springfield Program Coordinator Rachael Frederick

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Donations Made In Honor of ...

The graduations of Kimberly and Megan Coakley, made by their grandparents Jack Coakley and Jane Ratcliffe Coakley



Kimberly Coakley with her grandparents



Megan Coakley with her grandparents

Thank you to

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....Students from Sacred Heart Griffin's Freshman Retreat, who came to the Springfield EAS office for a day of service work.



SHG students work at EAS

...Sister Phyllis and the women of Resurrection

Parish in Illiopolis for their generosity in making receiving blankets for the mothers of EAS.

...Little Flower Parish for sponsoring EAS during the Lenten season with the "40 Days of Life" campaign through a donation drive.

...Abundant Faith Christian Center for donating tickets to EAS mothers so they could attend the Girls Night Live Concert featuring Mandisa on March 15, 2012.

...St. Agnes, Blessed Sacrament, Little Flower, Christ the King and St. Aloysius Parishes for hosting

the EAS Mother's Day Rose Sale.

...Texas Roadhouse Restaurant in Springfield for giving back to the community through the recent EAS Fundraising Night.



About Our Organization.....

Since 1996 the Elizabeth Ann Seton Program has been assisting pregnant and parenting women in Springfield and the central Illinois area with:

Mentoring Support* *Education* *Practical Assistance
Employment Assistance* *Volunteer Opportunities



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