

Come! Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and laughter

Annual Fundraising ker: Banquet

Guest Speaker: Kirk Walden Author of *"The Wall",* humorist, former sports writer & pro golfer

April 16th, 2015 Reservations Required For more information call 419-281-111 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

From Ducia's Desk

2015 has started with a whirlwind of activities. Even with all the snow, clients have been actively participating in the Learn & Earn educational programs. We have also begun to put the new ultrasound machine through its paces. The Sanctity of Human Life event was held at St. Edward Catholic Church (pg. 3), and banquet preparations are in full swing (cover).

By far - the most exciting venture is the re-branding of this ministry. Be on the lookout - our Sloan Ave. location is receiving a facelift! We need to have a look that is appealing to those who need us which means updating logos, brochures, the website and signage.

As we grow and expand, we need to make sure that those needing our services know who we are, and what we do at a glance.

In order to do just that, Ashland Care Center, Inc. is now the corporate umbrella of three easily definable ministries:

- Ashland Pregnancy Center 119 Sloan Ave., Ashland
- The Boutique located at Emmanuel UMC
- ReCharge a support group for our clients similar to MOPS

One of the most visible changes will be the signage in front of the Sloan Ave. location. Much thought and prayer went into the new logo - best of all, our clients love it. At a glance anyone now knows what we do - we're the *Pregnancy Center!*



Plans are well under way for the 2015 Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, April 16th. The theme for this year is "It's A Wonderful LIFE!" Our goal is that everyone who walks in our doors – Mom, Dad and Baby – will come to believe that we are *all* precious in the sight of the Lord and that through HIM we can have "A Wonderful LIFE". Plan now to join together and make this a record - breaking event - we need every one of you. May the Lord Bless and keep you!

In His Service Alone, Ducia Hamm, ED

ULTRASOUND DONATION

In our last newsletter, we told you how excited we are about our new ultrasound machine and how our old machine was destined for Brazil to be used by missionaries in their work there. As a follow-up, here's a short note:

"Lesi and I received a donation of a portable ultrasound machine to be used by health care teams that join us on our



Amazon River Ministry (<u>http://JarrellFamily.com/</u>) in Brazil. Our good friend Ducia Hamm from the Ashland Care Center in Ashland, OH made this donation to our ministry. What a blessing it will be to help care for the people in remote river communities in Brazil. THANK YOU Ducia."

This thank-you from Butch Jarrell should extend to all of you who support the Ashland Care Center. God was working to make our blessing of a new machine also a blessing to them!

Check out the Jarrell Family link above to learn more about what these folks do to bring health care and the Gospel to the Amazon.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

Ashland Care Center extends thanks to all who celebrated life with us on Sunday, January 18th in the fellowship hall of Ashland's St. Edward Catholic Church. Special guest speaker for the evening was Kristin Weisheit who is an avid pro-lifer with ties to Ashland Care Center that go back to her days as a student at Ashland University. Her message centered around her work at Maggie's Place in Cleveland, an

organization that offers housing, hospitality, and support to pregnant women. Maggie's Place

women. Maggie's Place also directs women to appropriate agencies and resources that can enable them to better their lives and the lives of their children.

Our thanks also go to Father Ron Kreidler of St Edward who welcomed about one



hundred fifty guests and offered prayer and a short supportive message, to the ladies of St. Edward who hosted the cookie tables, and to Care Center board member Maryanne Wise who led the group in praise singing accompanied by Tim Sinchok of Grace Brethren Church. We are blessed to have such a supportive community!!

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Volunteers Are AMAZING!



Ever wonder who gets all those Baby Bottles ready for you to put your checks, bills and change into - it's **Ruth Homuth.** Every week she comes in to the

Center, contacts churches to schedule their participation, preps bottles and counts change. Due to her efforts - funds received through the Baby Bottle Fundraiser increased over \$3000! THANK YOU RUTH!!!!



Thanks to the efforts of **René Spellman**, ACC was the recipient of a \$2000 grant from Park Street Brethren Church. A church

member had to nominate an organization to receive the available grant monies. René chose ACC and did all the necessary legwork. Program Manager, Jackie Beaty received the check from René at the end of 2014. Our clients are benefiting from the new and updated educational materials. THANK YOU RENÉ!!!!







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VOLUNTEER/STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY We love to show appreciation to our awesome staff and faithful



We love to show appreciation to our awesome staff and faithful volunteers and twenty-five of them enjoyed a fabulous Christmas brunch at Belmont Tower in December. Good food, a crazy game, music, and gifts were shared in a special time of fellowship.

A highlight of the morning was the presentation of a t-shirt quilt made for the Care Center by our Boutique volunteer Christine Miller. The quilt incorporates fourteen of the t-shirt designs that have been used for our annual Life Walk. What a wonderful and

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thoughtful creation!! Please stop by the Care Center to appreciate Christine's handiwork.

We love our volunteers! We couldn't serve our community without you!!