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Life Lines

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LifeWalk 2014

WHEN YOU WALK,
YOUR STEP WILL
NOT BE HAMPERED,
AND IF YOU
RUN, YOU WILL
NOT STUMBLE.
PROVERBS 4:12

Making a Difference

Register by: *September 9th online @*
AshlandCareCenter.org/donor or
pick up a registration form at
Ashland Care Center or your local church.

Where: *Corner Park at the Square, Ashland OH*

Check-in: *8:30am* **Group Life Walk:** *9:30am*

This year's goal - \$30,000!

YOU can make a difference!

Our Vision:

Ashland Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry seeking to create a network of resources and education that affirms the Bible and the sanctity of human life.

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*"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11*

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

How many steps would you take to save a life? My husband and I just received a notice from our health insurance provider letting us know that we could save 20% on our premiums. All we have to do is wear the pedometers they send us and walk 12,000 steps to earn 100 health miles...then rack up 20,000 health miles before December 31st. Save \$80.00 a month? WOOHOO...sign us up! The pedometers are on their way



Then reality began to creep in. Exactly how many miles are 12,000 steps? After a quick Google search, I found the average person takes 2,000 steps for every mile. Yikes! That's adds up to a total of 1,200 miles of walking between now and the end of the year! In case you don't know me, that's my picture next to the definition of "couch potato" in the dictionary! All that work to save 20% - nothing to sneeze at, to be sure, but it got me to thinking about the upcoming LifeWalk for Ashland Care Center.

Ashland Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry reaching out to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies and equipping them to make healthy choices consistent with God's gift of life.

LifeWalk 2014 is a mere 2 miles long. That's only 4,000 steps. If my family is contemplating taking a combined 2,400,000 steps to save \$80/month, **how many steps would we be willing to take to save a life?**

My question for you is simple - are you willing to take 4,000 steps to save a life? Answering yes to this requires three simple steps:

1. Register to participate in LifeWalk
2. Get pledges for your walk
3. Walk 4,000 steps on September 27, 2014

This year's goal is **\$30,000**. That's only 100 people each raising \$300 or 200 people each getting pledges of \$150! Won't you join me and say.....

"Yes, I will walk 4,000 steps to save a life!"

Ducia Hamm, Executive Director

ANOTHER ASHLAND CARE CENTER PROGRAM GRADUATE

When an Ashland Care Center baby reaches the one-year mark, mother and baby are considered to have completed the Ashland Care Center program. We're sad that they no longer "qualify" to use the Boutique or to take advantage of our various offerings and we miss seeing

them in our office. However, sometimes a mother chooses to keep in touch, chooses to pop in to see us and keep us updated on her life.

One of these mothers is Breannon. With her year-old baby, Erika, Breannon has her life on track, working full-time, studying in a nursing program, and on her way to having her own apartment. Says Client Services Assistant, Jackie Beaty, "Breannon is a great example of a client who has put what she learned into practice. We love having her and Erika come by for a visit."





CHILDREN ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

The accompanying verse from Deuteronomy came to mind recently, prompted by the generosity of children. Yes, children.

This summer the Vermillion Baptist Church and Ashland Christian Church Bible School programs chose Ashland Care Center to receive their Bible School offerings. We're sure they could have chosen from dozens of worthy ministries but they chose a local ministry, Ashland Care Center. What a blessing these children are to us!

And then there is the gift and wonderful note that came to us from a six-year old:

"Thank you for all you do. Love, Audrey."

Mom's accompanying note read:

Dear Ashland Care Center,

Recently the Lord has challenged our family to have less so that others can have more. He has made us aware of all the excess we have so we've donated many things and sold some things as well. We took several baskets of the kids' clothes to the resale shop and they were able to choose a ministry to donate their money from the sale of their clothes. Our six-year old Audrey chose Ashland Care Center. We greatly appreciate all you do for life."

The mother who wrote this note wished to remain anonymous and we honor that. We just say thank you to parents, grandparents, pastors, and churches who are instilling this respect for life in their little ones. Bless you!

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

Deut. 6:6-7 (NKJV)

MESSAGES FROM OUR DONORS

Often we receive messages from our donors and we cherish those special outpourings of love and dedication to our mission here at Ashland Care Center. We'll share two recent notes with you.

- "Enclosed is a check from my husband's estate. I was unable to attend the banquet this spring. This is a cause that my husband and I were both interested in. May God bless your work."*
- "God blessed us abundantly with a bonus my husband received recently. We are keenly aware that there is nothing in this life that we are worthy of and also that you can't out give God. We try to remain humble and grateful in all that we have been provided with beyond His financial provisions because as Luke 12:48 says, 'Much will be required of everyone who has been given much. And even more will be expected of the one who has been entrusted with more.'"*

Thank you for the commitment so many have made to supporting life and "making a difference" in the lives of Ashland County's men, women, and children.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering at the Ashland Care Center has evolved into a family affair for **Mark, Lisa, and Camden Snively**. As a young adult Lisa was involved in pro-life in Iowa and that commitment carried over to Ashland for the stay-at-home mom. "I asked Ducia (Hamm) what we could do to help and Camden and I started last fall with raking leaves. Then in the spring,



she mentioned that help was needed to mow the lawn. I couldn't lift the mower into the van so I recruited my husband to help," said Lisa. "Now we

all usually go to work. Mark (a nurse at Samaritan Hospital) does the mowing and Camden and I pull weeds. (Volunteering) really has been a blessing to our family."

You, too, can make a difference by volunteering your time, individually, as a family, or as a group. Call the Care Center to find out what opportunities may be available. And a huge thanks to all our helpers.



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MEET US AT THE FAIR

*Ashland Care Center again will
have an informational booth*

*in the Green
Merchants' Building*

at the

Ashland County Fair,

Sept. 14th - 20th.

Stop by and visit us.



Ashland County Community Foundation Grant

We were fortunate to receive a grant
from the ACCF this
summer.

So what are we doing with that money?

A special project is in the works! We'll
reveal its completion in our next newsletter.

Stay tuned!



Thank You to the Karen Carroll family for delivering a huge load of brand new baby items for *The Boutique* along with over \$500 from **The Catholic Daughters of St. Edwards, Ashland, OH.** A huge thank you to all who participated!!



Thank You Sue Timmons! Sue creates the newsletter, takes pictures, interviews, and writes many of the articles. Thanks Sue for helping make the newsletter spectacular!!



Thank You goes to the group from **Bethel Ashland, Center St., Ashland, OH** that came and did the much needed "spring spruce up" inside and outside for the Sloan Ave. Location. WOW—Thanks for making ACC sparkle!!

