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Upcoming Events at a glance

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May

4th Annual Spring Fling Carnival
St. Charles, May 5, 2007

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Columbia, May 12, 2007

6th Annual Hope fore Families Golf
Tournament
St. Louis, May 7, 2007

5th Annual Hope fore Families Golf
Tournament
Cape Girardeau, May 14, 2007

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

25th LFCS Helping Hands Auction –
September 8, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency
– Union Station

LFCS FAMILY WALK – Not Your Average Walk in the Park

Get ready...Get set ...

and go to Forest Park for the
**12th Annual Family Walk with
Run on Saturday, May 12, 2007
from 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 a.m. in
the upper Muny parking lot!**

This wonderful event, boasts a
3-mile kid friendly Walk Route,
5K Competitive Run, Family
Game Arena (for pre-teens, teens
and parents), Children's Corner
(for ages up to 10 years
old), Health and Fitness
booths (get your blood
pressure checked or
receive a massage), and
free refreshments provided
by Dierbergs before and
after the walk. Prizes
will be awarded by our
media sponsor KPLR's
CW-11 in the following
categories: 1st, 2nd and 3rd
place runners, individuals
and teams.



Registration is \$25 for runners and
individuals. Teams are strongly
encouraged to set a fundraising goal
and raise pledges. This is a great event
where you can bring the entire family
or just hang out with a group of friends.
Walk-up registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Runners start your engines at 8:30 a.m.
and walkers gear up at 9:00 a.m. Avoid
the long lines and register online at
www.lfcsmo.org or call 314-787-5100
for more information.



Yes! I want to be a part of the 12th Annual Family Walk on May 12, 2007!

Please contact me. I am interested in:

- Registering for the Walk
- Organizing a Walk Team
- Being a Corporate/Individual Sponsor of the Family Walk
- Volunteering at the Family Walk

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Please mail or fax this form to: Lutheran Family & Children's Services Foundation Attention: Family Walk
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From the President...



Dear Friends of Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri:

I am excited about the upcoming months as I prepare for the summer of 2007, yet I am reminded of last year's summer storms that left many without electricity for weeks. It was during this time that LFCS received calls for

assistance to both our disaster response and community services department. LFCS was able to meet the needs of many walk-in clients, but it was not without the help of individuals who donated food, clothing and even financial gifts.

There are thousands of individuals, statewide, who rely on LFCS in times of crisis and indecision. During the Christmas holidays the agency served 206 families which represented 515 individuals. I can't say "thank you" enough to many of you who provided gift cards, gas cards, rent deposits, car repairs, and utility assistance for deserving folks. You truly are a reflection of the love and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Several other items resting on my heart:

- The www.getrealwithyourself.com web site is one way the church can let young people know that we care about them, their situation, and that there are positive choices. This site offers information on pregnancy, parenting and adoption. The Get Real With Yourself program was developed between LFCS and LCMS World Relief/Human Care. Check it out!
- In late February the "Growing Hope" Capital Campaign went public after the agency had crossed the four and a half million dollar mark in pledges and gifts. Our co-chairs, Mr. Harry Mueller and Rev. Larry Neeb have provided tremendous inspiration and leadership.

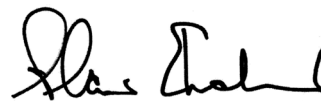
I ask that you pray for us and remember LFCS when asked to participate.

- In June, Mr. Don Vogel will complete his term as chair of the LFCS Operating Board. We thank Don for his vision of ministry, his commitment to our clients and his advocacy on behalf of the staff.
- On September 8, we will celebrate the 25th LFCS Helping Hands Auction – at the Hyatt Regency-Union Station. It is truly exciting to think about 25 years of auctions and what it has meant to the ministry of LFCS. I especially thank Mr. Earl Lindenberg for his very vibrant, intense and dedicated leadership as this year's chair person.

You truly are a reflection of the love and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ

- The agency continues to coordinate disaster response in Alabama, Arkansas and Missouri. Thousands of individuals and families are still seeking assistance from the hurricanes, tornadoes and ice storms of the past twenty months. I cannot stress enough the importance of this work. In Alabama alone, we have over 1,200 homes still to be rebuilt. If you would like to volunteer this spring or summer please contact Doug Dick at DougD@lfcs.org or (314) 787-5100.

Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri Grows Hope in Jesus' name. That could not happen without you! Thank you for being our partners in ministry! Our partners in prayer! Our partners in caring for many challenged populations. Happy spring! May God grow hope in each of our lives!



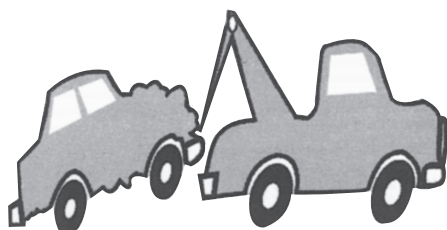
Rev. Alan M. Erdman
President/CEO

Mentoring Students Learn about Computer Technology

David Stuart, of World Wide Technology Inc., ranked #2 among private minority firms, shared his wisdom and insight to 23 enthusiastic students from LFCS' C.A.L.L. Mentoring program. Pictured are a few of the children receiving some hands-on computer expertise from an employee of World Wide Technology.



DONATE YOUR VEHICLES



Have you been eyeing the 2007 models? Don't forget that Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri accepts used vehicles. This includes cars, trucks, RVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, vans, and jet skis. Our agency will accept operable vehicles from Springfield, Columbia, and the St. Louis Metropolitan area. If your vehicle is inoperable, our agency must consult with the towing service prior to confirming a pickup time.

If you are interested in donating a vehicle to benefit LFCS, call 314-754-2790.



LFCS LAUNCHES "Growing Hope" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

LFCS entered the public phase of our \$8.75 million capital campaign with events in each of our four markets. Celebrations with former and current clients, supporters and friends were held Feb. 10 in Cape Girardeau, Columbia and Springfield. The St. Louis launch was held Feb. 20 at Hilltop Child Development Center. At each of the events, attendees decorated flowerpots and planted seeds, live flowers or paper flowers to signify the theme, "Growing Hope."

"The campaign, which began with a quiet phase in February 2006, is raising \$4.55 million in endowment funds to be used to stabilize and sustain core programs well into the future, \$2.1 million to eliminate LFCS' facility debt and free up an additional \$150,000 a year to assist the many children and families needing care, and \$2.1 million in capital improvements," said Harry Mueller, statewide capital campaign committee co-chair along with Rev. Larry Neeb.

Among the capital improvement plans are the new office in Springfield and expanded office in Columbia, both of which have already opened, as well as a new office in Cape Girardeau and an expansion to Hilltop.

"LFCS has been in the business of 'growing hope' in our community for 139 years," said Rev. Alan Erdman, LFCS president and CEO. "Our ministry began in 1868 with our orphanage in Des Peres, Mo., and quickly grew. This campaign assures that our services can continue and solidifies the work our staff is doing."

TO GET INVOLVED, CONTACT:

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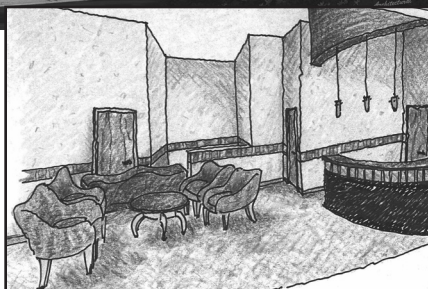
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Hilltop Expansion (above)



LFCS St. Louis Lobby (right)



Southeast Missouri Office



Southwest Missouri Office



Mid-Missouri Office Expansion

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Do you have a piece of LFCS history in your home?

Although the year is 2007, we don't want to forget our history. That's why LFCS is gathering old photos and newspaper articles, personal stories, artifacts, and memorabilia of 'days gone by' for an historical display focusing on LFCS and the Orphan's Home. If you would like to contribute items for this project, please contact Gwyn Thorpe or Loren Muench at 314-787-5100 or send an e-mail to gwynt@lfcs.org or lorenm@lfcs.org.

Counselor's Corner

Dear Counselor,

I have been dating someone for a year and we are planning to be married. I want us to get the best start possible. What are the steps to building a healthy marriage?

