

# HOME NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF ECH EVERY CHILD'S HOPE [FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER] 2015

## BAUR OPEN HOUSE

On September 15, ECH dedicated the newly-renovated Robert A. Baur Steppingstone Center. The building's namesake, Dr. Baur, served as Executive Director for 17 years before retiring in 1998. Dr. Baur is an ordained minister whose dedication to children began in 1961 when he started working with ECH. Dr. Baur served in various capacities at ECH until 1981, when he was named the Executive Director.

Dr. Baur is a true visionary who dared to implement new concepts, including developing Steppingstone, an independent living program for at-risk youth, in 1986. When the program started there was no budget—there was just a need and Dr. Baur knew ECH could meet it. Today the St. Louis program has a budget of 1.3 million dollars and over 80 youth are served in the program each year across both campuses. "We continue to build on Dr. Baur's vision and on the foundation he laid for us," said CEO Michael Brennan.

Dr. Baur delivered a powerful and poignant prayer of dedication. It was a touching moment from the man whose legacy will live on because of his selfless commitment to the children, families, and youth at ECH.

*Gracious God, you who love each one of your children and grieve over each sadness and sorrow they must face and who stands with them in each trial and tribulation that torments them, stand with us now as we dedicate and rededicate this house to your glory and to the work to which you call us.*

*Grant that this house may be a house of peace where those who live and work in this place may find strength and resolve to face their problems and challenges and be reassured by the blessings of your ever present Spirit and the beauty of this house and grounds.*

*Grant that this house may be a house of learning where both counselor and counselee discover the answers to the perplexing task of living with the direction and resolve so that all may find the avenue to a fulfilling, meaningful, and satisfying life.*

*Grant that this house may be a place of love, where understanding and acceptance reign and where generosity is uncoupled from worthiness and earnings. May the love that shines here be a reflection of the encompassing love you have for us all.*

*And finally, O God of compassion, bless this house, but also each of your children who walk through these doors that your kingdom might come in this time and place. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.*



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[ L to R: Duane Lewis (COO), Shari Smith (Board President), Mike Brennan (CEO), Sharon Fenoglio (Director of Development), Oliver Berwin (Board President Emeritus)

# A TRANSITION FOR THE ECH TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM

by Phil Garrett, Steppingstone Intake Coordinator

What do the following have in common?

- An old Nokia “Go” phone
- \$3.32 worth of pennies
- Shop N Save receipts

OK, this was a trick question. These were all items I found in my desk as I prepared to move offices after seven years.

You see, the staff in the St. Louis Transitional Living Program has undergone a transition ourselves. After many years dispersed in various offices on the campus we have moved to our new home—the Baur Center. It’s amazing how much stuff had accumulated in those seven years. Much of it could only be accurately called junk. But hidden beneath some of this junk I found a folder I had labeled “memories.” My packing process was halted as I looked through this folder. I have a wonderful collection of thank you cards from former clients, some photos, and other mementos that remind me why I do what I do. And sadly, I had covered it with a mess.

I interview many young people who wish to get into our program. They too have accumulated lots of emotional “junk” that obscures the things in their lives that could inspire them and provide hope. We know that sometimes we humans are reluctant to discard junk because it is familiar to the point where it has almost become a part of our identity. We have a sense it’s dragging us down, but it’s what we know. It can bring tremendous discomfort to give up things in our lives that we know are not helping, but at least are safer than tackling the frightening unknown. Our job is to help our young people clear away the emotional clutter and uncover their strengths and the things that ARE working in their lives. As referred to in our agency’s name, we are in the business of inspiring hope.



[ The Garretts  
at their wedding  
reception in 1980 ]

## AN ECH LOVE STORY: THE GARRETTS

ECH is known for helping children in need, but ECH has also helped a few couples find love! At least three couples have met and gotten married while at ECH, including Phil and Regina Garrett.

Phil was a 23-year-old house parent, working the 7 am to 9 pm shift. Regina was an 18-year-old German volunteer, spending a year in St. Louis after high school. They met at a gathering of employees who got together after their shifts to play Atari video games and unwind. Several months later, Phil took Regina on their first date: the movie “Hairspray” at the local theater.

After her year of volunteer work was up, Regina returned to Germany and the two began exchanging letters. Phil would call Regina every Sunday afternoon from the telephone at his parent’s house.

In January of 1980 Regina decided to move to the U.S., to which her mother replied, “Aren’t there any nice boys in Germany?” Once here, Regina had 90 days to get married or be deported, so she and Phil said their vows on April 5 and have been married for 35 years! Shortly after their wedding, Regina was hired in the Early Education Center, and she has been there ever since. Phil has served in nearly every department at ECH, and most recently works with the youth in our Steppingstone program.

