

Lifelines



March 2021

A Message from the Executive Director - "Anything is Possible"



**Melanie Miller,
Executive Director**

Do you believe in miracles? I sure do! I believe in the power of prayer. I believe God is a good Father and he desires to do good to his children. When I ponder the start of the ministry of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center, which began 40 years ago—I am in awe of God's faithfulness and His provision.

Consider the humble beginnings of the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. A small group of people from Grace Church decide they want to do something to end abortion in our community. So in 1981, our ministry began as Ashland Crisis Pregnancy Center utilizing a single room in Andrews Hall at Ashland College (now Ashland University). Today, we continue to enjoy significant growth in client services.

On Sunday, January 17, 2021, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center presented the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Community Prayer Service hosted by Grace Church. The evening consisted of praise and worship led by the Grace worship team, Scripture readings, and 3 prayer movements (a time for celebration & praise, repentance & healing, and hope and challenge.) There were a total of 7 prayer focuses lead by pastors and ministry leaders including: praise for APCC celebrating 40 years of ministry; miracle of life; repentance and awakening - sin of abortion; elected officials, legislation, and soul of our nation; healing - post abortion, loss of child & those who hope for children; sanctity of marriage and family; and for pastors and the church. The virtual community prayer service is still available to view online at www.AshlandCareCenter.org/Sanctity.

A few miracles to praise God for:

- ♥ APCC finished 2020 in a strong financial position (record income in a pandemic year!), with the funds to pay off the center's mortgage, therefore moving us into 2021 debt free!
- ♥ Since 1981, more than 2,000 babies have been saved from abortion through APCC!

*"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
— Matthew 19:26*



Pastor Dan Allan, Grace Church welcomes the 100 in-person guests and 126 viewers online to begin the SOHL Community Prayer Service.



Melanie Miller, Executive Director prays and seeks repentance and awakening for the sin of abortion in the US. More than 56 million babies have been aborted since 1973.

Melanie Miller, Executive Director

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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Client Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator
Amanda Bowman

Boutique Coordinator
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Dr. Debbie Cowden

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Chris Coffy, RN

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Mandi Ross, RDMS
Katie Kline, RT

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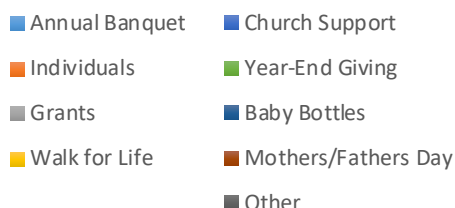
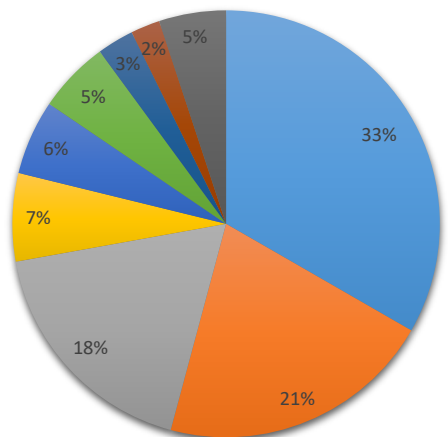
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Our theme is Celebrate Miracles! We want to share MIRACLE STORIES as we celebrate 40 Years!

If you have a story you'd like to share on how APCC made an impact on your life, we want to hear it! Please email your story to MelanieM@AshlandCareCenter.org.

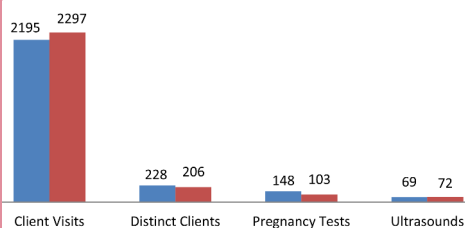
2020 Statistics

Income Source



Clients

■ 2019 ■ 2020



Can you help us meet this need?

We want to build **20 LOVE Boxes** filled with hope for our moms who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss. Each box will contain a heart pennant praying for you bracelet, encouragement notepad, pen, and other special items shipped directly to her home. Each box is about \$25, for a total of \$500.