You already seem to understand that “happily ever after” is a myth unless couples are willing to invest time and energy in their relationship. Here are some ideas for you. You and your partner could benefit from a marriage preparation course. These are usually offered through churches but are offered other places in the community as well. This will help each of you deal with expectations and identify areas of strength and areas of differences before marriage. Learning how to best manage these is one step toward a healthy marriage.

There have been a number of studies done to learn what makes relationships work. Based on years of research, John Gottman suggests that nourishing a “*culture of appreciation*” goes a long way toward predicting a happy marriage. He says that happy couples “develop a habit of mind where they are scanning the environment for things to appreciate and moments to communicate respect ...” Michelle Weiner-Davis, a well known marriage therapist suggests: “celebrate the small, positive things in the relationship; *notice and comment on what’s going well*”.

Noticing what is going well in a marriage will create an environment of trust and promote emotional and physical intimacy. Couples who do this will have made a *commitment to the relationship* and will want to make *time for each other as well as for themselves*. They will find it easier to talk when the inevitable problems come up. Gottman’s research showed that about 65% of problems between couples are not things that can be “resolved” but are rather things that are likely to arise again and again. What is important, therefore, is that couples learn to stay in dialogue and stay out of gridlock when it comes to these issues. Communicating effectively is crucial and this means *being respectful of the other even while disagreeing*. It includes compromise and “*accepting influence*” from the other. Being willing to *forgive* is critical and a *sense of humor* is very helpful. None of this is easy in the long term. Practicing healthy relationship skills takes time and effort but produces rewards for the couple that will last a lifetime.



Holiday Events Leave Hearts *full* of Joy

19th Annual Holiday Home Tour Raises \$22,000

A 7,000-square-foot mansion and a bathtub that fills from the ceiling were just two of the attractions at the 19th Annual Holiday Home Tour on Saturday, Dec. 2 in Cape Girardeau. Through sponsorships and ticket sales for approximately 700 people, the event raised more than \$22,000 for LFCS’ southeast Missouri office. According to Development Officer, Melody Anderson, this year’s home tour raised \$5,000 more than last year. The tour included the homes of Ken and Sharon Mueller, Richard and Debbie Galemore, Stan and Sandi Williams, Mike and Tina Schumer, Dennis and Joan Roth, and Ben Rickard. Corporate sponsors included The Bank of Missouri, Bi-State Convenience Stores, Patrick Furniture, Realty Executives, Southeast Missouri Hospital, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Kenco, Ultimate Flooring, Quality Carwash, Saturn, California Homes and the Southeast Missourian.



10th Annual Festival of Trees Raises \$26,000

More than a foot of snow was not enough to deter LFCS’ volunteers and supporters when it came to the 10th Annual Festival of Trees. Although the weather did cause the cancellation of the second annual Holiday Home Luncheon, nearly 150 people braved the weather to attend the gala on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Stephens College in Columbia. LFCS raised \$26,000 – approximately \$5,000 more than in 2005. The gala included a silent and oral auction. In addition, LFCS bestowed a posthumous Faith in Action Award on Bob Martin, who was

instrumental in establishing LFCS’ Columbia office. While the gala is the largest event in the Festival of Trees, it is one of many. The series of events builds holiday spirit and invites community participation through the display of fully decorated holiday trees with themes such as the Mizzou Tigers, sleigh bells and jesters. Other events included a holiday mixer with the Women’s Network of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the Trail of Trees, in which the trees were displayed in downtown businesses throughout November.



Thank You Season of Sharing Supporters



Forty students from Zion Harvester Lutheran School volunteered to assist with the LFCS’ Season of Sharing program. A total of 206 families had a brighter Christmas because of Season of Sharing volunteers and supporters. Thank you for giving hope to families in need.



Childcare Worker CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

Katie Dumas celebrated 20 years of employment with the staff and children of Hilltop Child Development Center in February. "In the twenty years I have been employed by Hilltop, I have learned that every child has something to tell you and needs someone to listen," stated Dumas. Katie admits that she has slowed down a bit, but believes that children are a gift to be treasured. It was in 1986, that she applied for the job with the encouragement of a fellow teacher of Hilltop and now Katie says, "I can't see myself doing anything else...I just love the children!"