For Phil, it’s the importance of the work ECH does that has kept him here for more than 35 years. “It takes a different kind of person,” he says. “Someone who is committed to the work.” With her family in Germany, Regina explains that ECH has always felt like family. “For me, it’s all about the kids. I always want to be with the kids. That’s where I belong.”



[ The Garretts in 2015 ]

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# A FABRIC OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

For most of us, the holiday season brings anticipation of joyous times shared with family and friends. Sure, there is some stress involved in preparing for all of the special gatherings, cleaning the house, and finding just the right presents. But all in all it's a time to celebrate and enjoy the company of our loved ones and all of those who have enriched our lives throughout the year.

Imagine now that you are a foster child separated from your biological family and living in a foster home or in a residential treatment facility. Besides the trauma of being away from your family, you might have experienced unspeakable traumas that may have led to your placement outside your home.

It's not difficult to grasp that for some of the children and youth we serve at ECH, the onset of the holiday season may be a very stressful and traumatic time. It is important that as caregivers for these children, we are prepared to provide the nurturing and supportive environment that the children need as they cope with the conflicted emotions they may feel as the holidays approach.

I am proud to say that due to the dedication of our committed staff, which includes youth care specialists, therapists, foster care case managers, numerous wonderful foster parents, and biological relatives living in the community, ECH is very successful at positively supporting children during the holiday season.

What does this mean? For some children it means understanding their emotions, their sometimes-challenging behaviors, and it means our dedicated staff working hard to ensure that they can have safe and meaningful contact with their families during the holidays.

Through your on-going support of ECH you, too, are part of this intricate fabric of unconditional love that the children we serve experience during the time we are privileged to guide them on their journey to health and wholeness.

God bless and may we all have a joyous holiday season

Chief Executive Officer, Every Child's Hope





# BRIGHT GIVING IDEAS

by Sharon Fenoglio, ECH Development Director

## Gifts of Stock

Making a donation of long-term appreciated stock offers a two-fold tax savings:

1. Avoid capital gains tax on any increase in stock value.
2. Receive a tax deduction for the full fair-market value of the stock on the date of the gift.

## Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable gift annuities have become one of the more popular forms of giving for folks over the age of 65. Gift annuities are funded with cash or securities, to provide a guaranteed income to the beneficiary/s based on a combination of monthly rates set by the IRS and the age/s of the beneficiary.

### BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Immediate tax deduction
- Interest rates as high as 7% (determined by age)
- Guaranteed income for your life
- Guaranteed gift to ECH Every Child's Hope after you die

## Gifts of Life Insurance

Contribute a life insurance policy by naming ECH as either the owner of the policy or simply as the beneficiary.

## Bequest

Consider naming ECH Every Child's Hope as a beneficiary in your will. Unless otherwise specified, all bequests are placed in our Reserve Fund where they combine with the gifts of others to continue to serve children and families in need for years to come.

## Tax Wise Giving Options

There are many tax wise options for making a donation to ECH Every Child's Hope. I would be happy to talk with you about your individual needs and interests, and answer any questions you may have.

Call me anytime at 314-427-3755 or 314-267-3195 or write to:  
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# MEET BRANDI

ECH Every Child's Hope welcomed Brandi Behne as the Chief Financial Officer in May 2015. Brandi oversees all aspects of the finances and the Business Office for ECH. Before taking the CFO position, Brandi was familiar with the mission of ECH, the company culture and strategic direction through her work at the YWCA.

"I think ECH's greatest strength is the dedication of its people to high quality service and outcomes," explained Brandi. "The work done here impacts individuals and aligns with my personal and professional goals, so it seemed a natural fit."

"Brandi brings a wealth of experience to ECH in the arena of finance both in the not-for-profit and the for-profit arenas," said Michael Brennan, CEO. "Her in-depth knowledge and analytical skills in financial matters along with her excellent communication and collaborative teamwork skills are assets that will further the accomplishment of our mission goals at Every Child's Hope."

Prior to her coming to ECH, Brandi worked as an auditor in public accounting, specializing in not for profits and governmental entities. She then took over the role of Controller at the YWCA of Metropolitan St. Louis, where she managed the daily operations of the finance department.



## HELP ECH MAKE CHRISTMAS WISHES COME TRUE!

In 2014, ECH helped more than 1,400 people with our community-based, residential and educational programs. These children and families need everything from gifts for special occasions like holidays and birthdays to everyday things like clothing. This is especially true for our children, youth and families in our Foster Care Case Management program and our Family Solutions for Kids program.

If you are able to donate items to these families, please contact the Development Office at 314-427-3755 or email us at [ech@echmail.org](mailto:ech@echmail.org).