CELEBRATE
Miracles
40 YEARS
1981-2021
Ashland PREGNANCY CARE Center

40th Anniversary Celebration
Fundraising Event
With guest speaker **Abby Johnson**
Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Join us for our 40th Anniversary Celebration with Abby Johnson

We are very excited to be celebrating our 40th year in ministry, so we've decided to make this year's fundraising event extra special. **Our "40th Anniversary Celebration Fundraising Event" will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at Calvary Baptist Church in Ashland. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m.**

We are proud to welcome former Planned Parenthood Clinic Director turned pro-life advocate, Abby Johnson as the keynote speaker. Abby is the author of the best-selling book, "Unplanned," the real-life accounts of her time at Planned Parenthood, including her transformation and dramatic departure. She is also the founder of the ministry "And Then There Were None," who helps abortion clinic employees transition out of the abortion industry.

Due to the number of expected attendees, we will NOT be serving a meal so that we can provide the maximum number of seats with theatre-style seating. The event will also be live-streamed for those who wish to watch online. This can be a great opportunity to host a celebration at a home, church, or other location.

Our theme this year is **"Celebrate Miracles"**. We want to celebrate miracles with you at this fundraising event. Whether you plan to attend in person or watch online, please register to attend to claim your spot. We anticipate this year's in-person event will be sold out! Registration opens on Monday, March 15, 2021. To register online, visit www.AshlandCareCenter.org/Celebrate40 or you can call the office at 419.281.1111. Masks are not required to attend in-person. The annual fundraising event is mission-critical to our life-saving work.

For more information on SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES or HOSTING A ROW or VIRTUAL PARTY, please contact Melanie or Traci at 419.281.1111.

WWW.ASHLANDCARECENTER.ORG/CELEBRATE40



Pictured above, Sonographer Katie Kline, RT scans an ultrasound model for her annual skills assessment. Also pictured (left to right): Chris Coffy, RN; Mandi Ross, RDMS; and trainer Cindy Willich, RDMS with Forget Me Not Ultrasounds.

Ultrasound Training Success

Our amazing medical team of ladies worked hard during a recent ultrasound training and annual skills assessment. During the week of February 15-19, 2021, our Nurse/Clinic Manager, Chris Coffy, RN completed an intense week of training for limited OB ultrasound. After finishing 20 hours of online NIFLA training, then 50 hours of on-site classroom and hands-on training, and completing 47 scans (thank you volunteer models), Chris is now competent in limited OB ultrasound!

Way to go, Chris! Job well done!



Client Spotlight



A DAY OF CHRISTMAS BLESSING EXTENDS THE LOVE OF CHRIST

On Tuesday, December 22, 2020, we hosted a special day for our client families, "A Day of Christmas Blessing." Our team reimagined our annual client Christmas party and made adjustments to keep our families safe during COVID-19. Families were encouraged to make an appointment, where our team served each family unit one-on-one. Our client families rotated between four different stations. First, enjoying a shopping experience at The Boutique with special sales and free gifts. Then, headed to our Santa's workshop where each family could build their own stocking, select unlimited amounts of baby food, choose special hospitality items for mom/dad donated by our little friends in Mrs. Miller's kindergarten class at Ashland Christian School (*second picture above*) and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. Next, families were escorted to the story and prayer time room with the reading of the real Christmas story—the birth of Jesus and an opportunity to respond to the Gospel. Each family took home a child's version book of the Christmas story. And finally, as an extra blessing, our friends from Hedstrom Ball Bounce & Sport donated toys and special gifts for all ages that were thoughtfully prepared for each family.

Our goal was to extend the love of Christ to our families when so many have felt isolated, lonely, and hopeless. We served a total of 29 client families with the help of 5 volunteers and center staff. We are rejoicing, as one child accepted Christ as savior!



CELEBRATE LIFE: YOUNG MOTHER WELCOMES SON

In 2020, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center celebrated the birthdays of **88 precious babies!** Client Skyler celebrated the birth of her baby boy, Jason, born on January 31, 2021, who weighed 6 lbs.12 oz. Baby is pictured at 3 weeks old. Jackie Beaty, Client Care Coordinator, helped mentor this young mom through our 12-week parenting class. At the end of the first 6 weeks, families earn a new Pack N' Play. At the end of the second 6 weeks, clients earn a Travel System (stroller/car seat combo). Client Skyler is so happy to get her new travel system in time for her baby's arrival.

