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Summer 2022

Celebrating "Life is Sweet" with Dr. Alveda King

BANQUET RAISES RECORD FUNDRAISING TOTAL OF \$210,682



Mayor Matt Miller, Executive Director Melanie Miller, and Dr. King during "An Evening with Dr. Alveda King."

pro-life endeavors, the Critical Race Theory, and Christianity. A key highlight from the discussion was her perspective on power. While referencing her uncle the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, she said, "No black power, no white power, only God power and human power working together." She also shared her experience with the civil rights movement and her opposition to Critical Race Theory. She claimed, "During the civil rights movement, many of the leaders were pastors, and they marched for what was called civil rights. Race at that time was based on skin color, but you know there's only one human race— Acts 17:26 of one blood."

Throughout the evening, she continued to highlight the importance of all human life, irrespective of skin color or age. Dr. King also spoke on post abortive mothers and the need to "educate and say there's two patients- a mama and a baby. They're both people." After the discussion, Dr. King led the audience in her rendition of "This Little Light of Mine" and asked the audience to join hands and sing together.

In addition to the fabulous time with Dr. King, Executive Director Melanie Miller announced the intentions to expand APCC's client services to include STD/STI testing in spring of 2023 and to launch Abortion Pill Reversal as soon as possible.

On Thursday, April 20, 2022, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center (APCC) held the 16th Annual Fundraising Banquet featuring Dr. Alveda King as the special guest speaker. Those in attendance numbered over 660 people who celebrated protecting life "from the womb to the tomb." Being a fundraising banquet, the event resulted in over \$210,682 in one-time gifts and pledges supporting the life affirming-work of APCC.

The evening included a powerful discussion with Dr. King, client testimonies, and exciting announcements about APCC. It was an utter joy to host Dr. King and to hear her thoughts on current day issues including



Dr. Alveda King leads the audience in song as they join hands to sing.

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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Along with the expanded client services, Melanie also announced the purchase of the new ultrasound machine, a \$40,000 investment. Seeing the ultrasound images is often the turning point for clients to choose life. From the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday and special church offerings, donors committed \$24,663 in gifts and pledges towards the ultrasound machine, Samaritan Hospital Foundation matched the SOHL offering with a \$20,000

gift, raising the total to \$44,663! It is now installed and working beautifully at APCC to serve clients and show them the SWEET life of their little ones. Thank you for valuing each and every life.



Samaritan Hospital Foundation

A Special Thank You to our Banquet Sponsors (see next page). Or visit WWW.ASHLANDCARECENTER.ORG/BANQUET

*SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR – THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

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A Message from the Executive Director



Melanie Miller,
Executive Director

Dear Friends,
 What does it look like to trust God in the midst of change? June 24, 2022 is an Ebenezer moment. In the Old Testament we see Samuel describe this clearly as he takes time to remind the people of God's faithfulness.

1 Samuel 7:12... *Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer for he said, "Till now the Lord has helped us."*

Samuel didn't do this so the people would remember God's intervening for a few hours or a couple of days. No, this Ebenezer was to be a reminder for generations to come that God hears and answers prayers.

This is how I feel about the June 24, 2022 Supreme Court decision. This is our moment to raise an Ebenezer for generations to know that God heard and answered our prayers. Roe's overturning is a beautiful reminder of the importance of consistent and faithful prayers. I know that so many of you have done that for us. You have prayed at your home, in your small group, in our counseling rooms, in our parking lot. Your prayers were heard and answered, and the love and support has been overwhelming.

There will be time for discussion and strategy for post-Roe era but today we celebrate! **Will you celebrate with us? You can do that with us as we raise our Ebenezer. Your gift today will let generations know that they are loved and cared for.**

We have longed for this decision, and we are grateful to God for our part in it. I pray we never forget the work that has led to this day. Help us by making sure this moment is celebrated for generations to come. Thank you for making APCC a reality for 41 years.

Best of the Best Finalist

We are a FINALIST for the BEST NON-PROFIT! Help us defend our 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021 title. VOTE NOW at [TIMES-GAZETTE.COM](https://www.times-gazette.com)
Thank you for continuous support!



WHAT NOW?

Our work is **not** done!

Ohio's Law: The Heartbeat law went into effect on 6/22, which says once a heartbeat is detected the baby is protected (as early as 6 weeks). In May, I had the privilege to give testimony in favor of The Human Life Protection Act (which would prohibit abortion in our state). Each state now has the power to decide—so join me in continued prayer for Ohio.

