

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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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.

ASHLAND CARE CENTER



LIFEWALK 2013

Saturday, September 28

9:30 am

check-in starting @ 8:30 am

Corner Park, Ashland

(corner of Claremont Ave. & Main St.)

Our Goal - \$30,000

Register online @

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We hear a lot about “messaging.” When a person or a business is “messaging” well, success is supposed to follow.

Thinking about this idea, I considered the clients who come to us each day. What is our message to them?

For our clients then, these are our messages . . .

- **You Are Welcome Here**

This is an all-encompassing message – our website, the way we answer each phone call, how a client is greeted, the décor, furnishings...even the kind of magazines that are in the waiting room all should say “You are welcome here. You are important to us. We are here for YOU!” The design process for the new building is centered around this message.

- **We Love Because He First Loved Us**

We want those who come in our door to know for certain that we love them. Why? *Mark 12:29-31* “*The most important [commandment],” answered Jesus, “is this ... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.*”

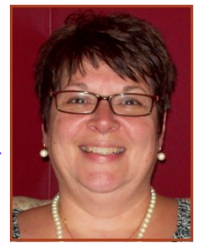


Ours is a love that reaches out; a love that seeks the best for them and a love that will not walk away from them in tough times. Love never fails. We want our clients to know this kind of love; a love they may have never seen before.

- **And one more . . . Life.**

Whether our client chooses adoption or parenting, life is always a wise decision. When a client understands our message – that they are welcome here, that we love them and the ultimate, that we have a God that loves them unconditionally and gave us all a way to experience everlasting life through Jesus – the message of life is so much more powerful.

Ducia Hamm, Executive Director



SPOTLIGHT ON “ALL STAR VOLUNTEERS”

Meet Michael Todd, our “All Star Volunteer.” Mike volunteers at the Ashland Care Center weekly to clean our building. “I love to volunteer here. I want the center to be clean and comfortable for the women who come.”

Mike is a member of the Grace Brethren Church and is involved in the ACCESS ministry and the hunger center. He retired from the Bosh Company after 28 years and has worked at Brethren Care and Med Central in their janitorial services.

Mike loves the Lord and believes that he “can do everything through Christ, who strengthens [him]” (Philippians 4:13). When asked his favorite Bible verse, he quotes, “My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

When asked why he loves volunteering so much, his response was, “Because it helps stop abortion and abortion is murder. If I can do one thing to help, I want to!” Thanks Mike! We are grateful for your faithful ministry here at ACC.



ASHLAND CARE CENTER BANQUET 2013



The 2013 Care Center Banquet was a huge success with 500 people in attendance. ACC board member Matt Miller was emcee for the evening with Fr. Rod Kreidler giving the invocation and Doug Yoho closing in prayer. Christian comedian Gordon Douglas (right) entertained the crowd while a serious moment came with a testimony from ACC client (left) Wendy Hinkle (see follow-up story below). The surprise of the evening was the announcement regarding the proposal for our new facility.

Your generosity resulted in raising almost \$97,000 to support ACC's clients & ministry!!!



A CLIENT FOLLOW-UP - IT'S A BOY!!!

Wendy Hinkle gave a moving testimony of her experience at Ashland Care Center during the Care Center's banquet on March 21st. There weren't many dry eyes as she told how she had considered abortion but instead made a tearful call to the Care Center where she met a willing listener in Client Services Assistant Jackie Beaty. Thus Wendy began her association with our center. Wendy's banquet-night speech came not a moment too soon as her son Colton was born just days later on April 1, 2013 weighing a healthy 7lbs 3oz and stretching out to 21 inches long. Colton joined Wendy's family which includes two other children Sabrina and Lane.

Wendy reports that Colton is thriving and, as of July 8, he weighed 13 lbs 8 1/2 oz and is 25 inches long. He has lots of dark hair and, as you can see from his picture, he has a personality all his own. Wendy and Colton are adjusting well as is the rest of her family. As a single mom, going back to work has been very difficult for her but she is now working 12 hours a week in 3 four hour shifts.

Wendy tells us, "Colton has really brought our family closer together." She is so thankful that Colton is a healthy baby and she appreciates all that the Ashland Care Center has done for her and her family.

Sabrina, Wendy & Colton, Lane





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EXCITING GROWTH PLANS FOR ASHLAND CARE CENTER

The Ashland Care Center Board of Directors is pleased to announce the acquisition of property on Amberwood Pkwy (off Rt 250 East) for the future home of Ashland Care Center. We're also pleased to tell you the property was purchased without incurring any debt because of the generosity of you, our faithful partners. We've been praying about our need for more space for some time as we see Ashland Care Center outgrowing its current facility. While the office at 119 Sloan Ave. has been adequate, it has become more difficult to meet increased client demand and offer an increase in client services in such a limited space. We also had a desire to integrate The Boutique (currently located offsite, providing maternity and baby needs in conjunction with our Earn While You Learn program) with the client center. Plus, we could envision how additional space could meet other growing client service needs.

As Ashland County's pregnancy resource center, we are a unique and invaluable asset to Ashland and the surrounding communities. Right now we are blessed to be on the cusp of a tremendous opportunity to build a spacious modern facility in an excellent location that will increase our visibility and help us to better meet the needs of more of the women, children, and men we desire to serve during pregnancy and up to baby's first birthday. Praise God for bringing us to this point!



You will be hearing more about our Capital Campaign in the coming months. Please pray for us and for those who will step up to be donors for this tremendous project. Pray that God will show you how you can be a part of this endeavor. Pray also that God will work through us and through this project to bless the Ashland community in ways we can't even imagine.

For more information visit our website at www.AshlandCareCenter.org/donor or contact Ducia Hamm at 419-281-1111 or email DuciaH@AshlandCareCenter.org.