Commemorative Gifts

IN HONOR OF:

Jackie Beaty

Given by:
Cordelia Fisher

Rich and Diane Yoder

Given by:
Wes & Julia Lambert

IN LOVING MEMORY:

Addison Grace

Given by:
Holly Baker

Constance Adams

Given by:
Herb & Sharon Carr

Gabriella Rose Haynes

Given by:
Carl & Christine Krantz

Dr. Mark Hamilton

Given by:
Richard & Leslie Breiner
James & Diane Sue Detrow
Gary & Joann Frantz
Kathryn Krause
Brandon & Teresa Kubitz
Denis & Barbie Lange
Cyndi Little
Steven & Debra McKee

Yvonne M. Goschinski

Given by:
John & Robin Atkins

Janet Avery Johnson

Given by:
Brenda Blessing

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.

2020 "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign Results

We wish to express our sincerest gratitude to ALL of our "Change for Life" 2020 Baby Bottle Campaign partners! With the support of 13 churches, 2 local businesses, and various anonymous donors, we raised **\$14,175.46** for our 2020 Baby Bottle Campaign. Praise the Lord! This could not have been possible without the many prayers and help of so many faithful partners who filled our bottles in-person & virtually.

Get Started Now!

Contact Melanie Miller at 419.281.1111 to reserve your 2021 bottles for your church, group, or business.

NEW! Virtual bottles are available.

Top Fundraising Churches

Trinity Lutheran Church
Ashland Dickey Church
Mohicanville Community Church
Park Street Church
Homerville Grace Brethren
First Christian Church
Red Haw UMC
Emmanuel UMC
Maranatha Baptist Church
Christ the Cornerstone Community Church
Bethel Baptist Church
Ministries of Hope & Healing
Hayesville UMC



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.

The Boutique

Emmanuel United Methodist
322 Cleveland Ave.
Ashland, OH 44805

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

Special Closings:

Fundraising Event: Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Staff Training (National Conference): April 26-30, 2021
Observance of Memorial Day: Monday, May 31, 2021

Upcoming Events

GET READY TO JOIN US

Prayer Walk

**Tuesday, March 30, 2021 from
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center
Come when you can, leave when you must!

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 Opens: July 31, 2021
Visit: www.AshlandCareCenter.org/Walk

Appreciation Brunch Honors Volunteer Service



**2020
Total Hours Served
2,627 hours
Thank You!**

Every year we look forward to honoring our amazing volunteers, the heart of our ministry, for their dedicated and faithful service. About 50 individuals gathered together on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Brethren Care Village in the Wellness Community Center for a delicious brunch buffet catered by Buehler's, fellowship, a time of thanks, and a time of worship. Our volunteers were honored with words of love and appreciation and were presented with special gifts. Local area businesses also showed their gratitude by donating gift certificates and items to our volunteers who have reached a variety of milestones throughout the year. A special thank you to Buehler's, Crazy Monkey Baking, Lyn-Way, and Dorlo's Pizza for your generosity.

Thank you for joining us and celebrating the hope of being *Wrapped in His Majesty!*

Join Our Team!

NEW VOLUNTEER INTEREST MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 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, May 21 & Saturday, May 22, 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

CELEBRATING SPECIAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Years of Service Awards

5 YEARS
Adrea Tennant



5 YEARS
Sue Black



Top Hours of Service Donated (as of 10/31/2020)

100+ Hours

Julia Lambert - 101.00
Belinda Foster - 101.25
Maryanne Wise - 105.75

150+ hours

Adrea Tennant - 162.25
Sharon Carr - 172.50

200+ Hours

Judy Weaver - 274.25



Congratulations to Adrea Tennant for being selected as the 2020 LIFESAVER Volunteer of the Year!

Adrea has served 5 Years on the Center's Board of Directors and currently serves as our Board President. Her picture and plaque are on display at the Center. This award recognizes an outstanding volunteer who exemplifies faithful service, commitment to the Lord, and embodies the spirit of APCC while displaying an attitude of excellence through compassion, hope, and help.



COMPASSION, HOPE, & HELP TRAINING EQUIPS TO SERVE



Congratulations to our most recent graduates of Compassion, Hope, & Help, which took place on October 23-24, 2020 at Compassion Church. Pictured (left to right) Lisa Galliher, Brandi Coffy, Clarice Kick, Alma Smith, Mackenzie Miller, Cyndi Powell, and Melissa McKenzie.

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