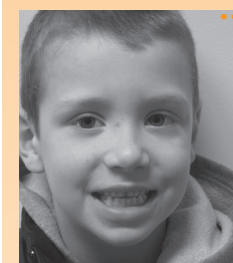


Already Dreaming about Summer?

Summer is right around the corner and students from Elm Point Early Childhood Center and Hilltop Child Development Center are already dreaming about bright summer days and warm summer nights. Read what these little ones want to do during the summer.

Hilltop Student,
Jalyia, age 4:

"I want to swim in the pool, go on the waterslide and get in the hot tub."

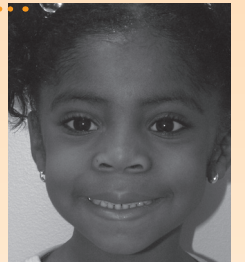


Elm Point Student,
Mitchell, age 5:

"I want to go swimming, play squirt guns with friends and go to the lake house"

Hilltop Student,
Aubriel, age 4:

"I want to play legos, play with my dog and play ma-ma."

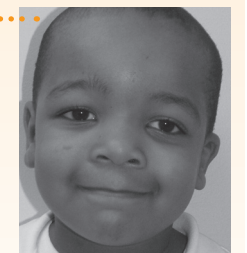


Elm Point Student,
Andrew, age 5:

"I want to play dodge ball with my brother, play hide-and-go seek and tag."

Hilltop Student,
Darius, age 4:

"I want to play with my cars outside, play basketball and run."



Elm Point Student,
Alexis, age 4:

"I want to go swimming in a pool and go to the beach."

Support GROWING HOPE for less than 30 cents on the dollar!

LFCS has been awarded YOP and NAP tax credits again for 2007. Eligible donors can take a 50% state tax credit on their donation. Individuals and businesses are eligible for YOP, businesses and real estate investors are eligible for NAP.

Here is how tax credits benefit you and the agency:
\$10,000 GIFT

YOP/NAP Tax Credit	\$5,000
Federal Deduction (28%)	\$2,800
State Deduction (6%)	\$ 600
Tax on State Savings	\$1,400
NET COST	\$3,000

Please contact Dianne S. Johnson at (314)754-2801 or diannej@lfcs.org for more information on making a NAP or YOP tax credit donation.

The NAP TAX CREDIT DEADLINE JUNE 30, 2007, so please reserve your credits today!

Adoption Power Hour:



Want to learn more about various types of adoptions?
Come to an Adoption Power Hour.

St. Louis
11:30 AM – 1 PM
call Pat Antle at 314-787-5100
April 27 • May 25 • June 29

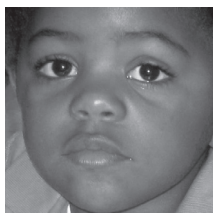
Southeast Office
6:00 PM -7:30 PM,
call Molly Strickland at 573-334-5866
April 3 • May 1 • June 5

Can't make the time listed above –
call (866) 326-LFCS
to make other arrangements



YOU Can Change Lives

It only takes one person to change the lives of many people. It only takes one person to impact generations to come. It only takes one person. Are you that person? When you make a contribution to LFCS, you help change lives, build families and bring hope to children throughout Missouri.



Please accept my contribution to the LFCS

Foundation to support agency programs of LFCS such as counseling, child welfare, community services and the child development centers.

- Please remember the LFCS Foundation in your will.
- Increase your donation with matching funds.
- Many employers will match your personal donation. Check with your company for more information on matching gift programs. Employer matching gifts may also be available if you are the spouse of the employee, a retired employee or the spouse/widow/widower of a retiree.
- If you are a Thrivent member, your gift can also be matched.
- I have included LFCS in my will.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

Amount of contribution: \$ _____

Check enclosed Charge to: Visa MasterCard

Card number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Name as it appears on credit card _____

Signature: _____

If this donation is a tribute, please complete one of the following:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Please send tribute card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



The **Buenger** Corner



Transform Your Life Insurance Policy

Are you holding onto an asset that could be turned into a gift? Do you or your business own life insurance contracts that are no longer needed? Did you know there are companies that will pay you the fair market value of your life insurance policies?

