



# Lifelines



March 2020

## Sanctity of Life

"No work is too small, or too big, in the work of saving babies." - Kailee

### KAILEE PERRIN—HAVING A BABY CHANGED HER LIFE



Speaker Kailee Perrin speaks to the crowd of about 350.

On Sunday, January 19, 2020, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center presented the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Community Service hosted by New Life Community Church. The evening consisted of praise and worship led by a community worship team (worship leaders from various churches), Scripture readings, and prayer. Special guest speaker was Kailee Perrin.

Kailee shared her powerful testimony of redemption. In 2008, Kailee found herself addicted to drugs and alcohol, and pregnant. After telling her boyfriend, who at the time was a drug dealer, and whom she had only known a short time, he encouraged her to get an abortion. "Deep down, I wanted to be a mom. I wanted to be able to change," she said. "But those lies that the enemy feeds women about abortion became so loud."

Being worried about how she would provide for a baby, Kailee relayed that she was not unlike other women in local churches and communities who find themselves in similar situations. With God's intervention, Kailee went to a local pregnancy center (thinking they did abortions). When she arrived at the pregnancy center, she felt peace, love, and hope. Kailee chose life for her baby, and later gave her life to Jesus.

## HELPING SINGLE MOMS CONNECT TO THE LOCAL CHURCH

APCC Executive Director Melanie Miller reiterated the vital role the local church plays in the lives of women and men facing an unexpected pregnancy.



New Life Embrace Grace Group Leaders and APCC Staff and Volunteers.

Melanie said, "When we love the woman, we save the woman, and we save the child. Our job is to love, come alongside, and show the grace that God has for her."

APCC is launching a new church initiative with New Life Community Church in Ashland called "Embrace Grace," which began this past February. Single, pregnant ladies are given a "Love In A Box" (assembled by the church) and distributed at the pregnancy center. Inside the box are special items for mom, including a personal invitation for her to attend an Embrace Grace Group in the local church.



### 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.

### Staff

**Executive Director**  
Melanie Miller

**Administrative Assistant**  
Traci Counts

**Client Care Coordinator**  
Jackie Beaty

**Client Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator**  
Amanda Bowman

**Boutique Coordinator**  
Pat Rogers

### Medical Staff

**Medical Director**  
Dr. Debbie Cowden

**Prenatal Specialist**  
Dr. J.A. Klobutcher

**Sonographers**  
Mandi Ross, RDMS  
Katie Kline, RT

### Board of Directors

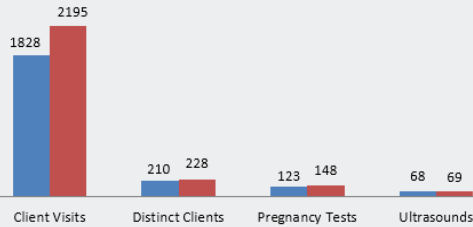
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Thank you to the community for your generous support – offering totaled \$4,885.75!

## 2019 Statistics

### Clients

■ 2018 ■ 2019



## Commemorative Gifts

*In Loving Memory of  
Dan Rogers*

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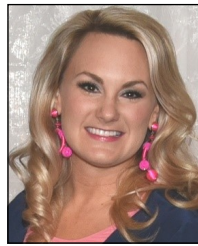
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Did you know that you can give a commemorative gift any time to honor or remember someone you love? Learn more by contacting Executive Director Melanie Miller at [melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org](mailto:melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org) or 419.281.1111.



We are a FINALIST for the BEST NON-PROFIT! Help us defend our 2018 & 2019 title. VOTE 3/15 - 3/28  
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## Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

A new year brings great anticipation and, hopefully, optimism as we look at what might transpire in the months in front of us.

For all of us at Ashland Pregnancy Care Center, we have a lot to look forward to. This year, we plan to announce some new initiatives and partnerships, that we believe will more effectively reach clients, serve them well, and impact our community more powerfully. In short, we're excited!

Because we're in this endeavor together, we invite you to join us. Together, let's believe God has great things in store for this ministry, and more important, for those we serve. Let's believe more will choose life, more will choose healthy relationships, and more will choose faith as we walk alongside them in their life's journeys.

