Skyline Financial Group News

Newsletter

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Mark the calendar

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Monday, Sept. 7
Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 15, noon and 7:30 p.m.
From Savings to Security: Making Your Money Last in Retirement

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1 p.m.
From Savings to Security: Making Your Money Last in Retirement

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Thrivent Market & Economic Update

Introducing Skyline Financial Group

In June, **Skyline Financial Group** celebrated an exciting milestone: six months since our team officially began in January. While we may be a newer name, Skyline Financial Group was built on years of financial experience, deep client relationships and a shared belief that financial guidance should feel personal, thoughtful and steady.

Skyline Financial Group was founded to create a more relationship-focused financial planning experience for individuals, families and professionals who want clarity, confidence and a caring team alongside them. Our mission is to help clients feel supported through life's transitions by offering holistic financial guidance that considers the full picture: retirement income, investments, protection strategies, long-term care, legacy planning and the values that matter most to each client.

Meet Carrie Rennemann

Carrie Rennemann is a founding member of Skyline Financial Group and a financial advisor who brings a broad background in financial services, leadership and client relationship management.

Carrie's approach is rooted in holistic financial planning. She helps clients look across their entire financial picture, including retirement income, investments, insurance needs, long-term care

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planning and legacy considerations. She is especially passionate about helping clients navigate major life transitions with confidence, compassion and a clear plan for the future.

Carrie Rennemann and her husband Javid at the Milan Olympics

Outside of work, Carrie lives in Old Town Chicago with her husband, Javid. She enjoys international travel to the Olympic Games and exploring Chicago's restaurant scene.

Meet Ingrid Schimnoski

Ingrid Schimnoski is a financial associate with Skyline Financial Group whose work is shaped by empathy, service and a desire to make financial planning feel approachable. Before entering financial services, Ingrid built a rich and varied career as a professional violinist.

Ingrid brings a distinctive perspective to her work, especially with musicians, artists and independent professionals who may not have access to traditional corporate benefits. She understands the discipline and creativity required in self-directed careers and is passionate about helping clients build financial plans that support long-term financial security.

Born and raised in Oak Park and now living in nearby Forest Park, Ingrid is active in her community through being a member of the Rotary Club and the Oak Park Chamber of Commerce. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her twin daughters and performing with Maggie's Farm, Straw Daddy, and the Symphony of Oak Park and River Forest.

Ingrid Schimnoski at a Thrivent event.

Looking Ahead

Having celebrated Skyline Financial Group's first six months, we are grateful for the opportunity to continue building a team and client experience grounded in experience, care and meaningful relationships. Our purpose is clear: to help clients feel informed, supported and confident throughout life's adventures.

Thrivent Action Team spotlight

What an incredible display of generosity from our clients so far this year. We love to see all the amazing contributions and events our clients support each year. As of July 2, our Skyline community has seen:

- 52 Thrivent Action Teams with an estimated combined $13,000 in Impact Card funds
- 1,262 volunteer hours across all 52 Thrivent Action Team campaigns.
- $4,062 total dollars raised via Thrivent Action Teams
- $128,974 directed Choice Dollars®

Thank you to all our clients who took the time to help others and embody the Thrivent "live generously" motto. We are so grateful for your hard work and selflessness and hope to see many more.

Membership corner

As a Thrivent client with membership, you have access to many wonderful membership benefits, including Thrivent Action Teams, Thrivent Choice®, Thrivent Member Networks, identity protection, health discounts and more. Visit **thrivent.com/about-us/membership/member-benefits** for more information.

Direct Choice Dollars

Visit **thrivent.com/choice** to send Choice Dollars to an organization you care about.

Use your Thrivent Action Teams

Clients with benefit membership can lead two per year, and clients with associate membership can lead one. **Click here** to learn more, and call our office 312-620-9953 if you'd like help.

Please share your Thrivent Action Team successes with us. Send your story and a picture to **skylinefinancialgroup@thrivent.com** and you may be featured in a future newsletter.