Protection of Pregnancy Centers: Many pregnancy centers are experiencing protestors and facilities are being vandalized and destroyed across the country. Help us by securing our center with a security system, window protection, and other safety measures to ensure our team and clients are safe and protected.

Reaching Her: Help us update our website and online presence to reach the woman seeking a chemical (medication) abortion. The window to reach her is getting shorter.

Get Involved: Join us for the *Ohio March for Life at the Ohio Statehouse on October 5, 2022*. We will be organizing a group from the Ashland area. Contact the office for more details and to sign up to attend.



Vote: Vote for candidates that will protect & defend the sanctity of life, marriage, family, and freedom. Make sure to cast your vote in the Ohio Primary Election on August 2nd.

Melanie Miller, Executive Director

APCC RECEIVES GRANTS

This past winter, we were awarded two grants. The Onyx Grant for \$2,500 through our affiliate, Heartbeat International, for general needs. The second was the Focus on the Family Grant for \$2,000 to assist with staff training as we launch Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) services.

Thanks Heartbeat International & Focus on the Family!



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

"Circumstances should never justify taking a life." - Steventhen

STEVENTEN HOLLAND—HIS LIFE IS THE "EXCEPTION TO ABORTION"



Speaker Steventhen Holland speaks to the crowd of over 300 in attendance.

On Sunday, January 16, 2022, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center presented the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Community Service hosted by Bethel Baptist 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 Steventhen Holland.

Steventhen shared his journey of brokenness to wholeness. His life is the result of the gang-rape of an eighteen-year-old mentally challenged young woman. Incredibly, despite his mother's lack of intellectual ability, homelessness, and a society that was constantly pressuring her to abort him, he survived.

However, his mother couldn't care for him and placed him in foster care, where he was later adopted. He wouldn't be reunited with his birth mother for over twenty-seven years and shared the video of that emotional moment with everyone that evening during the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday service.

Despite the brokenness he has experienced, he shared the message of HOPE and RESTORATION for the BROKEN built on the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We were grateful to host him and enjoyed a wonderful celebration of LIFE being SWEET as we worshiped the Lord together.



***Save the date** for Sunday, January 22, 2023 as we celebrate the gift of life on the 50th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade (to the date) and the first year of a Post-Roe America!

Blessing Bag Outreach



APCC staff and volunteers passed out Blessing Bags filled with diapers, wipes, blankets, and special items on Friday, May 6 for Mother's Day. Even in the rain, we enjoyed serving families who appreciated the extra

blessing! We distributed 45 bags to families in need in our community. We also provided formula, Bibles, and a prayer tent as we partnered with the Gideons International – Ashland Camp Women's Auxiliary. One highlight from this event was the one mom who could not find the formula she needed until she came to the event, and we had the exact kind she needed. God cares about every detail!

We were so happy to love and encourage moms and remind them that they are valued.



Commemorative Gifts: Honoring the Lives of Loved Ones & Leaving a Legacy for Life

IN HONOR OF:

Cookie Brindle

Given by:

Mark & Roxanne Icenhour

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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 419.281.1111.

2022 Honor Thy Mother & Father

GIFTS GIVEN

In Memory of...

Given By

In Memory Of

Doug & Becky Abel

Robert & Lora Abel and
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In Memory Of

Dr. JoAnn Ford Watson

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- Exodus 20:12

2022 Honor Thy Mother & Father

GIFTS GIVEN *In Honor of...*

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In Honor Of

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June Wiseley

Anonymous Gifts

All Mothers & Fathers

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Our Family

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All Mothers & Fathers

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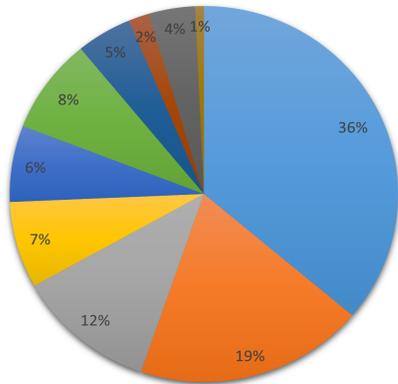
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2021 Wrap Up

