

## God Is Writing A New Chapter ... BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are overjoyed to share a BIG ANNOUNCEMENT. . .WE'RE MOVING!!!  
(Scan the code to the right and watch the BIG ANNOUNCEMENT from the banquet!)

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center will be moving to a new building located at 2111 Claremont Avenue, directly across from the fairgrounds. This new space is not just a relocation, it's the fulfillment of more than a decade of prayer! Our client services, medical clinic, parenting classes, and boutique will all be united under one roof. This will allow us to serve our community with greater excellence, expand our offerings, and create a welcoming, hope-filled environment for every woman, man, and family who walks through our doors.

This building was donated by our friends from the Samaritan Hospital Foundation, and we are now prayerfully preparing to raise the funds needed for remodeling and renovations. We invite you to stay engaged with the Capital Campaign Project (*continue to page 4 for details.*)

As a special milestone approaches, we'd also love for you to join us for a joyful dedication ceremony. Join us for a time of sweet treats, a light lunch, and a meaningful moment of thanksgiving. Come celebrate with us as we honor God's faithfulness and look ahead to what's next.



Scan & Watch  
the BIG  
ANNOUNCEMENT!

# Sweet BEE-ginnings

You're invited to join Ashland Pregnancy Care Center for our new building dedication ceremony and quilt raffle!

2111 Claremont Ave.  
Ashland, OH 44805



Friday, July 11, 2025  
11:30am-1:00pm  
(Ceremony begins at 12:00pm)

Purchase raffle tickets to win a beautiful handmade honey bee quilt.  
Limited quantity of tickets available at \$30 each!

All proceeds benefit the renovations of our new home!

To purchase raffle tickets, contact us at 419.281.1111  
or email Esther Abel at [esther@ashlandcarecenter.org](mailto:esther@ashlandcarecenter.org)

Tickets are **NOT** required to attend.  
We want everyone to come celebrate with us!



## 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

**Melanie Miller**  
Executive Director

**Lynne Lawson**  
Executive Assistant

**Jackie Beaty**  
Client Care Coordinator

**Esther Abel**  
Communications & Outreach  
Coordinator

**Pat Rogers**  
Boutique Coordinator

**Medical Staff**  
**Debbie Cowden, MD**  
Medical Director

**Chris Coffy, RN**  
Nurse/Clinic Manager

**Board of Directors**  
Eric Abel- President  
Barbie Lange- Vice President  
Wes Lambert- Treasurer  
Lorin Weaver- Board Member  
Melanie Miller - Ex-Officio

## Meet Our New Staff



### We welcome Esther Abel!

Esther joined our team this past April as the *Communications & Outreach Coordinator*. An Ashland native and devoted follower of Jesus, she enjoys traveling—especially going on mission trips and visiting Washington, D.C. It was there, while leading the Ohio Honor Bus tour, that she met her fiancé, Randy. The two will be tying the knot this August!



## A Message from the Executive Director

*"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us..." - Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)*

Dear Friends,

My heart is full of gratitude—for you, for this incredible community, and most of all, for the faithful hand of God over this ministry. Together, we've experienced some unforgettable moments: a banquet filled with powerful stories and renewed purpose, a Sanctity of Human Life Service that stirred our spirits, and now, a brand-new chapter for Ashland Pregnancy Care Center—our new building!

This building on Claremont Avenue is more than just a structure. It represents answered prayers—prayers that have been lifted for over a decade. What once felt like a dream is becoming reality. This new space will allow us to expand our reach, unify our services, and serve even more families with compassion and care—all under one roof. Each of these moments is more than an event or announcement. They are tangible answers to prayer! For over 44 years, this center has been a beacon of hope and truth in Ashland County, and none of it would be possible without your faithful support. Your prayers, generosity, and time truly matter—and they are changing lives every day.

As we step into this next season, we do so with bold vision and great anticipation. There is still work to be done, and we need your help to transform this new space into a place of warmth, love, and life.

