

CHOSEN CHRONICLES

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Merry Christmas!

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness

-John 12:46

In a year of chaos and confusion, distance and loss I pray you have found hope. Jesus is the hope to this dark world as He alone is the light. May you find joy in celebrating His birth.

Blessings,

Amalie

Open Hearts, Open Homes: An Amazing Blessing!



Many events this year had to be modified on short notice. Our main fundraising event, our annual gala, was no exception. Even though it had to be done, there was concern about its success. We know the level of enthusiasm that our audience of 200 has generated each year! It was that enthusiasm, most of all, that we would miss.

God's plans were so clear once we made this decision. He closed and opened doors right when we needed them! Waukesha Bible Church generously donated their space and sound equipment, keeping our expenses down to a very small amount in comparison to our live events. While that energy wasn't in the room with us, it was vast and

it was seen. It was seen on our Facebook fundraisers. It was seen with registration donations. It was seen by a 95% monthly donor retention and new donors added on.

We estimate that more than 300 people were somehow engaged with the Gala. Our \$55,000 goal was met bringing our plans to open a 2021 Milwaukee County Family Closet one step closer! Thank you for your continued love and support of Chosen and the wonderful families that we serve. We could not have achieved this great success without God's divine hand or the incredible generosity of so many!

Stay tuned for our 2021 Open Hearts, Open Homes Gala on November 13, 2021 at the Radisson Milwaukee West.

Coming Soon: Milwaukee County Family Closet!

Chosen's Executive team officially announced our vision to open a second Family Closet to be located in Milwaukee County. 70% of our families reside in Milwaukee County, so this new facility will give more access to our existing families as well as open opportunities to serve new families. For more information on how you can help as a volunteer, donor, or planning team, please contact karen@choseninlove.org. If you know of any space (1,000-2,000 sq. ft.) that would be reasonably priced for us to consider contact Jason@choseninlove.org.

*Thank You for hosting
a Box of Blessing!!*

Waukesha Tuesday Morning

Waukesha Swimstastics Swim School

Franklin High School

St. James Church in Mukwonago

Ascension Lutheran Church in Waukesha

Journey Martial Arts

Simply Dedicated: Stories and Devotions From and For Adopted and Foster Parents

A moving insight into the lives of foster and adoptive parents, Simply Dedicated offers a first-hand lived-experience viewpoint of the daily lives of parents striving to do their very best for children in their care. Authored by several impacted by fostering/adoption, including Chosen's own mother/daughter team, Karen Schindwein and Amalie Bowling. Proceeds of Simply Dedicated will be gifted to Chosen. Books can be purchased via Amazon.com.



Needed: CPA or Bookkeeper

Chosen is in need of a CPA or Bookkeeper for our Treasury Board position. This person will be a part of our Executive Team and on our Advisory Board which meets virtually 4 times/year. If interested, please contact jason@choseninlove.org.

End Of Year Giving Opportunities



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](https://www.amazon.com/ch/47-4449946)

Facebook Donations: Want to make a one time or ongoing donation via Facebook? Use our Donate button on our page: [@OurChosenFamily](https://www.facebook.com/OurChosenFamily).



End of Year Giving via NCF: Want to become a Friend of Chosen? Go to <https://www.choseninlove.org/donate>. There you can give a one-time or regularly scheduled donations.

2020 Toypalooza!

We were able to pass out **110 wrapped new toys** and over **400 pieces of winter gear** and holiday wear to our Chosen Families. While this season caused us to reimagine our event, we are so grateful we got to see some of our special families' faces! We have exciting events brewing for 2021 - stay tuned via our website!