What can any of us do, specifically?

First, of course, we can pray. This is the foundation for all we do. Pray for our board and staff to have incredible wisdom as we move ahead. Pray our clients will have eyes to see the hope in front of them. You are

invited to join us for a **Prayer Walk on Tuesday, March 31, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Center. Come when you can, leave when you must!** Below are five suggested specific prayer focuses that our team is praying intentionally for. We also have a monthly prayer calendar. If you want to be a prayer partner, please indicate your interest on the enclosed card.

And prayer—effective prayer—moves us to action. We're asking God for more to join us this year. We have dozens of volunteer opportunities, many of them that take little time but make a big difference. Call us at 419-281-1111 if you are interested, or drop me an email at [melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org](mailto:melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org).

Do you want one more seemingly "small" action that makes a giant difference? Give. One investment—of any amount—can go a long way.

We're excited about what's ahead in the coming year. We believe you are as well. Together, let's make this year a watershed year in changing lives, saving lives, and building a new culture of life in Ashland.

*Melanie Miller, Executive Director*

## "Circle" These 5 Items In Prayer With Us

### Building

Protection and clarity for a future location of APCC. May God grant wisdom, guidance, & favor.

### Banquet

God's abundance, blessing, & anointing; attendees with open & generous hearts; speaker Abby Johnson; preparations & details; attendees moved to action.

### "Restore" Post-Abortion

God would stir the hearts of women and men with a past abortion experience to seek help and healing through "Restore."

### Abortion-Minded Women

For God to intercede and send women seeking an abortion to APCC for hope & help.

### Past Clients

May God send and connect us with former clients over the past 40 years so that we can share their story as we approach our 40th anniversary.

## Team Attends Historic National March for Life Rally



Ashland Pregnancy Care Center Staff & Ashland University leaders and students with Newman Catholic Campus Ministries are pictured on the steps of the Supreme Court in Washington D.C. following the March for Life.

On January 24, 2020, four staff from Ashland Pregnancy Care Center (Traci Counts, Melanie Miller, Amanda Bowman, & Maryanne Wise) traveled to Washington D.C. by bus with students from Ashland University's Newman Catholic Campus Ministry along with other area universities, to attend the March for Life Rally on the National Mall. The March started at the Washington Monument and concluded at the steps of the Supreme Court. President Trump was the first president in history to ever attend and speak. This is the world's largest pro-life march, with an estimated hundreds of thousands in attendance.

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## Client Spotlight

### CELEBRATING THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE



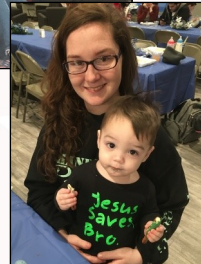
In 2019, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center celebrated the birthdays of 68 precious babies! Our 2020 "Celebrate Life" baby calendar features 13 of these babies thanks to Erica Bolen of A Bushel and A Peck Photography. (Left) Erica captures the joy of baby Jayce, born March 19, 2019 (pictured at 7 months & Mr. October). (Right) Client Christal celebrated the birth of her baby boy, Oakley, born on February 27, 2020, who weighed 7 lbs. Baby is pictured at only 5 days old.



### RECHARGE CHRISTMAS PARTY SERVES 18 CLIENT FAMILIES



On Monday, December 16, 2020, we held our annual "ReCharge" Client Christmas party, serving 18 families with the help of 6 volunteers and staff. New Life Community Church hosted us in their new addition. What a blessing to see so many moms, dads, and babies! Clients enjoyed a home-cooked meal and sweet treats, received gifts donated by Hedstrom, children made crafts, and we held a drawing for prizes. There was also a winter photo booth for family photos and with "Buddy" the elf. The gathering wrapped up with the reading of the real Christmas story—the birth of Jesus from the book of Luke. Each family was presented an "ABC Old Testament Storybook" to encourage Bible reading. We closed the celebration singing "Joy to the World."



Perhaps client baby Anthony's shirt sums up the Christmas message: "Jesus Saves Bro!"

