

Local Artists to Perform at FSC Variety Night Fundraiser

A great line up of entertainment is scheduled for the Family Service Center's second annual Variety Night fundraiser Friday, April 27 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the K C Hall at Iles and Meadowbrook Rd. Proceeds will help support Family Service Center programs.

"We're excited about the wonderful entertainment, and silent auction items. There's something that everyone is sure to enjoy," said Danielle Outlaw, event co-chair.

Bill Cobb's Memorials of Elvis, Springfield's own Elvis impersonator placed third in this year's Midwest Tribute to the King Competition.

John Brownback, delightful comedian and magician, makes a return engagement.

Ronte', singer and keyboardist.

Dancers from Pat Lytaker's classes will demonstrate popular dance steps.

Carl Madonna, WICS-TV 20 morning anchor and reporter, will serve as emcee for the evening.

A silent auction will feature many items including tickets to the Rod

Stewart concert, Cardinal

baseball game, the

Funny Bone

Comedy

Club and

Knight's

Action Park,

as well as a

Sundown

Tanning package,

BJ Grand Salon

gift certificate, and

much more.

Hors d'oeuvres and a

cash bar will be available.

Corporate sponsors include Mike Williams Plumbing and Heating, Bank of Springfield, Sikich Gardner & Co. LLP, Meijer, Lee O'Keefe, and Sorling, Northrup, Hanna, Cullen & Cochran, Ltd.

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor, or donate to the silent auction, call 528-8406.



Bill Cobb as Elvis (left)
Card Madonna (right)



Variety Night
April 27
K C Hall
Iles & Meadowbrook
8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Tickets: \$15
Call 528-8406

FSC Receives Grant from SCCF

The Sangamon County Community Foundation awarded a \$1,000 grant to FSC for the purchase of car seats, a portable DVD player and miscellaneous items to fulfill needs of foster children placed in Sangamon County homes.

"We are very grateful for this grant from the Sangamon County Community Foundation. It will help our agency continue to serve foster children of our community," said Josie Rocco, FSC executive director.

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From Our President



Karola
Beahringer

We're all looking forward to spring after the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Family Service Center is pleased to report that some 1200 people received gifts through this year's Tree of Wishes. What a wonderful

accomplishment this is due to the generosity of our community and the many volunteers who gave their time to this project.

Our annual membership drive is currently underway. We trust this endeavor will bring many caring people to our agency. The funds raised in this and other events goes a long way to providing clients in our programs the help they need. Please join us!

Final plans are being worked on for Family Service Center's Variety Night to be held from 7-11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus facility on Meadowbrook Road on Friday, April 27, 2007. For a mere \$15, you will enjoy not only great munchies but will be entertained by singers, dancers, musicians, and other fun-filled performances. We are thankful for the silent auction items that are being donated by businesses and individuals who believe in giving back to their community. So, set aside that evening for a night of relaxation and fun.

As always, we appreciate your support for our programs as we continue to strive to serve our clients in a professional and caring manner.

Sincerely,

Karola E. Beahringer
President

Family Service Center Programs and Services

Our programs are designed to help families and individuals of all ages deal positively with the continuing challenges that occur throughout the family life cycle.

- ◆ Adoption
- ◆ Adoption Preservation
- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ Foster Care
- ◆ Respite
- ◆ Tree of Wishes
- ◆ YPSS (Young Parent Support Services)

Corporate Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers Provide Assistance

FSC offers a special "thank you" to a number of corporate sponsors and volunteers who contributed to our programs and donated services during the past few months. Their generosity has made

it possible for us to continue helping our clients with their needs as well as keep our property in good repair.

Tree of Wishes - Hundreds of donors provided gifts to nearly 1140 needy individuals of all ages from toddlers to seniors so they could have a good holiday. We are very grateful to our corporate sponsors of this special program. The sponsors were Brahler Lube and Tire, CEFCU, RW Troxell, Bank of Springfield, Clear Channel Radio, Pleasant Nursery, TRN, Springfield Electric, and Kerber, Eck & Braeckel.



