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A GREAT BIG THANK YOU:

Waukesha Noon Kiwanis for naming Chosen as one of their Pancake Breakfast charities on July 20th at the Waukesha County Fair!

Goodwill Center for Work and Training–Southwest Campus for your help in stuffing backpacks in July!

Ascension Lutheran Church, Waukesha Bible Church and Merle Norman–Brookfield for your collection of school supplies for our backpack program! We know that other collections are ongoing and will recognize them as soon as we get donations in!

Mystie Kiefer and team for their 4th Annual Friends of Chosen Rummage–Mystie and sister, Lisa Doyle, have held this event for the past 4 years and have raised a great deal of funds for Chosen!

2019 Friends of Chosen Walk at Milwaukee Country Zoo:

Nearly 150 walkers gathered at our 3rd Annual Friends of Chosen Walk on May 11th; up 50 from 2018! The new venue, at Milwaukee County Zoo, gave us room for more walkers, a fun place to walk and a great meal! *A Walk on the Wild Side* provided great exposure to raise awareness of the great need that exists for more foster families in SE Wisconsin!

Thanks to our sponsors: The Edge Contracting, Waukesha State Bank, Norris, SaintA, Waukesha County Foster Care, Foundations, Thrivent, and Children's Community Health Care Plan! We couldn't do this work without you!

Save the Date for May 16th, 2020 for the 4th Annual Friends of Chosen Walk at Milwaukee County Zoo!

Registration is now on-line:
www.choseninlove.org/2019gala

If you can volunteer to help secure donations or to help set up/take down the day of the event, please contact info@choseninlove.org!

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DISNEY RAFFLE NEW THIS YEAR:

We are raffling off a $2,500 Disney Gift Card. Tickets can be purchased locally through a Chosen Board member or at the Gala. The card can be used at any Disney Resort (including Disney Cruise line) for lodging food, etc. There will be bonus concierge services and other "freebies" included that will be announced soon. Tickets are $10 each or 3/$25. Watch your email, Chosen's Facebook posts and our website updates for further info or contact info@choseninlove.org to purchase yours now!

Chosen's 2019 Gala: Open Hearts, Open Homes

We are busy preparing for Chosen's 2nd Annual Gala!

This year will feature:

- Keynote address by Jason & Janelle Johnson, Green Bay area foster and adoptive parents.
- A video-clip update from Chris and Emily Norton, 2018 Gala keynote speakers.
- Emcee Beverly Taylor (formerly of Milwaukee's Fox6 News) will lead us through the evening's festivities!
- Chosen's 1st Fostering Forever Families Champion Award presentation.
- $2500 Disney raffle!
- Electronic check-in to eliminate long check-out lines.
- Remote auction items for those from afar who cannot attend.

We Wish to Thank Our Current Sponsors:

- Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
- The Edge Contracting LLC
- Norris
- Waukesha County Fostering
- Foundations
- Children's Community Health Plan
- SaintA
- Thrivent
- Waukesha State Bank
- Flowers by Cammy

***We have many sponsorship opportunities available that are in need of being filled. Please contact karen@choseninlove.org or 262-853-1078 for additional information! Sponsorship packets are available on our website at www.choseninlove.org/becomeasponsor.*

We are also seeking donations for our 2019 Gala Silent Auction/Raffle items:
This is a great marketing opportunity for your business. If you have a good, service, or other items appropriate for auction donations, please contact karen@choseninlove.org.

We are also seeking Live Auction items such as: Professional sporting tickets, Timeshares, Golfing packages, Adventure packages, Hotel stays, and Jewelry. Contact Karen if you can help!

Calling all Volunteers!

- Gala Auction Items: volunteers to call for Silent/Live Auction
- 2019 Gala Event:
  November 9, 2019 (both registered attendees and non-guests)
- Finance Committee Members: Meet monthly to discuss grants and other financial opportunities
- Sorting Teams: sort new donations that come in regularly to Chosen. Training provided.
- Grant Writers: work with the finance committee to write grants

Contact info@choseninlove.org if you can help or have questions.

Upcoming Outreach Opportunites for Foster and Adoptive Families in 2019:

October: Trunk or Treat

Watch for details for this exciting new event!

Boxes of Blessings:

Boxes of Blessings is a program that gives churches and other organizations a chance to sponsor a donation box (ours or yours) to collect NEW items for The *Family Closet*..

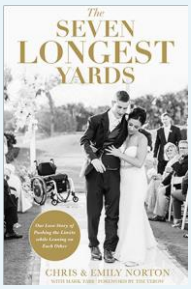
- September/ October/ November–Toys
- December/ January/ February–Underwear/ Socks
- March/ April–Baby Items
- May/ June–School Supplies
- July/ August–Toiletries (Shampoo, toothpaste, body wash)

If you have an organization, business, church or otherwise that is interested in hosting a box, please contact info@choseninlove.org.

December 2019: Toypalooza

Chosen's Office | 217 Wisconsin Ave #105, Waukesha

Come and celebrate the joy of giving! This is one of our favorite events where we have the opportunity to present our Chosen families with a wrapped gift! There will be refreshments, fellowship and time to "shop" in our *Family Closet* for winter gear and holiday outfits! Watch our events page on our website for dates and times! RSVP to: info@choseninlove.org



Chris and Emily Norton, keynote speakers from our 2018 Chosen Gala, announce their memoir–*The Seven Longest Yards*. Tim Tebow wrote the forward to Chris and Emily's remarkable love story, which shows the challenges and struggles that the cameras and media coverage did not show. For the first time, Emily opens up about her debilitating depression that began only a few weeks after Chris' graduation walk. For two years, she sank deep into a battle against growing anxiety. Chris and Emily turned to God for strength and realized that life takes turns we are not always prepared for, but anything is possible through faith, commitment and the support of others. In this intimate and honest look at a story that captured the hearts of the world, Chris and Emily show readers that life's lowest moments can be the source of our greatest blessings.

Memorial/In Honor of Donations:

We are so thankful to so many by honoring the life of someone through a memorial gift to Chosen:

In Memory of Rollie Borchardt:

Rollie's family is a family rooted with multiple generations of fostering. We thank you for choosing Chosen to celebrate his memory:

- The Jahns Family
- Barbara Schinker
- Barbara Lighthart
- The Hukkanen Family
- The Heintskill Family
- The Metz Family
- Roman Electric
- Gail Reisenauer
- The Pate Family
- The Adam Schinker Family
- The Sved Family
- The Witte Family
- The Krist Family

In Memory of Olivia Kouhel:

Olivia was an important child in our Chosen family. She and mom, Traci, are one of our first families and have been with the organization since the beginning. Traci honored Olivia by giving her a full life, not focused on what she couldn't do.

- Eileen Peterson
- The Traci Kouhel Family

In Memory of Jay Thomas:

Family member of Chosen board members

- Lillian Schmidt
- Tom and Karen Schlindwein

Do you wish to honor someone special in your life or someone who has recently died? You can make a one-time donation on our web page at: www.choseninlove.org/take-action. Please be sure to put a note in the donation page so we can recognize the person you are honoring!

Telling Chosen's Story

We have served **250+** families and

Agencies with **500+** children in care

From **10** SE Wisconsin Counties.

More than **17,500** items have been given away from The Family Closet

Including more than **150** fully loaded backpacks.

Did you know that Amazon will donate a portion of ALL OF YOUR AMAZON.COM PURCHASES if you select Chosen as your preferred non-profit? Go to Amazon's webpage to sign up: smile.***amazon.com/ch/47-4449946!***

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