Life insurance provides financial solutions for many life situations. Quite often as time goes by these situations no longer exist. Children and grandchildren are educated and become financially independent, loans are repaid, mortgages are paid off, key executives retire, and businesses are sold. Assets can also diminish, resulting in smaller estates and reduced or eliminated estate taxes. Your policies may also have underperformed, utilized their own cash value and are now too expensive to continue.

Life Settlements are vehicles that can provide you the opportunity to sell your existing life insurance policies for more than their current cash surrender values. Life Settlements have transformed life insurance into an asset with an unprecedented range of possibilities. Life Settlements offer you the opportunity to sell your policies and use the proceeds for whatever you want. You may want to make a gift to a favorite charity, fund other investments, or use the funds to realize other dreams and goals.

For additional information on Life Settlements and how you can maximize the value of unneeded, or underperforming life insurance policies please call Dianne Johnson at (314) 787-5100 or e-mail Diannej@lfcs.org.

LOOKING for Child Care?

Elm Point and Hilltop are open for enrollment

Call:
314-389-1001 (Hilltop)
or
636-916-4041 (Elm Point)

TEE OFF with LFCS in St. Louis and Cape Girardeau

NEW
Morning Flight for the Early Birds in St. Louis



Grab your clubs and hit the links to help LFCS make a “hole in one” for St. Louis area children and families at the **6th Annual Hope for Families Golf Tournament**, sponsored by Dobbs Tire and Auto Centers. The event will be held Monday, May 7, 2007 at Sunset Country Club. **New** this year is a morning flight for the early birds at 7:00 a.m., with both a continental breakfast and lunch provided. Afternoon golf tee off is at noon with dinner and mini auction immediately following. The tournament features a 4-person scramble, complimentary refreshments on the course, lunch and hole contests. Costs are \$300 for an individual and \$1,200 for a team of four. A dinner auction complete with complimentary refreshments caps off what promises to be a fantastic event! Welcome back honorary chairpersons, Ryan and Liza Fitzpatrick. Ryan

is a Quarterback for the St. Louis Rams, and both Ryan and Liza are very active with the St. Louis community. Proceeds from the annual tournament will be used to support LFCS programs, like foster care, adoption and mentoring. For a registration form by mail or fax; call (314) 787-5100. Feel free to e-mail webevents@lfcs.org with questions or register online at www.lfcsmo.org. This event always sells out, so register quickly if you want to tee off with us on May 7.

Play on one of the top 10 golf courses in the nation on Monday, May 14, 2007, at Cape Girardeau’s **5th Annual Hope for Families Golf Tournament** held at Dalhousie Golf Club. Choose from a morning flight which begins at 8:00 a.m., with breakfast served at 7:00 a.m. or afternoon flight which tees off at 1:30 p.m., following lunch which begins at 11:30 a.m. The tournament is a 4-person scramble featuring awesome prizes, great food and lots a fun. Melody Anderson, regional development officer and event coordinator, says, “We are really excited about this year’s tournament and Dalhousie offers a one of a kind golf experience.” Entry fees are \$100 for the morning flight and \$125 for the afternoon flight. Proceeds from this event will help support programs of the Southeast office, which serves over 20 counties. With the overwhelming past success of this tournament, you want to register early. Visit www.lfcsmo.org to register online. For more information or if you would like to volunteer, contact Melody Anderson at (573) 334-5866 or melodya@lfcs.org.

LFCS Trains Health Care Providers Statewide



Are you a health care provider that works with pregnant women? Are you interested in learning more about adoption? LFCS is offering FREE one-day trainings to health care professionals on infant adoption! Understanding Infant Adoption is a federally funded training program designed to educate health care workers on how to present adoption as a positive option to pregnant women, as well as how to support women who are making adoption plans. Trainings are held throughout the state of Missouri and offer free CEU’s to nurses and social workers. If you are interested in attending a training or arranging a training at your health care facility or nursing school, please contact Michelle Studer at (866) 326-LFCS, ext. 2738 or michelles@lfcs.org. You may also visit the Infant Adoption Training Initiative’s website at www.iaatp.com for more information.