## Community Gives Back



Ashland Christian School students rallied together for 3 weeks gathering change for an event called "Change for Christ." The 7th & 8th graders held a "Circus" focusing on the book of Acts, and at the end, presented a check to Ashland Pregnancy Care Center.

**The students raised a total of \$580.48!**

Using a portion of the proceeds, three students (pictured below) went shopping for material items for The Boutique. The ladies delivered these items around Christmastime and took a tour of APCC.



(Pictured Left to Right): Ashland Christian School 8th Graders Ella Taylor, Nevaeh Roby, and Lizzy Oblinger.

Please visit:

[AshlandCareCenter.org/Boutique](https://www.ashlandcarecenter.org/Boutique)

to view an extended list of client specific & general Center needs.

## 2019 Baby Bottle Campaign Record Results Are In



We wish to express our sincerest gratitude to ALL of our Change for Life 2019 Baby Bottle Campaign partners! The top ten (10) churches are listed to the right.

With the support of 24 churches, 19 local businesses, and various anonymous donors, we raised **\$32,732.78** in our 2019 Baby Bottle Campaign (an 18% increase over 2019). Praise the Lord!

This could not have been possible without the many prayers and help of so many faithful partners who filled our bottles and joined us in our efforts.

*Get Started Now!* 2020 baby bottles are waiting for your loose change. Contact Baby Bottle Coordinator Mary-Rose Andersen at [babybottles@ashlandcarecenter.org](mailto:babybottles@ashlandcarecenter.org) to reserve bottles for your church, group, or business.

## Top 10 Fundraising Churches

- Trinity Lutheran Church
- St. Edward Catholic Church  
(Catholic Daughters of America)
- Ashland Dickey Church
- Cross Connect Church
- Park Street Brethren Church
- Compassion Church
- Christ Community EFC
- First Christian Church
- Maple Grove Church
- Mohicanville Community Church





### 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.

### The Boutique

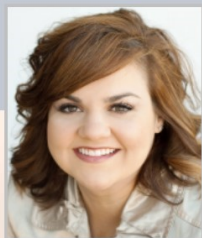
Emmanuel United Methodist  
322 Cleveland Ave.  
Ashland, OH 44805

Open Thursday  
12:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center Special Hours:  
Center Closed: Thursday, April 23 (Banquet)

## Save the Date

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020**  
14th Annual Fundraising Banquet



### Special Guest Speaker: **ABBY JOHNSON**

- ♥ Former Planned Parenthood Director
- ♥ Story featured in the movie, *Unplanned*
- ♥ Founder of *And Then There Were None*



To learn more or to register online, visit:  
**AshlandCareCenter.org/Banquet**

## Upcoming Events

### GET READY TO JOIN US

### Fry For Life III 2020



Good Food for a Great Cause



Serving: *Fried or Baked* Fish, and Baked Ziti Pasta,  
French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread,  
Applesauce, Coffee or Cold Drink and Dessert.

**Friday March 27, 2020**  
**5:00 until 7:00 PM**

**St Edward Catholic Parish**  
**501 Cottage Street, Ashland**



### 14th Annual Fundraising Banquet

**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

5:30 p.m. Doors Open / 6:00 p.m. Dinner  
Ashland University Upper Convo  
Guest Speaker: Abby Johnson

To register to attend, give us a call at 419.281.1111 or  
register online at [AshlandCareCenter.org/Banquet](http://AshlandCareCenter.org/Banquet).  
Deadline is Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

### Dine for Life Fundraiser

**Wednesday, April 29, 2020—Buffalo Wild Wings**  
All Day—Dine In or Carry Out

\*A portion of your bill will be donated to APCC when you pre-  
sent the event flyer. Printed flyers available at our office or  
download online.

### Walk for Life & 5K Fun Run Fundraiser

**Saturday, October 3, 2020**  
Downtown Corner Park

### NEW VOLUNTEER INFO MEETING

**Thursday, May 7 from 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.  
RSVP to Amanda at 419.281.1111.

### FULL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

**"Compassion, Hope, & Help"**

**Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16, 2020**  
**9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**