In every story we hear—whether it's a mother choosing life against all odds or a church family wrapping their arms around someone in need—we are reminded: this is God's work. And what an honor it is to do it alongside you.

We would be honored to have you join us for a *Dedication Ceremony* as we praise the Lord for His incredible gift and provision. Come celebrate what God has done and join us in prayer as we dedicate the building and begin this exciting new chapter together.

**Friday, July 11th | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Program begins at 12:00 p.m.**

With deep gratitude & great expectation,

**Melanie Miller**  
Executive Director

## "Life Award" Presented to Melanie Miller

We are thrilled to share that our Executive Director, Melanie Miller was recently honored with the **Ohio Christian Alliance "Life Award."** This award is given out to individuals who are diligent and active in fighting for life. She received this recognition not only for her 10 years of faithful leadership at APCC but also for her advocacy at the Ohio Statehouse, where she serves as a State Representative championing life-affirming legislation. Her passion, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to protecting the most vulnerable continue to inspire all of us!



**Pictured Above:**  
(Left to Right)  
Chris Long,  
Ohio Christian Alliance,  
Melanie Miller,  
and Dave Yost,  
Ohio Attorney General, who was honored with the "Freedom Award."

# Celebrating "A Story of Life" with Dr. Lile

## ANNUAL BANQUET RAISES \$216,954.53!



Guest speaker Dr. William Lile

What a night to remember! Our 19th Annual Fundraising Banquet was filled with joy, passion, and an overwhelming sense of purpose as nearly 700 friends of the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center gathered at Ashland University's Convocation Center. This year's theme is "A Story of LIFE" based on Psalm 139:16. At the banquet, we celebrated God's work through

this ministry and shared in the beauty of stories that reflect His hand at work in the lives of the unborn, our clients, and their families.

We were honored to welcome Dr. William Lile, "The ProLife Doc," as our keynote speaker. His presentation left the room breathless with wonder as he shared miraculous stories of life-saving procedures being done on babies still in the womb. His message was clear: if we can treat them as patients, we must also see them as people, created by God, deserving of protection. "If they're a patient, they're a person and a patient is a person no matter how small!" His words stirred hearts and strengthened our collective resolve to stand for life, not just in medicine, but in our churches and communities as well. Dr. Lile's stories invoked hope; like Samuel, whose tiny hand reached out of the womb during surgery, and Baby Denver, who underwent brain surgery before birth. They were powerful reminders of just how precious and resilient life is. He also reminded us that this is more than a medical issue but it's a spiritual battle. And we, the body of Christ, are called to be on the front lines with grace, truth, and love.



Medical Director, Dr. Deborah Cowden introduces guest speaker.

Our fundraising total was **\$216,954.53!** Thank you so much for your generosity! And here's something we're thrilled to share... we made an exciting announcement at the banquet. We're moving! Check out all the details on the front page of the newsletter.



Thank you for being part of this movement! With God's guidance, we're changing hearts, saving lives, and sharing the hope of the gospel, one story of LIFE at a time.



Watch Stories of Life featuring the Team and Clients of APCC Here!



Guests having fun at the photo booth.

Watch the Banquet Recap Video Here!



SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR - THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

# 2025 THANK YOU Banquet Sponsors

## Premier Level (\$10,000+)



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## Ruby Level (\$3,000-\$5,999)



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## Emerald Level (\$500-\$1,499)

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Lorin & Judy Weaver  
In Memory of Paul Weber

## Pearls of APCC (\$250-\$499)

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Lori Lehman

## Honorable Mention

Eric & Christy Abel  
Anonymous Gift  
Barbie Lange, REALTOR, NextHome Next Stepp

# Join us in Building Hope and Sweet Beginnings!

Your generosity is helping us write a new chapter at Ashland Pregnancy Care Center! Thanks to your incredible support, our New Building Fund is gaining momentum, and construction is already underway. Our goal is to **raise \$1.5 million to complete this project debt-free** and we're trusting God to provide through friends like you. There are several meaningful ways you can be part of this mission.



