



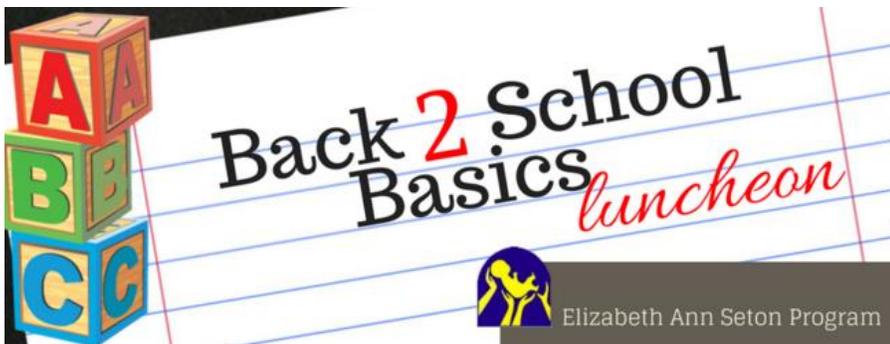
Volunteers Keep EAS Running: A Message from Monique Sullivan



Let's face it. EAS would not be able to continue operating without volunteers. There are not enough words to describe how appreciative and grateful we are for the dedication, compassion and generosity of our volunteers. At left is Monique Sullivan and her family. Here's what she has to say about her experience as an EAS volunteer:

"I started volunteering at EAS because during prayer, God told me it was important that I reach out and support women who choose life and want to make better lives for their families. The mission at EAS, along with the women, inspire me to always strive for improvement. I have received so much out of my time working at EAS that it puts all other work I do into perspective. The women and the staff hold a very special part of my heart and I am grateful to help in their mission."

We thank Monique for facilitating a three-series workshop with the women in the program. There are many opportunities to give back, from packing diapers to being a supportive presence to EAS clients. Please consider what you can do. As our director says, "All you need is a warm heart." Join us!



Our annual Back 2 School Basics Luncheon is Tuesday, October 9 at Christ the King Parish Center, 1930 Barberry Drive, Springfield.

Join us at Noon for a delicious meal and hear the inspiring story of how our moms are improving their lives through education. Sponsorship opportunities are available, and individual tickets are \$35 each. Contact the EAS offices at 217 757-6025 for tickets and sponsorship.

All proceeds from this luncheon support the EAS Education Program.

A Bundle of Love

"EAS partners with three area hospitals to address the issue of Safe Infant Sleep. For every baby born at St. John's, Memorial or St. Francis whose mother doesn't have a crib, bassinette, or even a home, EAS is there to help. After getting a referral, an EAS staff member goes to the hospital to personally provide educational material and a lesson about Safe Infant Sleep. But that's not all: each new mom gets either a Pack 'n Play or a Baby Box and a bundle of supplies for her new baby: diapers, onesies, bibs, hygiene products, and much more. If the mother is homeless with nowhere for her newborn to sleep, she gets a Baby Box. It's easy to carry and takes up little space, since they are likely to be moving around often. If the baby is born to a family in transitional housing, a shelter, or absolutely can't afford a crib at home, the mom is given a Pack 'n Play, a sturdier choice. The Pack 'n Play option is new this year, but last year alone, EAS distributed 153 Baby Boxes to infants in need. With an increase in awareness, EAS anticipates delivering even more Boxes and Pack 'n Plays this year. Contact the EAS office if you would like to donate to this project.



The Mission of the Elizabeth Ann Seton (EAS) Program is to embrace the sanctity and dignity of life by nurturing pregnant and parenting women. EAS partners with multi-faith congregations and community organizations to provide support, education and practical assistance to women and their children.

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The annual EAS Rocks Gala rocked
things again this year. We are
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the wonderful chairs and all who
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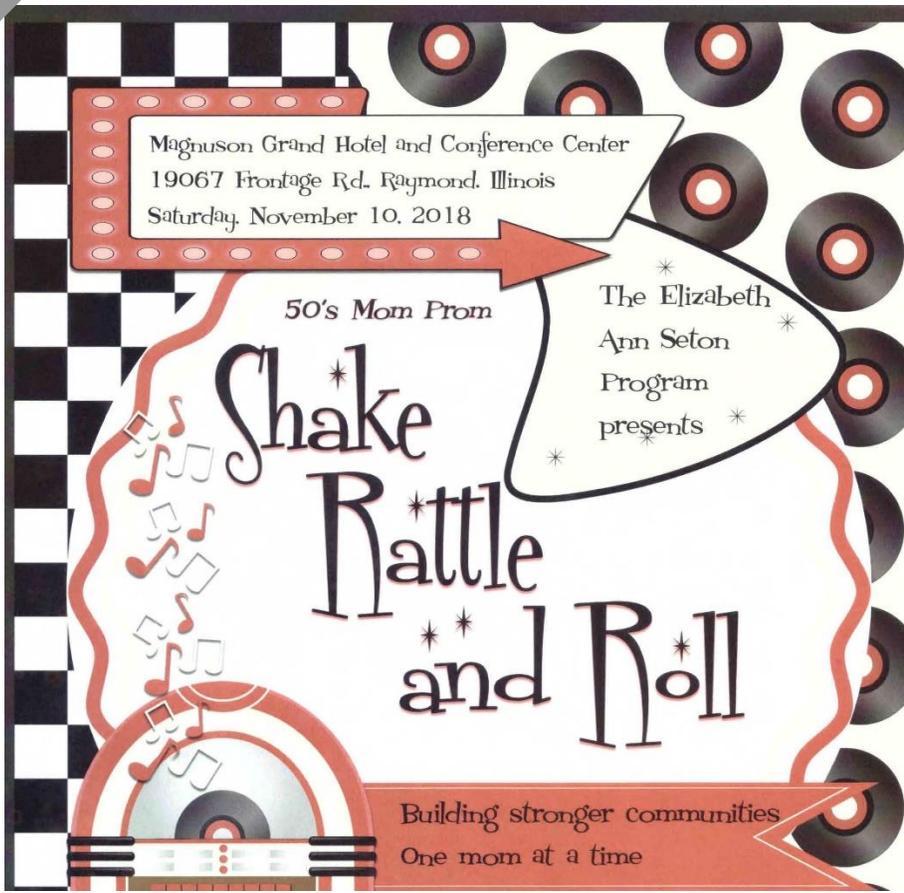
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217 757-6025; Litchfield 217 324-3270 Address: 700 N. 7th Street, Suite C, Springfield IL 62702



Save the date!

The annual EAS Mom Prom is taking you back to the 50's! This event is a wonderful way to have an enjoyable evening rockin' and rollin' to great music as well as to give our EAS moms a chance to attend the prom they missed as teens. Throughout the year, the women earn points so they can attend. Proceeds from Mom Prom benefit EAS programming. It's an evening you won't forget! For ticket information contact the EAS offices: 217 757-6025 or 217 324-3270.