Some Thrivent Action Team ideas:

1. **Provide comfort:** Add coziness to a children's hospital room by gathering a group of friends to make blankets for patients. Use the seed money to purchase blanket materials and supplies.
2. **Improve your school:** Assemble backpacks for kids who need school supplies or launch an after-school snack program for kids dealing with food insecurity. Use the seed money to purchase snacks, backpacks and supplies.

3. **Serve at your church:** Put together a summer community barbecue or Vacation Bible School (VBS) with your church. Use the seed money to purchase food for meals, supplies for outdoor kids' games, or VBS starter kits and programs.
4. **Teach others:** Host a workshop to teach people in your community something new—anything from personal finance and budgeting to mental health awareness or how to cook healthy, budget-friendly meals. Use the seed money to hire an expert, rent a space or pay for marketing and promotional materials.
5. **Host an event:** Raise awareness and money for your favorite cause by hosting a fundraising event, providing food or beverages—whether that's a pancake breakfast, coffee hour or full dinner. Use the seed money to promote the event, purchase food or buy door prizes for donors.

Happy Financial Awareness Day

Here are some helpful tips for the season ahead

In celebration of Financial Awareness Day, which is coming up on Aug. 14, we're sharing some tips on how to prepare for the school year ahead while staying financially smart:

1. Make a back-to-school shopping list and budget before shopping.
2. Plan ahead for seasonal costs such as school pictures, sport fees, field trips and homecoming.
3. Use August as a financial check-in. Take time to review your household budget, emergency savings and financial goals before schedules get busy again. Also, remember to schedule your yearly review with us.

We’re here to help others thrive

As we continue to grow our Thrivent practice, we can’t stress enough how grateful we are for the opportunity to serve you. We hope our assistance continues to enrich your life.

We provide a variety of financial services to help people live their values and strengthen their communities, and we are looking for ways to extend those offerings to others. A referral from you is the best compliment we can receive, and we would be honored to work with the people you care about. Would you be willing to introduce us to others who are looking for financial guidance?

As you consider your network, it might help to think about family, friends or acquaintances going through a life change, such as:

- Starting a new job
- Getting a gestational carrier
- Purchasing a home
- Losing a loved one
- Getting married
- Getting divorced
- Retiring

When you think of individuals we may be able to assist, we’d be grateful for your introduction. Please share our contact information so they can call or email us to learn more.

Thank you in advance for helping us connect with people who may benefit from purpose-based financial advice. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

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RECIPE CORNER

Key lime pie bars

Ingredients

1½ boxes graham crackers, crushed
8 tablespoons butter, melted
Sugar
3 cans (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
1 cup key lime juice
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt
2 egg yolks
1½ cups heavy whipping cream
½–1 cup powdered sugar
Lime zest

Directions

1. Combine graham crackers, melted butter and a sprinkle of sugar. Mix and press down in a 9-by-13-inch pan.
2. Bake at 350°F for 8–10 minutes.
3. To make the filling, mix together condensed milk, lime juice, vanilla, sour cream or Greek yogurt and egg yolks.
4. Pour over graham cracker crust.
5. Bake at 325°F for 18–20 minutes.
6. Let cool completely, then top with topping.
7. To make the topping, whip heavy cream and powdered sugar until whipped cream consistency. Add a sprinkle of lime zest

Upcoming events

From Savings to Security: Making Your Money Last in Retirement

Tuesday, September 15 at noon and 7:30 p.m. CT | Virtual

Wednesday, September 16 at 1 p.m. CT | Virtual

Join us for a workshop that's all about empowering you to live your best life—secure, flexible and confident about your financial future. David Blanchett and Michael Finke will present a dynamic session that transforms complex financial decisions into clear, actionable strategies. You'll discover how to turn your savings into reliable, lasting income, how to protect your lifestyle—no matter what the market does—and gain the confidence and freedom to truly enjoy retirement. Register at **bit.ly/4fKUtuf** to attend or get the recording.

Thrivent Market and Economic Update

Tuesday, October 13 | 11:30 a.m. | Virtual event

Want to know what trends in today's economy may mean for your financial future? Attend the upcoming Market & Economic Update, a live event featuring Thrivent's investment leaders. This ongoing series is a great way to prepare yourself for the road ahead. Register at **bit.ly/4fwcYI3** to attend or get a copy of the recording.

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