

Fall 2018

Oh ^{THE} Places We'll Go!

Lifelines



APCC Celebrates the Birthdays of 1,700 Babies

Walk for Life & 5K Fun Run Displays Balloons to Celebrate Life



Walk/Run Photo Credit: Dylan Counts

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center hosted its annual Walk for Life and new this year, 5K Fun Run at the Corner Park on Saturday, Sept. 29. More than 160 walkers and 10 runners gathered together. In the last 37 years, over 1,700 babies have celebrated a birthday thanks to APCC. Pink and blue balloons were displayed at the park to represent the celebration of lives. Elected officials in attendance and who shared brief remarks included Mayor Matt Miller, State Representative Darrell Kick, Senate President Larry Obhof, and Congressman Bob Gibbs. Client Tiffany and two of her 3 children, Havok (3 years) and Sailor (6 months), bravely shared a testimony about their experience at APCC and the transformation that the Lord has done in their lives.



*Next Edition: Listing of sponsors, top walkers and teams, and final results!

Our Vision:

We envision a culture where the sanctity of human life is celebrated by all, making abortion unthinkable for generations to come.

Mission Statement:

The Ashland Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry offering compassion, hope, and help to women and men facing critical pregnancy decisions by *establishing* trusted relationships, *equipping* with education and resources, and *empowering* families to live life according to God's plan.

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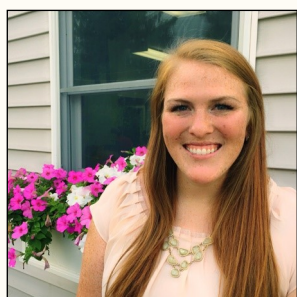
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Help Us Welcome Our Newest Team Members



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TRACI COUNTS

Traci was born in Michigan, was raised in Pennsylvania, and has been a resident of Ashland for 13 years. She met her husband, Jason, in Missouri at Baptist Bible College and they are celebrating 21 years of marriage. They have 2 sons. Dylan is 17 and will be a senior, and Zachary is 13 and will be in 8th grade. Before leaving the workforce to raise her boys, she worked for a regional company in the mailroom and accounts payable department, then worked as a data entry specialist. For the last 3 years, Traci has served as a volunteer at Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. Traci says, "I'm honored to now be a part of this amazing staff and work with them to be an advocate for life."



CLIENT OUTREACH & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AMANDA BOWMAN

Amanda Bowman grew up in Wooster and attended Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana. She majored in Graphic Design while also playing on the softball team as a pitcher during her four years. She served as assistant manager at Maurices. She has a heart for missions and growing relationships. Recently, Amanda returned from a missions trip to Haiti! Amanda is so excited to take on this position and is eager to encourage and connect with the volunteers, along with growing her involvement in the community.

Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Do you ever wonder what type of person "fits" our center? It's true we are always looking for volunteers, but what is the personality of the person who fits best in this atmosphere?

Are we looking for the brightest? Are we looking for those who have the most experience with those facing difficult decisions? Do we need those who are always calm in the face of a crisis?

The more important question

When it comes to volunteers, the most important question is not what we perceive that we "need," but instead, "What type of person are you?" The truth is everyone with a heart for the Lord fits.

The personalities we need

Do you want to know the type of personality we need at Ashland Pregnancy Care Center? We need the quiet, because you tend to listen to those who are hurting. We need the outgoing, because some people need someone who can start a conversation. We need the fearful, because they will be dependent upon the Lord instead of their own strength.

Most of all, we need those who will love. We need those who care enough to love those who may seem unlovable, who may not respond to that first gesture or to a kind word.

"God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."
- 1 John 4:16

At the bottom of it all, love is the ingredient that stirs our ministry into action, pouring forth and showering those we see with its overwhelming power to change lives.

So if you wonder if you might be a "fit" for ministry here, ask one simple question: "Has the Lord given me the ability to love others?"

If so, you're a perfect fit! I'd love to hear from you! Give me a call at 419.281.1111, or email melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org. Don't forget to check out our newly designed website and click the "Partner With Us" tab. Save the date for our *Compassion, Hope, and Help* full volunteer training (see details on the back page).

Melanie Miller, Executive Director

A special thank you to Brent Coffy from Black Diamond Details for power washing our building and to Enhanced Homes Painting for giving a fresh coat of paint to the window trims and new color to our doors. We are thankful to these businesses for donating their services and improving our first impression.



Voted Best of the Best Non-Profit



Executive Director Melanie Miller and Client Care Coordinator Jackie Beaty accept the award.

For the first time, the Ashland Times Gazette held its first Best of the Best contest, encouraging the community to vote for their favorite businesses and organizations. The finalists in each category were invited to an awards banquet held at Ashland University Convo on June 24, 2018. Ashland Pregnancy Care Center was voted **first place for Best Non-Profit in Ashland**. Thank to the community for voting us Ashland's Best of the Best. We are honored to serve our community.