Front entrance rendering of the new building.

- **Give Financially:** Every dollar moves us closer to opening our new doors. You can give securely online at [www.ashlandcarecenter.org/give](http://www.ashlandcarecenter.org/give) or stop by to donate in person.
- **Shop Our Registry:** We're creating a Building Baby Registry filled with items for our intake rooms, family rooms, medical spaces, and staff offices. Stay tuned for details on how you can stock and style our new home!
- **Volunteer or Share Your Gifts:** Share your time and talents to support the campaign and our ongoing services.

- **Pray With Us:** Please pray for wisdom, provision, and God's blessing over this building project and the lives we're privileged to serve.

If you're interested in giving an in-kind donation or lead gift, please contact Melanie directly at 419.281.1111 or email at [melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org](mailto:melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org)

With EVERY gift—whether financial, practical, or prayer—you're helping lay the foundation for new life and sweet beginnings.



Give here!

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

### IN HONOR OF:

*Wes & Julia Lambert*

Given by:

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Wes & Julia Lambert

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Gregg & Cindy Funk

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Given by:

April Drushell  
Barb Kauffman  
Paul and Carol Kauffman

*Mary Lou Dibler*

Given by:

Carl Meyer

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

# Sanctity of Human Life Sunday



On January 26, we gathered with local churches and community members at Calvary Baptist Church for our annual Sanctity of Human Life Service to mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The evening centered around the value of every life, born and unborn and the stories

that they tell. We were blessed to hear two deeply personal testimonies that reminded us of God's grace even in the hardest moments.

Rhi Appleby (right) shared the story of her daughter, Emerson, who was born with a rare condition. Despite the diagnosis, Rhi and her husband chose life, cherishing every moment until Emerson's passing this past November.



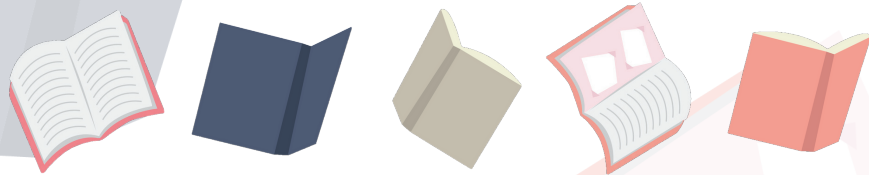
Dennis Miller (left) shared how his daughter faced an unexpected teen pregnancy and how their church rallied around them. Today, he celebrates the gift of his granddaughter and the redemptive beauty of choosing life.



Several local pastors led us in prayer asking God to bring revival to our nation, to stir hearts to value life, and to awaken

the Church to action. It was a special time of unity, truth, and encouragement for all who attended.

We are so grateful to share that through the generosity of those in attendance, **\$6,314** was raised to support the ongoing work of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center!



# Blessing Bag Outreach



Each May, on Mother's Day weekend, APCC partners with the Gideons International-Ashland Camp Women's Auxiliary to host a heartfelt event that reminds local moms they are not alone. The Blessing Bag Outreach, now in its sixth year, began during the pandemic and has grown into a beautiful tradition of compassion and community.



On Friday, May 9, we welcomed expectant moms and mothers with young children to a drive-thru event at First United Methodist Church.

Each family received a Blessing Bag filled with diapers, wipes, and personal care items. Moms also received baby food, formula, handmade prayer blankets, and thoughtful gifts from local businesses and organizations. The Gideon's International-Ashland Camp Women's Auxiliary lovingly shared Bibles and prayed over each mother, while The River Radio filled the space with uplifting music.