2021 Statistics

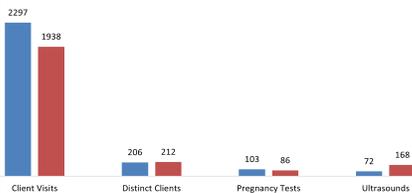
Income Source



- Annual Banquet
- Year-End Giving
- Individuals
- Baby Bottles
- Grants
- Mothers/Fathers Day
- Walk for Life
- Other Fundraisers
- Church Support
- Investment Income

Clients

■ 2020 ■ 2021



Community Gives Back for Life

This past year many businesses, schools, organizations, small groups & churches blessed APCC with material & financial needs. These were all done through fundraisers, material drives, and even a baby shower!

Thank you to everyone who has supported us to help sustain our ministry! We couldn't do this without YOU!



Ashland Christian School's Kindergarten & Third Grade classes collected diapers & wipes for APCC. The children paid a visit to the Center and learned about fetal development and the miracle of life.



René Spellman, Park Lane Jewelry presented Melanie Miller a check after the Jewelry for Life Fundraiser (left).

Nancy Pauly of Eva's Treats & patrons collected and donated material items at Christmas (right).



TruthSeekers, from Grace Church, hosted a baby shower for the Center. The APCC staff was so blessed by the fun and generosity (left).

Faith Fund board members, Zane Gross and Pastor John Bouquet presented Executive Director Melanie Miller a check to benefit APCC. (right).

Do you have a group that would like to host a baby shower for APCC? Contact Melanie Miller at 419.281.1111 to learn more.

2021 "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Results

We wish to express our sincerest gratitude to ALL of our "Change for Life" 2021 Baby Bottle Campaign partners! A special thank you to last year's participating churches & businesses (listed to the right). With the support of 10 churches, 2 local businesses, and various anonymous donors, we raised **\$21,710.88** for our 2021 Baby Bottle Campaign. Praise God!

Get Started Now!

Contact Amanda at 419.281.1111 to reserve your 2022 bottles for your church, group, or business. *Learn about our virtual option.*



Participating Churches & Businesses

- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Mohican Church of the Brethren
- Ashland Dickey Church of the Brethren
- Park Street Church
- First Christian Church
- Red Haw UMC
- 1st Cong. Church of Sullivan
- Emmanuel UMC
- St. Edward Catholic Church
- Blue Bell Farm
- Fitch Pharm Farm
- Albion Church of the Brethren

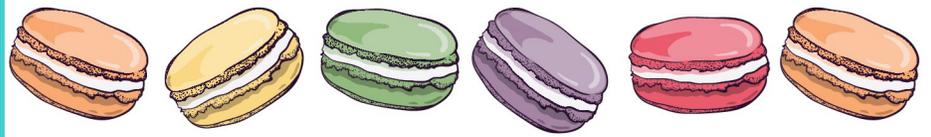
DAY OF CHRISTMAS BLESSING



Wednesday, December 8, 2021 was a special day for our client families. For a second year we hosted "A Day of Christmas Blessing." Dressed festive, our staff and volunteers greeted clients and helped them shop for items for their families. Our client families rotated between three different stations. Children had the opportunity to hear the Christmas story and make a craft while their parents shopped. At the first stop, families enjoyed a shopping experience at The Boutique with special sales and free gifts. Then, they headed to our "Blessing Room" where each family could build their own stocking, select unlimited amounts of baby food, formula, and other items, then shop for clothing & other special items for all members of the family. The last stop was a prayer station. Each client was given the opportunity to receive a new Bible. The goal was to extend the love of Christ and let our clients know life can be sweet. We served a total of 17 client families with the help of 14 volunteers (including 3 Gideons), and Center staff.



and Highlights



Annual Appreciation Brunch Honors Volunteer Service



Harvest Moon Venue was the perfect setting for the Annual Volunteer Brunch where 51 individuals enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Bella's 220, fellowship, a time of thanks, and worship on Saturday, November 13, 2021. Our volunteers were honored with words of love and appreciation and were presented with special gifts. 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 *Crazy Monkey Baking, Ohio Fire Pizza, Lyn-Way, and Uniontown Brewery* for your generosity. Thank you for joining us to Celebrate Miracles.

