



July 2021

An Evening to Remember Celebrating God's Miracles

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT RAISES NEARLY \$200K



Guest Speaker Abby Johnson
speaks about her life-changing
story of redemption.



Mayor Matt & Melanie Miller



**Abby poses for a photo-op with
Melody & Charles Barnes.**

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, was definitely an evening to remember! Our 40th Anniversary Celebration Fundraising Event at Calvary Baptist Church was an incredible experience for the more than 400 people who attended. It was wonderful to once again see you all in person. We hope you enjoyed our time together.

Guest speaker Abby Johnson shared the transformation God performed in her heart, causing her to leave her career at Planned Parenthood and take a stand for the unborn. Hearing her story brought tears to many eyes and revealed the truth of the spiritual battle that is evident in our world today.

City of Ashland mayor, Matt Miller, served as the Master of Ceremonies and spoke of how APCC has been faithful to the pro-life cause for 40 years.

Unable to attend in person, Senator Rob Portman offered his congratulations virtually on the accomplishments of APCC and his intention to continue to support the pro-life movement in Washington DC.

Melanie shared recent updates to the facility, including new flooring, paint, furniture, and technology. After donning her rubber boots, she took us on a virtual tour to show the basement, which was several inches under water.

The vision for the fall is to add the Abortion Pill Reversal/Rescue, and in the spring of 2022 expand to offer STD/STI services and treatment. Melanie impressed on the crowd why it's essential to expand services to meet community needs.

Through your faithfulness, many needs have already been met.

We are so excited to report that we more than exceeded our \$150,000 goal. To date, YOU helped us raise \$196,972 in one-time gifts and monthly support—that is nearly a 48% increase from last year! This is more than we've ever raised at our annual event, thanks to all of you!

For more coverage, visit: www.AshlandCareCenter.org/Celebrate40



**From Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor Harry Strachan
(above) gives the welcome
and opening prayer.
Pastor John Oleyar (below)
shares in testimony and
closing prayer.**



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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SAVE THE DATE for our **2022 Annual Fundraising Event** on **Thursday, April 21, 2022**
at Ashland University Convocation Center. Speaker Announcement Coming Soon!

2021

Fundraising Event *Sponsors*

Premier Level (\$10,000 +)



St. Edward Church

Ruby Level (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Jim & Adrea Tennant

Sapphire Level (\$1,000-\$2,499)

Anonymous Gift

Calvary Baptist Church – Ashland, OH

Dolce's Tree Service

First Choice Auto/Truck & Trailer

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Harvest Moon, LLC

Mennonite Mutual Insurance Company

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Matt & Melanie Miller

Larry & Cyndi Powell

Drs. Douglas & Danielle Raber

Rev. James & Joan, R.N., Scott

Dale & Jody Thomae

Emerald Level (\$500-\$999)

Anonymous Gifts

Ashland Chiropractic Center – Robert Bachelder, DC

Bethel Baptist Church

Compassion Free Will Baptist Church

Hopewell Church

Keefer Rentals, Cal Keefer, Owner

Darrell & Erin Kick

New Life Community Church

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Mike & Pam Mowry

Jody Watson

Lorin & Judy Weaver

Pearls of APCC (\$100-\$499)

A-1 Septic Tank Cleaning, LLC

Ashland Dickey Church of the Brethren

Christ Community Church

First Presbyterian Church, Ashland

Fryman's Lawn & Snow

Idyl Wild Farms, Inc.

Barbie Lange, REALTOR, NextHome Next Stepp

Paradise Hill UMC

Spreng-Smith Agency

Jason & Traci Counts

Roger & Nancy Fox

Matthew & Kelly Harris

The Lehman's

Travis & Melissa McKenzie

Rob & Joyce Smith

Daniel & Katrina Truax

A Special Thank You
VIP Dinner Sponsors

Charles & Melody Barnes

A Message from the Executive Director



Melanie Miller,
Executive Director

Friends, what a mighty God we serve! We are continuing to stay the course and be faithful to what God has called us to do – what He has called this ministry to do.

Our constant prayer is for God to do a miracle—for God to use us as His

mouthpiece, His vessel, His hands and feet to be faithful as His messengers to a lost and hurting world. His promise still stands. Great is His faithfulness.

Our 40th Anniversary Celebration was truly spectacular! The evening was beyond special and blessed. Abby stirred many hearts and the financial resources were greater than we ever anticipated. God continually reminds me in this season of Ephesians 3:20 which says, *Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think (NLT).*

Every decision, every need, every client appointment, EVERYTHING is a matter of prayer. Every week we have a faithful woman who comes in the morning and prepares our client rooms, offices, and main center in prayer.