This event is about more than just meeting physical needs, it's about reminding moms of their incredible worth and surrounding them with encouragement and hope. Moms were presented with flowers to show them they are valued, worthy, and loved. We distributed 59 diaper bags, 41 blessing bags, 24 Bibles, and 41 flowers. Thank you to our volunteers, and local supporters who help make this outreach possible.

## 2024 "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Results

We are so thankful for each one of our 2024 "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign partners! Your generosity makes a difference. With the support of 20 churches, 1 local businesses, 2 schools, 2 individuals and many anonymous donors, together we raised **\$33,189.84!** What a beautiful picture of our community coming together to stand for life!

### Top 10 Participating Churches

1. Trinity Luthern Church
2. St. Edward Church, Catholic Daughters
3. Ashland Dickey Church of the Brethren
4. Perrysville Baptist Church
5. First Christian Church
6. Homerville Grace Brethren Church
7. Southview Grace Brethren Church
8. Mohicanville Community Church
9. First Baptist Church- Loudonville
10. First Congregational Church of Sullivan



### Get Started Now!

Contact Lynne Lawson at 419.281.1111 to reserve your 2025 bottles for your church, group, or business.



# Walk for Life & 5K Fun Run Raises Record Giving in 2024 . . . \$50,005!



## The Top 5 Teams were:

1. Genesis Christian Academy- \$2,720
2. Ashland First Baptist Church- \$815
3. First Congregational Church of Sullivan- \$700
4. Homerville Grace Church- \$700
5. Catholic Daughters- \$550

## The Top 5 Fundraisers were:

1. Melanie Miller- \$11,000
2. Ann Kline- \$7,260
3. Lynn Keefer- \$1,240
4. Mark Icenhour- \$1,200
5. Kathleen Harris- \$1,040



Last year's Walk for Life was a beautiful day filled with community, purpose, and celebration of life. Families, churches, and individuals came together to walk in support of women, men, and babies in our community. We were blown away by the generosity of our supporters and are thrilled to share that we raised **\$50,005** to support the work of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. The day was a powerful reminder that life is worth walking for. Thank you to everyone who walked, gave, and prayed. You made a difference!



Check out the Walk Recap here filmed by Luke Wash from Fly Free Aerial! Thank you Luke for capturing the memories!



## Community Gives Back for Life!

We continue to be blessed by the generosity of our community. These generous contributions help stock our Boutique, support our Learn & Earn program, and ensure that families have access to the essentials. Thank you to the churches, individuals, businesses, sewing groups, and anonymous givers who faithfully bless us throughout the year. You are part of every story of hope that begins within our walls.



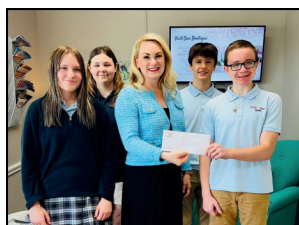
Mohicanville Church (left) donated Blessings in a Basket. Calvary Baptist Church (right) collected and donated material items.



René Spellman, Park Lane Jewelry presented Melanie Miller with a check after the Jewelry for Life fundraiser.



Ashland University Students for Life donated material items and mom gift baskets.



St. Edward School 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students organized a fundraiser for lent! (left) Chuck and Jessica Sprague (right) donated material goods and raised funds for APCC!



## Thank you 2024 Corporate Sponsors!

### VISIONARY (\$5,000+)



### PREMIER (\$4,999 - \$1,500)



### PRESENTING (\$1,499 - \$500)



### CORPORATE (\$499 - \$250)



### HONORABLE MENTION



# Annual Appreciation Brunch Honors Volunteer Service

Our volunteers are the heart of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. In 2024, 80 dedicated individuals gave over 3,000 hours of their time to walk alongside women and families in our community! That is AMAZING! Whether greeting clients with a warm smile, sorting baby clothes in the Boutique, mentoring moms, or helping behind the scenes, our volunteers make the work possible. Because of your service, lives were touched, hope was restored, and families were strengthened. Thanks to Crazy Monkey Baking, Jersey Mike's Subs, Buffalo Wild Wings, Edamame, Fiesta Charra, A&W Root Beer, South Street Grille, Romeo's Pizza, Gionino's Pizza, and Marco's Pizza who gave to show gratitude to our volunteers.



