

Life Lines

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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

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Doors open at 6:00 pm ~ Dinner & Program 6:30 pm

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

When asked to describe 2012, my first thought is "Where do I start?!" January started the year with a God-sized burden - our dear Office Manager, Karen Gerwig was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. Through her treatments, prayers, and tears it became evident that Karen would need a leave of absence. We cannot thank Kristen Tobias and now Dona Martin enough for being willing to fill in the gap. (At this writing, Karen has completed all her treatments. She remains on medical leave.

Please keep her in your prayers!)



With client visits soaring (up by 76%), we hired Jackie Beaty on a part-time basis to assist Dana Futrell in our Client Services department. Jackie has been a wonderful blessing to our clients and staff alike and we soon realized that Jackie needed to join ACC as full-time staff. We also welcomed Pat Rogers as our new Boutique Manager.

There are some new faces on the Board as well. ACC is pleased to welcome new Board Members Judy Klobutcher and Keith Tyson. We also said goodbye to long-standing members, Mike Hlavaty, Gini Brownson & Ann Mohr. Thank you for your years of leadership and service!

The most exciting thing in 2012 was the incredible increase in the number of client visits to ACC. I stand in awe - thinking of the trust that the Lord has place in us to send his precious Lambs for us to minister to. We count that as our highest privilege. Pray with us that we continue to stay true to our mission and be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who walk through our doors - that we are able to "Celebrate Life" with the moms and dads who come to ACC for help, education, and encouragement.

I am also in awe at the faith and trust that our financial supporters showered upon us. We experienced record giving across the board and we could not be more grateful! I know without a shadow of a doubt that the Lord has something BIG planned for ACC in 2013. Together - with HIM - we can make it happen.

Together for Life,

Ducia Hamm, Executive Director

CLIENT SERVICES

Thursday mornings have become Bible study days at ACC. We are so thankful to be completing our fourth ladies Bible study. Our latest study has been a video series "Love & Respect" by Dr. Emerson Eggerich.



Beginning in March, we are very excited to be offering a couples Bible study led by Bob & Jackie Beaty, using this same series. Love & Respect is designed to help men and women "...learn how to resolve conflict, dealing with the negative reactions (the crazy cycle). They will also learn how to motivate each other by meeting each other's needs (the energizing cycle)... From our research those...watching the Love and Respect DVD in small groups, are experiencing understanding, forgiveness, reconciliation, change, and hope." Emerson Eggerich

Pray for Bob & Jackie as they lead the study, for those that will be attending, and for all the staff and volunteers at ACC as we continue to reach out to the men who have been coming with the



ladies and showing them the value of being an effective father and partner. Pictured: (l) Jackie Beaty and two of ACC's clients enjoy a morning of Bible study and fellowship at ACC.

DONATE

Money is not the only thing you can give to ACC. If you're willing to share some of your time, there's a volunteer position just for YOU!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DANA

Who has fifty pink flamingos on their lawn? Ashland Care Center, of course, as our office celebrated the 50th birthday of Client Services Manager, Dana Futrell. Dana does so much for us with her managerial skills and her obvious care for our clients, providing fifty flamingos was the least we could do for her.



SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY



Those in attendance at the 2013 Sanctity of Human Life observance were privileged to hear a story that transpired right in their own back yard. Local resident Joyce Mansfield chronicled her journey from a staunch pro-choice position to a realization that human life is sacred. She shared how God worked in her life, bringing about a change of heart and thought in regard to abortion. With that change, she became aware of the quiet holocaust taking place in our country. Mansfield has used her experiences and God's

miracles in her life to touch the lives of others. One of her miracles involved her son Jared who was born with serious medical issues. Jared (photo at right with his father Brent) is now a happy ten-year old with a gift for music and it was Jared who provided special vocal music for the service. ACC thanks Ashland Brethren in Christ Church for hosting the annual observance.



ASHLAND CARE CENTER 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

*GOD IS
SO GOOD!*

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY ASHLAND CARE CENTER?

- ♦ *Free Pregnancy Testing*
- ♦ *Limited OB Ultrasounds*
- ♦ *Initial Pre-Natal Exam*
- ♦ *Confidential Peer Mentoring*
- ♦ *Information Regarding*
 - *Abortion alternatives*
 - *Pregnancy*
 - *Community resources*
 - *Parenting*
- ♦ *Group Bible Studies*
- ♦ *Option Line 24/7 hotline*
- ♦ *"Love Lessons" Sexual Integrity Program*
- ♦ *Support following*
 - *Abortion*
 - *Miscarriage*
 - *Still Birth*
 - *Neonatal Death*
- ♦ *Earn While You Learn - Baby Bucks Program*

Ashland Care Center has moved from being a small organization that provides pregnancy tests and some counseling to being a much larger-scale organization able to offer many more medical and supportive services to its clients. We are a recognized presence in the Ashland Community and this past year has been totally amazing! God is doing a great thing in Ashland, Ohio, through Ashland Care Center!

2012 brought a 14.4% increase in the number of total clients and a 75.9% increase in client visits at ACC. These are incredible numbers that show we ARE making a difference in the lives of mothers, fathers, and children in our community. This difference is not only being made through the increased services we offer but through the dedicated work of our staff and volunteers who work hard to develop lasting and meaningful Christian relationships with our clients. A huge debt of gratitude goes to these dear individuals.



God also has blessed us in our finances. Who would have dreamed that we would end the year 2012 with a balance of almost \$45,000? But God provided, starting with a record attendance at last year's annual banquet fund-raiser and a record amount of generous donations made that evening. And He kept on providing for our needs throughout the year in many unexpected ways and at many unexpected times. The increase in funds has given us breathing room and allowed us to hire two new (and needed!) staff persons to meet the increased requirements of serving more clients.

Where are we going from here? God has provided generously during 2012, but is He preparing us to do even more in 2013? Come to the March 21st banquet and find out!

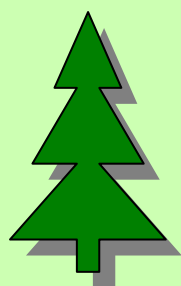


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2012

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH FOR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS



**THANK
YOU!!**



FOCUS ON THE BOUTIQUE

With the Care Center's increase in clients, the needs at *The Boutique* have also increased drastically. The stock of baby "staples" is being quickly depleted as more and more ladies spend the Baby Bucks they earn through our education program. The most pressing needs are:

****Diapers **Baby Wipes **Formula**

NOTE: Unfortunately we cannot accept donations of used cribs, high chairs, playpens, car seats, etc. because of federal regulations and recalls. We will, however, be thrilled to accept donations of NEW cribs, high chairs, etc.



HAVING A PARTY? HERE'S AN IDEA!

Consider asking your guests to bring along a baby item to donate to *The Boutique*. Eleven-year old Katelyn Timmons used this idea at her recent birthday party. Instead of bringing presents for her, she asked her guests to bring baby items to donate to ACC. Katelyn presented her "gifts" to Ducia Hamm & Pat Rogers at *The Boutique*.