Fun Day To Bless Clients At Back-to-School Picnic



We had a beautiful, warm, sunny day for our annual Client Back-to-School Picnic held at the Salvation Army Kroc Center Spray Park on Sunday, August 26. The meal was provided by our generous board and staff. Area businesses provided other donations: Eva's Treats provided a variety of delicious frozen yogurts, Step 2 gave large splash tables for a raffle, and Hedstrom provided balls and other



toys for the children. Staff members, Pat and Jackie (pictured left) were not afraid to get wet! They enjoyed cooling off in the Spray Park with our client families. Volunteer Belinda (pictured right) loved getting cuddles with a client baby. All of our client families left with gifts, thanks to the generosity of our community. This ReCharge gathering also serves as a kick-off for our Men's Ministry.

ST. EDS CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Ashland #1245, who sponsored the Baby Bottle Campaign at St. Edward Catholic Church, also hosted a material drive and collected many needed items to stock the supply at our Baby Boutique. The new items included diapers, wipes, sleepers, onesies, receiving blankets, bibs, baby wash and lotions, formula, and other items. (Pictured left to right) APCC Baby Bottle Coordinator Mary-Rose Andersen, Catholic Daughters Vice Regent Valerie Mapes, and Regent Laura Bullard delivered the donations.



WOMEN'S FUND GRANT AWARDED FOR UPDATES

This summer, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center was a recipient of the Ashland County Community Foundation's Women's Fund Grant in the amount of \$1,200 to purchase a new laptop for training and client appointment scheduling, as well as to design a new client services brochure to bring consistency to the brand. We are very thankful for the support of the community and the Women's Fund.



Client Spotlight- Celebrating New Life

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



(From Left to Right) Sisters RoseLynn and Leighann, along with George (dad) and Virginia (mom), were excited to welcome a new addition into the family. Baby JazzLynn was born on June 17 weighing 6 lbs. 6 oz. The parents completed our 12-week parenting class and arrived with their new car seat (pictured), which was earned from the class. The little sisters were presented with sibling gifts, including a teddy bear, small blanket, children's book, and coloring pages. Congratulations!

Commemorative Gifts

Did you know that you can give a

Commemorative Gift

at any time to honor or remember someone you love?

Learn more about how you can pay tribute to that special person in your life by contacting Melanie Miller at melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org or 419.281.1111.

A special thank you to the following businesses and individuals who gave a commemorative gift:

In Memory of
YVONNE GOSCHINSKI:

Fin, Feather, & Fur Outfitters Staff

Shakley Mechanical Inc.

Simonson Construction

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Carol Tharpe

Carole Toto

Ruth Toto



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Open Mon, Tues, Thurs.
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

THE BOUTIQUE
Emmanuel United Methodist
322 Cleveland Ave.
Ashland, OH 44805

Open Thursday
12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Special Hours:

Office Closed
Thursday, November 8, 2018 (Staff Development Day)

Can You Help Us Meet These Needs?

- ♥ Educational books for client resource library (pregnancy, child development, Bible study)
- ♥ Volunteers who can work 3 - 4 hour shifts and meet directly with clients
- ♥ Does your church have an APCC Liaison/Ambassador? If not, or if you're not sure, let us know. We would like to have a point person in each church
- ♥ Seeking prayer warriors
- ♥ Consider investing with a monthly financial gift
- ♥ Ultrasound models (7 to 18 weeks pregnant)

COMPASSION HOPE & HELP



NEW 2-DAY FULL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Friday & Saturday: Nov. 9-10, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

with Care Net Specialist Terry Williams

Location: TBA

Veteran Volunteers - \$20 ♥ **New Volunteers - \$40**
(Having served more than 6 months) (Having served less than 6 months)

Cost covers personal training materials.
Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

All volunteers are encouraged to attend. This training is *required* for individuals who seek to work directly with clients, including pregnancy decision coaches, mom/dad mentors, receptionists, sonographers, post-abortion facilitators, and other client care roles. This training will give volunteers a better understanding of the scope of our mission & services and will prepare you to work in the ministry.

Please RSVP by Monday, October 29 at 419.281.1111.

Important Dates

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

NEW VOLUNTEER INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Thursday, October 11, 2018
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.



If you have an interest in serving on our volunteer team but would like more information on where to begin, join us for this short meeting. Take a tour and learn more about our mission, vision, services, and volunteer opportunities. RSVP to Amanda at amanda@ashlandcarecenter.org or call 419.281.1111.

VOLUNTEER IN-SERVICE TRAINING MEETING:

Wednesday, October 24 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 25 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Current volunteers, please RSVP with your availability for one of the dates/times listed above.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 10, 2018

*NEW TIME: 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Location: TBA
Invitation to Follow

Save the Dates for 2019

GET READY TO JOIN US

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Host Church: Bethel Baptist Church - Savannah
More details coming soon!



ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Ashland University Convocation Center

Guest Speaker:

Matt Hammitt, Sanctus Real

ABORTION RECOVERY CONNECTIONS

Look for a rollout of Abortion Recovery (AR) Connections meetings in January at the SOHL Rally.

APCC Restore will host one-hour monthly gatherings designed to engage those who are newly seeking AR help, and will offer continued support for those who have already received AR services. For more information, please contact: Maryanne Wise, RESTORE Post-Abortion Ministry
restore@ashlandcarecenter.org