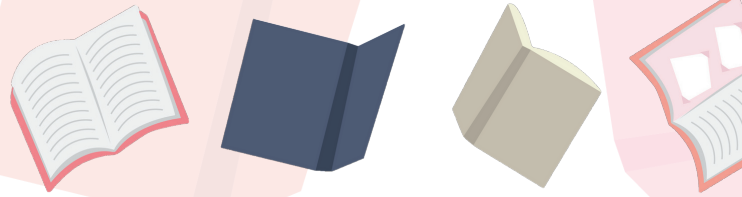
## Milestone Service

### 5 Years of Service

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Penny Farnam    | Barbie Lange      |
| Belinda Foster  | Cindy McNaul      |
| Nate Harin      | Cyndi Powell      |
| Clarice Kieffer | Stephanie Shaffer |
| Julia Lambert   | Cindy Williams    |
| Wes Lambert     | Mike Williams     |



**3,083 total hours served in 2024**  
 Thank You To Our Faithful Volunteers!



### 10 Years of Service

- Camden Snively  
 Lisa Snively  
 Mark Snively



## Top Hours of Service Donated

### 15 Years of Service

- Maryanne Wise

### 100-150 Hours    150-200 Hours    200+ Hours

- Amy Lehman  
 Lynn Baldwin  
 Kim Colby  
 Sherry Zarnstorff  
 Deb Grimes  
 Adrea Tennant  
 Sandy Robinson

- Lisa Snively                      Julia Lambert



## Join Our Volunteer Team!

Whether it's helping in the Boutique, offering a warm welcome at the front desk, mentoring moms or dads, assisting with medical care, or supporting our office staff, there's a place for you here at Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. We'll provide all the training and orientation you need, and volunteer times are flexible to fit your schedule. Every role helps us share hope and support to men, women, and families!

Ready to learn more? Call our office at 419.281.1111 or email Lynne Lawson at [lynne@ashlandcarecenter.org](mailto:lynne@ashlandcarecenter.org)

## LifeSaver Volunteer of the Year!

The LIFESAVER Volunteer of the Year Award is given to one volunteer for being an outstanding volunteer that exemplifies faithful service, commitment to the Lord, and embodies the spirit of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center while displaying an attitude of excellence through compassion, hope, and help. Congratulations to our recipients!

## CHAMBER AWARDS FINALIST

This year, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center was honored to be a finalist in the Health & Human Services category for the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce Awards. We're so grateful for the encouragement from our community and proud to stand alongside other organizations making a difference in Ashland. *Congratulations to the winners!*



2022-Julia Lambert

2023-Katie Kline

2024-Lisa Snively



# Save the Date

## WALK FOR LIFE & 5K FUN RUN Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025

Downtown Ashland Corner Park  
*More details to come!*



To read our full 2024 annual report, scan the QR code.

Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

*Psalm 139:16*

### Boutique & Center Needs

We are so grateful for the outpouring of love and donations from our community!  
Immediate needs include:



- Sleepers
- Size 5-7 Diapers
- Baby Equipment (strollers, high chairs, and bouncers)
- Size 3T, 4T, 5T baby clothes
- Baby Wipes
- Snacks & Coffee (KIND Bars, raisins, K-cups)

Drop items off during our open hours at Main office. Thank you for meeting real needs in our community!

### Special Closings

September 1: Labor Day  
November 27: Thanksgiving Day  
December 24-January 2:  
Christmas & New Years

## 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

Ashland Emmanuel Church  
Lower Level  
322 Cleveland Ave.  
Ashland, OH 44805  
Open Thursday  
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.