Why wouldn't we seek our Abba Father for direction? Let me give you two examples. At the banquet, I shared of our continual problem we have had in the Center's basement for years. After praying and sharing the need, God provided the knowledgeable individual and resources to fix this problem once and for all. I also shared a desire of our heart – to upgrade to a large 50-inch flat screen TV in our ultrasound room so that the miracle of life would be more visible to a mom considering abortion. After much prayer and determination, God used a woman in the community as an answer to our prayers who donated a 50-inch flat screen TV. Since the installation of the TV, we have had multiple young women who had abortion appointments scheduled who saw their baby via ultrasound at our Center and have been greatly moved by the movement and heartbeat. I am humbled to share that these ladies have canceled their abortion appointments, and each have chosen life!

We praise God and give Him glory! Our ministry not only exists to protect the sanctity of human life and to offer compassion, hope, and help to women and men facing critical pregnancy decisions, but our mission is also to bring honor and glory to God in all that we do.

We know that God has been faithful in the past, in the present, and will be in the future. As we look ahead, our vision is to expand our reach in the community and surrounding area. We believe God has uniquely positioned us in this community, which is located within an hour's drive of abortion facilities to the north, south, and east. God has called us to launch Abortion Pill Rescue (Reversal), so that a woman may know that hope is available and it may not be too late to save her pregnancy if she has started the chemical abortion.

Our dream is still to unite the ministries of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center under one roof. Until God makes the path clear, we are staying the course and remaining faithful to our mission, right where He has us. We wanted to share that we recently sold the land at Amberwood Parkway and set aside the funds for a future home for APCC.

In the meantime, we have made much-needed renovations to our debt-free facility, making it more inviting and fresh and more efficiently using our limited space. A special thank you to the following individuals and businesses for assisting with our recent upgrades and renovations:

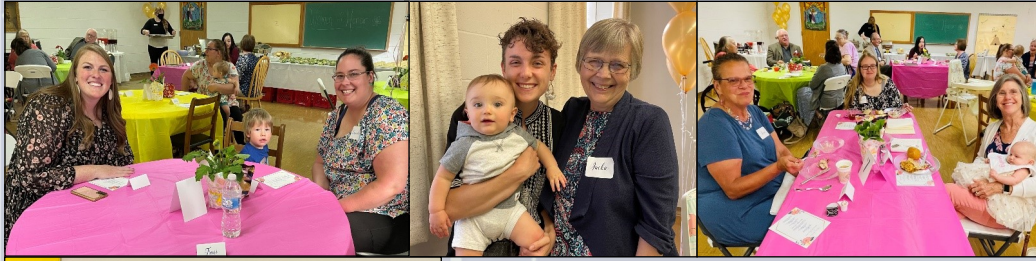
- ♥ Brian Peacock of Peacock Basement Solutions, LLC - the basement is *finally* dry and freshly painted!
- ♥ BCU Electric - Electrical updates, phone installation, and a new generator coming soon!
- ♥ Barefoot Floors - new easy-to-clean floors throughout our building
- ♥ Enhanced Homes Painting - for giving all of the walls and trim a fresh coat of paint
- ♥ And many local businesses and individuals who helped with cleaning, handyman projects, and other donations

If you haven't been in to see us, please stop in and take a tour—or subscribe to our YouTube channel "Ashland Pregnancy Care Center" for a virtual tour. We would love to see you!

Melanie Miller, Executive Director

Transforming Our Community With the Love of Christ

"WOMEN OF HONOR": THE PRICELESS VALUE OF MOMS



On Monday, May 17, 2021, Emmanuel United Methodist Church hosted Ashland Pregnancy Care Center moms for a "Women of Honor" banquet. The heart of this event came from Pastor Willingham with the intent to love and encourage these moms, show them support, and remind them of their priceless value and how much Jesus loves them. Six of our client moms enjoyed a wonderful meal and program. Each mom was seated with APCC team members and EUMC volunteers who had the opportunity to love on the moms and snuggle their little ones. Each mom took home a special gift and beautiful flowers. Thank you to everyone for the special evening.

The APCC staff & Emmanuel United Methodist Church's Dr. William Payne (back) & Pastor Alan Willingham (front).

APCC's Parenting Classes and The Boutique (material store) are located in the lower level of the church. We thank God for partnerships like these that enhance Kingdom impact.

"BLESSING BAGS" OFFER HOPE & ENCOURAGEMENT

Loving outreach gives back to Ashland families for second year



(Pictured Right to Left) From the Gideons International Ashland Camp: Pattie Barone & Melody Barnes; from the APCC Team: Jackie Beaty, Melanie Miller, Amanda Bowman, Adrea Tennant, Pat Rogers, Sharon Carr, and Hope Abel. (Not pictured: Judy Weaver)

Friday, May 7, was a breezy day to be setting up tents in the parking lot at First United Methodist Church, but that didn't stop our staff and volunteers! Loaded vehicles headed on over to set up tables with lots of items for new and expectant moms. Blessing Bags filled with crocheted baby blankets made and donated by individuals from our community, diapers & wipes, and personal hygiene items were heaped on tables waiting for moms to drive through. Formula and baby food were also distributed, along with 46 diaper bags filled with goodies provided by Help Me Grow. Each vehicle that stopped by was also offered a Bible, courtesy of the Gideons International Ashland Camp. Every mom received personal attention and prayer. Fifty-two (52) Blessing Bags were distributed and 90 Bibles were handed out to those who drove through. What a great way to celebrate and bless moms on Mother's Day weekend!

Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to honor your mothers and fathers through special giving for Mother's Day and Father's Day. Your loved ones are being recognized in the special insert.

Commemorative Gifts

IN HONOR OF:

*Emmerson Mae Appleby's
3rd Birthday*

Given by:
Andrew Brown

Did you know that you can give a commemorative gift any time to honor or remember someone you love? Learn more by contacting Executive Director Melanie Miller at melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org or 419.281.1111.



Fill a Bottle and Save Lives

2021 baby bottles are awaiting your loose change.

Get Started Now!

Contact our office at 419.281.1111 to reserve your 2021 bottles for your church, group, or business.

NEW! Virtual bottles are available.



Nine-year old Abigail Dubé watched the virtual banquet with her family in Aug. 2020.

Her heart was so inspired that she was eager to get her own bottle and save change for APCC.

At this year's 40th Anniversary Celebration, Abigail presented Melanie Miller, Executive Director, with a large baby bottle of coins totaling \$29.71. You are never too young to make a difference for LIFE!



Ashland Pregnancy Care Center

119 Sloan Ave.
Ashland, OH 44805
419.281.1111

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

Wednesday by appointment only.

The Boutique

Emmanuel United Methodist
322 Cleveland Ave.
Ashland, OH 44805

Open Thursday
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Special Closings:

Labor Day: Monday, September 6, 2021
Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 25, 2021

SAVE THE DATE!



Walk for Life AND 5K FUN RUN

Saturday,
OCTOBER 2, 2021

DOWNTOWN ASHLAND CORNER PARK

Get Ready! Save the date and plan to join us on Saturday, October 2, 2021, as Ashland Pregnancy Care Center holds its annual fundraising event at the Corner Park in downtown Ashland. For the fourth year, we will continue our 5K Fun Run and create incentive levels with prizes to encourage walkers/runners to raise pledges to support our life-saving work. With a minimum sponsorship of \$25, get a FREE t-shirt and be entered in our prize drawing! We hope that this fundraiser will help bring awareness to our ministry and celebrate the babies saved.

Last year we raised a record total of \$28,440 for life.
This year our goal is \$25,000.

You'll be welcomed with music by Shine FM this year! This event will enable us to continue to provide free confidential services such as pregnancy testing, ultrasound confirmation of pregnancy, pregnancy & parenting education, post-abortion support, and needed baby items that help empower our clients to give their children an abundant life while we remain true to the biblical principles of faith in Christ and the sanctity of human life.

*Check out the website for more information and helpful resources.
Consider getting a team together for maximum impact!*

**Corporate Sponsorships & In-Kind Donations are available. Call 419.281.1111.*

Take the first step and register:
WWW.ASHLANDCARECENTER.ORG/WALK

Upcoming Events

GET READY TO JOIN US

Walk for Life & 5K Fun Run

Saturday, October 2, 2021

8:00 a.m. 5K Fun Run

9:30 a.m. Walk for Life

Downtown Ashland Corner Park

Registration Is Now Open!

Visit: www.AshlandCareCenter.org/Walk

Visit our booth at the local fairs!

Ashland County Fair

September 19-25, 2021

Loudonville Street Fair

October 5-9, 2021

Join Our Team!

NEW VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING

Thursday, October 14, 2021

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

If you have an interest in serving on our volunteer team and want additional information, then this is for you! Take a tour and learn more about our mission, vision, services, and volunteer opportunities. Please RSVP to attend.

FULL 2-DAY VOLUNTEER TRAINING

"Compassion, Hope, & Help"

Friday, Oct. 29 & Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021

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

This in-depth training will equip you with the tools to serve. For those who wish to work directly with clients, this training is required.

*To learn more or to register to attend,
please contact Amanda at 419.281.1111 or email at
Amanda@ashlandcarecenter.org*

Can you help us meet these needs?

We want to build **20 LOVE Boxes filled with hope for moms who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss.**

Each box will contain a heart pendant praying-for-you bracelet, notepad, pen, and special items just for her—packaged & shipped directly to her door.

Each box is about \$25, for a total of \$500.

Other Needs Include:

- ♥ **More heavy-duty storage shelving units/racks** for the Center basement (4 need) & The Boutique (4-6 needed) Cost: \$200 each
- ♥ **Visit AshlandCareCenter.org/Boutique and view an extensive needs list**