Volunteers from the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief cleaned up storm debris at FSC.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers cleared large tree limbs and debris from our property and repaired our roof, which was damaged by the December ice storm. Without

their help, we would not have been able to afford to have this work done.

We offer a special thank you to Mike and Deb Robertson, Dennis File, Milton Bost, Delbert Halleman, Jim Campbell, Bill Jacobs and Jack Shelby for donating their work and getting the grounds cleaned up and roof repaired.

Springfield Figure Skating Club graciously invited FSC to bring children who participate in our programs to attend their annual holiday show. Approximately ten children enjoyed the show and stayed to skate with Santa afterward.

FSC Connection is published for Family Service Center members, clients and supporters in the greater Springfield community. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Call 528-8406.
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..... Josie Rocco

YPSS Program Provides Support for Teen Mother of Premature Infant

Being a teen mother is very difficult and it is even more difficult when the baby is born two months premature.

The baby weighed only 3 pounds 6 ounces at birth and had to spend a month in the hospital's pediatric intensive care unit.

Teresa went to the hospital every day to spend time with her baby. She participated in the Kangaroo Care program which allowed her to hold the baby's bare chest against her chest for a specified time to help regulate his heart rate and breathing.

Two days before Christmas, the baby was strong enough to go home to see his 3-year-old big brother, who loves him and smothers him with hugs and kisses. Since being home



Mandie Henson (left), FSC family support worker, visits with Teresa and children (right).

with his mother, brother, grandparents and aunt, he has thrived and now smiles constantly.

Teresa was able to return to work a few weeks after her baby came home. Both boys are cared for by Teresa's mother, while she works.

Teresa has participated in FSC's Young Parent Support Services program for three years, since the birth of her first son.

YPSS helps Teresa and other teen mothers by teaching basic parenting skills, bonding and responsibility. The program provides support to teen parents so they are not alone as they face the joys and challenges of parenting.

You Can Make a Difference!

Your membership donation is important to supplement the various programs and services of the Family Service Center. This is a good time help support the much needed community programs that strengthen families such as the Young Parents Support Services and family and individual counseling program. Please complete this membership form and send it with your contribution to Family Service Center, 1308 South Seventh Street, Springfield, IL 62701.

Membership Form

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Family Service Center at the following level:

<input type="checkbox"/> Friend \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Donor \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Founder \$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$100	

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-mail address _____

My check is enclosed for \$_____.

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Wish List

A number of items are needed to help FSC continue to provide services to clients in our various programs.

Wish List March 2006

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Wipes
- Baby bottles
- Baby Blankets
- Regular Sized Blankets
- Large Baggies – to send home food after group
- Zip Lock Containers – to send home food after group
- Socks (kid sizes)
- Cribs/Crib Sheets

Mother's Day Flowers

Show your mother how much you love her. Give a beautiful bouquet of flowers and support FSC programs at the same time. You can choose from three lovely floral arrangements.

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May 11 & 12

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Managers Help Fulfill FSC Mission



Kelly VonMock, director of finance and administration, joined FSC in 2002 and oversees the accounting, administration, human

resources and IT departments.

Kelly serves as treasurer for the board of directors for St. James Parish in Riverton and is active in several community and professional organizations.

She earned her master's degree in business administration at the University of St. Francis in Joliet and her bachelor's at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Kelly and her husband, George, reside in Spaulding with children, Khory and Audrey.



Leanna Barber, program director for the Young Parent Support Services program, joined FSC in 1996, serving in this position for ten years.

Previously, she was a lead home visitor with YPSS.

Leanne enjoys helping young parents as they actively impact the lives of the next generation.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Child, Family & Community Services from the University of Illinois at Springfield (formerly Sangamon State University).

Leanna and her husband, Mark, have three children, Alisha, Travis and Jennifer.

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