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Encouraging Women to Break the Cycle: A Message from our Executive Director

At EAS, we believe that by putting resources into our clients' hands and educating them is key to breaking the cycle. Poverty stricken people, have limited resources. As parents, we are all fighting for the same things, but the problem is, poverty stricken families have fewer resources. 49% of Americans believe that a good work ethic is all you need to escape poverty. Some may know about work ethics, but for most, we must show them how through compassion, relationships and education. At EAS we offer one-on-one mentoring, educational classes and weekly parenting classes. Being a mom is a tough job, but not impossible! We take great pride in helping young moms set a firm foundation for not only themselves, but also for their children.

Mom Prom 2015

Mom Prom 2015 was a huge success. None of this could be possible without the support of so many. Thanks to everyone who played a part in making this event memorable for our agency.

There are no words to describe the happiness I felt on Saturday night. So much emotion and love was shown to guests, volunteers, and clients! For that I thank YOU!!

God bless you all!

Dawn Morris, Executive Director

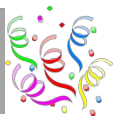
Roses and Dreams

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Mark your calendars to attend the 2016 festivities. Plan to enjoy delicious food, terrific silent and live auctions, the jewelry raffle and a few surprises. Look for ticket and sponsor information soon.



EAS turns Twenty in 2016!



The Elizabeth Ann Seton Program began in 1996 with a small grant from the United States Catholic Conference, Catholic Campaign for Children and Families to establish a program to provide hands-on advocacy for women and children living in poverty. EAS founder Carolyn Bodewes' vision became a reality, and EAS now serves over 500 women and their children in four communities: Springfield, Litchfield, Girard and Beardstown.

To commemorate our 20 years, please consider giving:
\$20 to buy diapers for a new baby
\$40 to cover the cost of clothes for an interview
\$80 to help with a high school equivalency exam
\$100 to buy one Baby Box and contents

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.



Baby Boxes Are More Than Containers



Litchfield EAS: As Christmas approaches we ask that you remember Project Santa in your holiday plans. While shopping for gifts and gathering with loved ones this holiday season, please consider setting aside a part of your budget to support the work of the EAS program with a tax deductible charitable donation.

Contact the Litchfield Office: Last year, we provided assistance to over 400 community residents, people who wouldn't have had anywhere else to turn for help without the Elizabeth Ann Seton Program. Our work has a powerful impact not only on the people that we work with directly but also on the larger community as a whole.

217.324.3270

We are completely reliant on charitable donations in order to be able to continue to provide these services. Any amount you can share will be greatly appreciated and put to good use right here at home!

Every gift matters, thanks and God bless.

Dawn Morris
EAS Executive Director

EAS Executive Director Dawn Morris holds one of the newest EAS clients beside his Baby Box. This box isn't just something to hold gifts, it is also his bed. If he didn't have his Baby Box, he may have to sleep with his mother and be potentially at risk for SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome).

From the Baby Box Company, the box, with a firm mattress, is designed to provide a safe place for baby to sleep when a crib is unavailable. Also in the box are the essential things every new mom needs: diapers, onesies, lotions and soaps, bibs and other items.

EAS serves families of all kinds. Some of our clients are homeless, pregnant and in a crisis. They have no means to provide for their newborn. By having the baby boxes available, the women have the assurance of a safe place for their babies and can begin to work toward a better life for them.



EAS Wish List

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Baby shampoo and body wash
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Pull-ups
- Diaper rash ointment
- Adult shampoo and conditioner
- Deodorant

As you prepare for the holiday season, Pre-Black Friday, Black Friday or Cyber Monday and more, we hope those who shop Amazon would think of EAS! Go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/37-1364980> when you shop to help donate back to Elizabeth Ann Seton. Each qualifying purchase allows Amazon to donate a percentage back to us. We greatly thank you in advance!

We Couldn't Do It Without You! Thanks!

On September 3, EAS held its annual Moms Go Back to School Luncheon at the Illini Country Club. Speaker for the day was Sonya Jones, runner-up in the Biggest Loser contest. We would like to thank all who organized, attended and sponsored this event.

Feed the Children: The Litchfield Chapter 110 of the STAR Touring and Riding Association raised funds to purchase food and personal hygiene items that were distributed on September 25 to over 400 needy families. EAS partnered with STAR to identify and coordinate the distribution.

EAS would like to thank all of those who attended the EAS Paint Nite held October 13 at Arlington's. All who attended not only created a beautiful piece of art, they contributed to EAS programming.

The Elizabeth Ann Seton Program is funded through the generous donations and pledges of individuals and organizations throughout our service area. It is also partially funded through these private grants:

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