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Life Lines

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FROM
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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*

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

We find our staff often transitions to - and from - other ministry opportunities and that's the case with our former Client Services Director Dana Futrell and also with Lori Lowman who took on Dana's duties this fall.

We're going to miss Dana who left in late summer to take up a ministry to youth at Foundations for Living in Mansfield. (Right: A group of us bid her farewell with a little breakfast party on her last day.) Our sincere thanks to Dana who served our organization and our clients lovingly for the past four years.



Filling Dana's shoes is Lori Lowman who was looking for another avenue of ministry as she was transitioning from serving at a local preschool ministry. "I really hadn't thought about ACC," says Lori, but a chance meeting with Executive Director Ducia Hamm led her to apply for the position. With six daughters, ages twenty-seven to sixteen, Lori considers it a perfect fit.



"I love working with everyone here," she says. "And with daughters (the age of ACC's clients) I can identify with the clients. I also am taking what I learn here to share with my girls and their friends. We've had some candid talks," she laughs. Lori, who's been in the Ashland area for over twenty years, also has the advantage of spending time with teens while her husband John was a youth pastor. Welcome to ACC, Lori!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Nothing is more rewarding than hearing that we made a difference in the lives of our clients. We'll share some of their recent comments below:

- *"I'm being induced tomorrow at 5 am...we will let you know when he's born. Thank you all for your help and everything you did for us ... Baby born at 3:30 (11/13) weight 6 lbs 13 oz and 20 1/2 inches ...Thanks again for all your guys help, you were all so nice and helpful to us and we appreciate it."*
- *"The way I was treated by the (Care Center) employees...kindness & confidentiality"*



- *"Nice and prayed with me"*
- *"Sense of security and trust"*
- *"I appreciate everything you guys have done for me. It means so much and if you'd like I'll let you know when she's born and you're more than welcome to stop at the hospital."*



DATES TO SAVE

- **January 18, 2015** - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday @ 6:30 pm in St. Edward's Catholic Church's new Fellowship Hall (behind the church) at 501 Cottage St. in Ashland. The speaker for the evening will be announced later.
- **April 16, 2015** - Ashland Care Center's Annual Banquet in the Convocation Center at Ashland University @ 6 pm. The theme for this event is "It's a Wonderful Life" and the evening's speaker will be Kirk Walden. Kirk, founder of Life Trends, is a former pregnancy help center director, humorist, writer, and one-time pro-golfer.

THE NEWEST AT ASHLAND CARE CENTER

UPDATE ON SUMMER'S ACCF GRANT



In the last newsletter we promised an update on a special project we undertook with the help of a grant from the Ashland County Community Foundation.

At Ashland Care Center space is at a premium so we must utilize every nook and cranny to meet our clients' needs. That space shortage led to a plan to repurpose a large storage closet into Client Meeting Room #3.

Our goal has been met - and beautifully done! - thanks to the grant from ACCF, to hard manual labor by John Boyd, and to decorating skills that added the finishing touches courtesy of Sue Hubacher (photo, right). We're pretty pleased with our new space and we'd love to share it with you.



Stop in for a look-see.

NEW ULTRASOUND MACHINE

One of the most important services we provide to our clients is a limited ultrasound so they can see their pre-born baby *in utero*. Our three ultrasound technicians do a fantastic job and now they will be using a new state-of-the-art machine, thanks to a grant from the Norma June Foundation. The new machine is digital and will provide a clearer, larger image that can be uploaded to a computer so our doctors can remotely review the baby's image. We're excited to add this equipment to our office!



An extra special benefit of this new purchase is that our old machine is going on a trip to (drum roll!) Brazil! A medical missions team will be using our old machine as they work with patients in remote Amazon villages. How cool is it that God worked all this to fit together?

ReCHARGE FOR NEW MOMS

One of the things we've discovered is that some of our new moms don't get out a lot so we started looking at ways we can provide them with a fun outing along with education and a connection with other moms.

The result? A new mom's group called **ReCharge**. The group will meet on the second Thursday morning of each month at the Boutique in the basement of Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Babysitting will provide the moms with some "me-time" as they enjoy programs offering training through videos and speakers along with occasional craft projects and some good old girl-to-girl chat time. Snacks or a light lunch will be provided and moms can stick around to do some Boutique shopping afterwards. **We're excited about this new venture and, if you would like to get involved by providing snacks or lunch, give us a call.**

GRANT PROVIDES NEW EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Photo: Program Director Jackie Beaty looks over some of the new educational materials made possible by a \$2,000 grant from Park St. Brethren Church. We have a new trimester video for our clients along with several other new pregnancy - related videos that cover important topics like nutrition. Dads are not left out as we have eight new videos for expectant fathers. Thanks to Park St. Brethren for helping us expand our library!



WE'VE SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

FAITHFUL SUPPORTERS AT WORK

So many times we are surprised and overwhelmed by people in our community who take great ideas and put them to work for the Care Center and for life. Two of these people are Gretchen Smith and Joyce Mansfield.

Gretchen took the National ProLife Cupcake Day (October 9th) to Ashland University with the help of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Newman Catholic Ministries. She wanted to

make local college students aware of abortion's impact and how it robs babies of the chance to have their own birthday cupcake. Gretchen set up a table in the Student Life Center and engaged students as she handed out almost 500 beautifully decorated cupcakes provided by Christ's Provisions Inc. along with literature from the

Ashland Care Center. She reports positive reactions from students and says she understands students even promoted the event amongst themselves through social media.

Joyce (at left with husband Brent) turned her birthday celebration into a baby shower for ACC when she asked gift givers to bring baby items to be donated to ACC's Baby Boutique. Her idea reaped a bonanza of diapers, bottles, clothing, and other baby items for the always-in-need Boutique.

LADIES, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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