UPCOMING TRAININGS:

- April 3- (Springfield)
- April 17 - (Springfield)
- June 1 - (Neosho)
- July 25 - (West Plains)



Memorial Gifts are a thoughtful and caring way to honor the memory of a departed friend or loved one. Gifts in honor of a special person or event are also a way to celebrate life. These gifts, which are given out of love and friendship help LFCS serve our neighbors in need throughout the community. Those who are honored, or the families of those who are remembered, receive notification of the donation. We also celebrate these people by dedicating space to them in SPIRIT.

Honorariums

The staff of Assisted Living at the Lutheran Home, Cape Girardeau
Charles Sander

William & Shirley Beggs
Brad Beggs
Bruce & Karen Beggs

The Bender's Five Grandchildren
Art & Cecelia Bender

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Benedek
the birth of a daughter
Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Bishop
a new home
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. William Cole
the birth of a grandson
Jim & Gayle Woolf

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the birth of a granddaughter
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50th Wedding Anniversary
Norma Glaeser

Jane Gould
100th Birthday
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Francis & Dorothy Gueger
Dennis & Diane Jacobson

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35th Anniversary
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Birthday wishes
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Ron Koch
Paul Macon

Bernetta Kranawetter
80th Birthday
Willard & Vivian Kranawetter

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50th Wedding Anniversary
Ralph & Frieda Bettlach

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in celebration of Lindsay's Wedding
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a new house
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Meghen McGraw
Graduation congratulations
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Maureen's Wedding celebration
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Lillian Mueller
Birthday wishes
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Jake's Wedding celebration
Jim & Gayle Woolf

James Palumbo
the birth of a granddaughter
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Pedersen
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John & Marge Pils
40th Anniversary
Judy Andersen & Annette Castellano
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the birth of Avery
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the birth of a granddaughter
Jim & Gayle Woolf

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His Children

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Upcoming Events

EVENTS

May

Uniting Hearts Support Group for adoptive parents, adult adoptees and birth parents meets the 2nd Monday of each month from 7 to 9 pm at the St. Louis LFCS office. Please contact Pat Antle at 314-754-2760 for information.

Join the Springfield office every Monday at 1:30 PM for **"Movie Mondays - Where Videos Turn Parenting Into Discussion"**. Each week you will explore topics such as developmental milestones for children, car seat safety, child proofing your home and even how to pacify a fussy baby. There is no cost to you, just call Regina Smith, at 417-862-1972 to make your reservation.



Have some fun on **Saturday May 5, 2007**, from 11a.m. – 2p.m. at Elm Point Early Childhood Center's **4th Annual Spring Fling Carnival** in St. Charles. Enjoy food, games, raffles and much more. Save a few dollars by purchasing five tickets for \$1 before May 5; \$1 will purchase four tickets the day of the carnival. This year's proceeds will go to purchasing classroom supplies. Call Nancy Ebert at 636-916-4041 for more information.

Take time to celebrate a Mother that has been important in your life at LFCS' **Mother's Day Brunch** from 10:00 a.m. to noon on **Saturday, May 12, 2007**, at the Reynolds Alumni Center in Columbia, Missouri. The cost for this event is \$25 per person. Proceeds from this event will support programs of the Mid- Missouri office. The brunch sold out last year, so contact Michele Towns at 573-815-9955 to make your reservation.

LFCS' St Louis office will host the **6th Annual Hope *fore* Families Golf Tournament** on Monday, **May 7, 2007**, at Sunset Country Club. For more information, call Janice Raeber at 314-754-2786.

LFCS' Southeast office will host its **5th Annual Hope *fore* Families Golf Tournament** on **May 14, 2007**, at the famous Dalhousie Golf Club in Cape Girardeau. For more information on participating or volunteering please, call Melody Anderson at 573-334-5866.

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25th LFCS Helping Hands Auction – Enjoy a wonderful evening with friends and help support the statewide programs of LFCS on **September 8, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency –Union Station**. If you like to join us, call to request your invitation which includes dinner and the opportunity to bid on wonderful items in the silent and live auction. Call Janice Raeber at 314-754-2786 or janicer@lfcs.org for more information.

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