2,933 total hours served in 2021 – Thank You To Our Faithful Volunteers!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR MILESTONE SERVICE

Top Hours of Service Donated (as of 10/31/2021)



100+ Hours
Cindy McNaull - 101.75
Melissa McKenzie - 102.00
Julia Lambert - 141.50
Maryanne Wise - 141.50

150+ hours
Sharon Carr - 187.25

200+ Hours
Adrea Tennant - 288.75
Judy Weaver - 292.50



Volunteer of the Year Award

Congratulations to Lorin Weaver for being selected as the **2021 LIFESAVER Volunteer of the Year!**

Lorin has served five years on the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center Board of Directors and currently serves as our President. His photo 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.



Celebrating 5 Years of Service



Eric Abel

Fred & Rita Chenevey

Katie Kline

Lorin & Judy Weaver

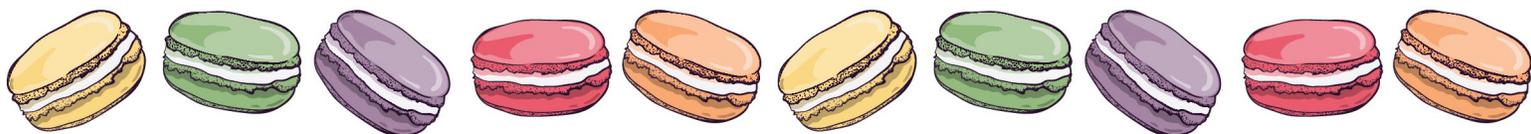
Thank You Melanie for 5 Years Leading with Excellence

This past November, at our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, our staff and board had the pleasure of honoring Executive Director, Melanie Miller, for completing 5 years of leading this life-saving ministry.

Melanie has led Ashland Pregnancy Care Center with excellence through her positivity, passion for the sanctity of life, and her love for the Lord.

Thank you for all you do, Melanie!





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
Lower Level
322 Cleveland Ave.
Ashland, OH 44805

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

Special Closings:

In Observance of Independence Day: Monday, July 4, 2022
In Observance of Labor Day: Monday, September 5, 2022

Upcoming Event

GET READY TO JOIN US

Walk for Life & 5K Fun Run

Saturday, October 1, 2022
Downtown Ashland Corner Park
More details to come!

APCC Expanding Services

COMMITTED TO OFFERING EXCELLENT CARE TO FAMILIES

Labor & Delivery Classes



NEW this past February



Written by: Tina Myers, BSN, RN, CNECl

According to recent studies, childbirth education affects maternal and newborn health. As an experienced maternity nurse and nursing educator, I am

excited to teach the labor and delivery classes at the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. Equipping women and men for one of the most memorable events in their lives is a rewarding experience.

Evidence-based research indicates childbirth education reduces maternal anxiety, decreases preventable maternal and infant death, improves birth satisfaction, and empowers women and men to engage in their own healthcare choices. We are excited to add a 1 hour, 3-week labor and delivery class to the education offered through the pregnancy

center. The first class focuses on the basic anatomy and physiology of labor, early signs of labor, false versus true labor, and the stages of labor. The second class presents options for pain management during childbirth, including pharmacological and non-pharmacological. During this interactive class, mothers will practice breathing techniques and positioning on birthing balls. The third class includes information and expectations during the postpartum period. There are opportunities for clients to interact, discuss concerns, and ask questions during every class.

IMPACT: While in the Labor and Delivery Class, one of our clients remarked, "Why aren't there more people here? This is great! More people need to be here."

Labor & Delivery & Breastfeeding Class "Sponsor-A-Mom"

Gift of \$250: Covers a client to be able to take BOTH our Labor & Delivery Class and Breastfeeding Class.

Life is Sweet!

MOTHER WELCOMES DAUGHTER

In 2021, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center celebrated the **birthdays of 80 precious babies!**



Client Dasha celebrated the birth of her baby girl, Nashay, born on December 29, 2021, who weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. Baby is pictured at only 6 days old.

Dasha has embraced and utilized APCC's services through her pregnancy. She continues to complete education in our Learn & Earn program: working with our volunteer lactation consultant about breastfeeding, meeting with mother mentor, Melissa McKenzie, and is a graduate of Embrace Grace, a partnership with New Life Community Church. We have loved seeing Dasha grow as a mom!

LIFE IS SWEET

WALK FOR LIFE AND 5K FUN RUN 2022



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022



Visit WWW.ASHLANDCARECENTER.ORG/WALK to register and for more details.