## EVERYDAY ITEMS & HOLIDAY GIFTS:

- BOARD GAMES/CARDS
- MOVIES
- CDS
- BOOKS
- JEWELRY (EARRINGS, NECKLACES, RINGS, BRACELETS)
- SWEATSHIRTS/HOODIES
- CRAFT KITS
- CARS (REMOTE CONTROLLED, MATCHBOX)
- SPORTS ITEMS (BALLS, BATS, GLOVES, LOGO'D ITEMS)
- LEGO SETS
- COLORING BOOKS (ALL AGES)

## A TECHNOLOGY BOOST FROM CARDINALS CARES

The ECH School recently received money from the Cardinals Care organization to purchase 8 tablets and keyboards for students! These tablets will help students with note-taking and integrating technology into their classroom learning. ECH received the check at a wonderful grant ceremony at Busch Stadium, where Stephen Piscotty spoke about the importance of education.



◀ [ Principal Ms. Marlina Hunt-Clark with the tablets ]



- TODDLER TOYS
- DRESS-UP CLOTHES
- DOLLS/BARBIE DOLLS AND CLOTHING
- ACTION FIGURES
- STUFFED ANIMALS (NEW)
- MAKE-BELIEVE ITEMS
- WATCHES
- PERFUME/COLOGNE
- HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
- CLOTHING
- GIFT CARDS: TARGET, WALMART, ITUNES, AMAZON, CLOTHING STORES

### STOCKING STUFFERS:

- GIFT CARDS
- SOCKS
- CANDY
- BOOKS
- FUN PENS/PENCILS



# 28TH ANNUAL "EXTEND A CARING HAND" DINNER & AUCTION

FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF ECH EVERY CHILD'S HOPE WERE TRANSPORTED TO AN ELEGANT EVENING WITH FRANK SINATRA ON FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015. CHICAGO PERFORMER PETER OPRISKO WOWED THE CROWD WITH HIS SPOT-ON INTERPRETATION OF FRANK SINATRA AND OTHER CLASSIC FAVORITES.

ELEGANT DÉCOR DESIGNED BY DALE ROHMAN INVITED GUESTS TO A BEAUTIFUL BALLROOM FILLED WITH LAUGHTER AND MUSIC. RANDY KARRAKER FROM 101 ESPN RADIO SERVED AS MC AND AUCTIONEER, HELPING RAISE MORE THAN \$75,000 FOR THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES SERVED BY ECH.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** The annual "Extend A Caring Hand" Dinner & Auction is meticulously planned and executed by a group of dedicated volunteers who meet the first Tuesday evening of every month at ECH. Interested in having fun and meeting new people? Come join the fun of planning and fundraising. Call or email Sharon at 314-427-3755 or [sfenoglio@echmail.org](mailto:sfenoglio@echmail.org)

# SAVE the Date

2016 DINNER & AUCTION  
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016  
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 Wallis Companies  
 Western Digital Foundation  
 Winfield's Gathering Place  
 Winkelman Sons Drug  
 Company



## NEW FAMILY FINDING POSITION

The St. Louis County Children's Service Fund recently awarded ECH a grant to hire a Family Finding Specialist. Family Finding is a set of practices that work to locate and find family members of children in foster care. After talking with the children and known family members, the specialist reviews old case information and electronic files. Internet searches also help the specialist to contact these family members either by mail, through social media, or phone calls.

ECH recently hired Amy Hanson for this position. "Once I've contacted the family, I get to know them by listening to their experiences, their fears with the system, etc.," she explains. "I'm inserting myself into their personal history and it is important to honor that. Through this relationship I partner with the family to become part of the children's lives. It takes a lot of communication, coordination and commitment to the important role of family in the children's lives."

The goal of the program is to find permanent connections for each child that will grow into adoption or guardianship possibilities. Amy works to locate 40 family members resulting in five permanent connections. It can be a daunting task but as Amy says, "Family connections are an important predictor for successful outcomes for children. Ultimately it leads to a sense of healing that comes with knowing, *What happened to me? How did I get here? and Where are the people who loved me?*"

## 15TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC A HUGE SUCCESS

What does a beautiful fall day, 120 people coming together for ECH, and fun have in common? It's the 15th Annual Vehicle Assurance Golf Classic at Old Hickory Golf Club! And this year's golf classic was a huge success. The tournament netted \$47,348.

A special thank you goes to Randy Karraker of 101ESPN, our honorary chair of the event; Vehicle Assurance, our title sponsor; and all our sponsors.

*If you are interested in becoming a part of our planning committee for the 16th Annual Golf Classic, please contact Laura Kilcullin at [lkilcullin@echmail.org](mailto:lkilcullin@echmail.org).*







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# LADIES AID LUNCHEON



The Ladies Aid meets approximately four times a year and hosts two fundraising luncheons. This year the ladies gathered at Parkway UCC for their Fall Market & Luncheon. The festivities included shopping at the market, enjoying food and fellowship, and a raffle of items donated by Ladies Aid members and local businesses.

