<u>Ashland Care Center, Inc.</u>

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It's A Wonderful WALK
for LIFE!







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Saturday, September 26th

Where: Corner Park at the Square, Ashland OH

Check-in: 8:30am Group LifeWalk: 9:30am

Our Mission:

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

Videos from the Center for Medical Progress point out what we've known all along - Planned Parenthood (PP) is an organization dedicated to destroying life and has little interest in those it purports to serve. This evidence of its executives showing a willingness to manipulate abortions in order to capture and sell the body parts of children shows PP is in trouble.

A congressional investigation is coming, numerous lawmakers are thinking of ways to defund the abortion giant, and businesses once seen as supporting PP are backing off in droves. But what are we to do with this information? It is vital we have a plan of action.

- 1) We can encourage our representatives to investigate these issues fully and suspend any funding for PP during this time. Hopefully, we can defund PP totally but a suspension of funding while the investigations continue is a start. Our own Congressman Bob Gibbs is at the forefront of this movement in Washington D.C.
- 2) We can look at businesses that support the abortion goliath and let them know we, too, are customers of theirs and do not want our support for these businesses ending up in the hands of. Planned Parenthood.
- 3) I ask all of us to remember those organizations that compete directly with PP. The reason so many go to PP is that although it is the nation's number one abortion provider, PP positions itself as a place of choice with no judgment. Therefore, clients come but are sold only one product: abortion.

Ashland Pregnancy Center is a home for true choice. We offer information on all options and provide assistance and support for all life-affirming choices, whether single-;parenting, co-parenting, marriage, or adoption. And for those who have suffered an abortion, we offer healing.

Those facing an unplanned pregnancy need to know about us. They need to know about what we are able to offer. They need to know that we care about all of them - mom, dad, and baby, and that we will be by their side for the long haul.

If you really want to defeat PP, your support will allow us to do just that. When we become the first choice for those who need us, the second choice - Planned Parenthood - will soon run out of clients whom they can exploit for profit.

Your support of any amount makes a difference. Register today for LifeWalk 2015 and start getting those pledges. Let's send Planned Parenthood a message: They are no longer first - WE ARE!

THANKS, ROB!

We are saying goodbye to a faithful member of our board, Rob Wilbert. Rob served from 2008 - February, 2015 as we were expanding our focus, adding equipment and staff, and moving Ashland Care Center into the area mainstream. We so appreciate the time and energy he selflessly gave to our board.

Rob made other contributions, too - e.g. toward the upkeep of our property as he maintained the sump pumps and the parking lot, installed new flooring, etc.

While Rob has given so much to us, we did have some impact on his life as we introduced him to his future wife, Nicole, who was once our Client Services Manager. They married and have two

darling children, Foster (3) and Elizabeth (1). Along with Rob's daughter Katy, they are a delightful family and they continue to support the Care Center's goals. Thank you and God bless you, Rob.





BOUTIQUE NEWS

THINK BOUTIQUE!!

If you're doing some serious garage sale shopping or hosting your own garage sale this fall, please

remember the Care Center's Boutique. Our Boutique manager, Pat Rogers, tells us they are in need of baby toys, changing tables, strollers, etc. There's a demand for these "large ticket" items and, when our nice weather ends, garage

sales will dwindle and so will our supplies. Garage sales are a great place to get bargains for yourself and also for the client- customers who shop the Boutique.

Speaking of donations - thanks to all who are constantly bringing all kinds of wonderful donations to us.

YOU make the Boutique the special place it is.







CLIENTS GIVING BACK

The Care Center has such wonderful and thoughtful clients. One client, "M," went to a yard sale where lots of baby items were for sale. "M" boldly asked if the seller would be willing to donate her baby items to the Boutique. When the seller agreed, "M" took the seats out of her van, filled it with a bonanza of donated items, and brought them

to the Care Center. How great is that! Thanks "M." You are a blessing!



<u>SPOTLIGHT ON BOUTIQUE VOLUNTEER - SHARON CARR</u>

Pennsylvania native Sharon Carr was transplanted to Ashland in 1968, coming here after wedding her high school sweetheart, Herb. Herb became a long-time teacher in the area and Sharon worked at several companies and at her church, Grace Brethren (GBC), until she took a job at Ashland University. That job ended up lasting for twenty years and she retired as Administrative Assistant in the International Students Office in 2012. Finding free time on her hands, she said, "We were



already supporters of the Care Center and I knew I wanted to be involved there." When she offered her services, volunteers were needed at the Boutique and she has been there ever since. "I'm so impressed with the quality of merchandise and service given at the Boutique. It's just like going to any shop and everyone is so helpful and caring. (Manager) Pat Rogers is just amazing, too." Sharon also continues to be involved with international students, working in the ESL program at GBC and doing Bible studies with students who express interest. We're so thankful God has led Sharon to share some of her retirement energy with Ashland Care Center and the Boutique.

Don't let diaper coupons go to waste! The **Boutique** is always in need of diapers and wipes. Use up those diaper coupons and help our clients keep their babies happy. (Ask your friends to save their coupons for you, too!)





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A DEBT OF GRATITUDE

Ashland Care Center owes so much thanks to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, the Cleveland Ave. church "on the point." Thev graciously grant us space for our



growing **Boutique** plus the space ladies of our ReCharge group to meet

for learning and socialization.

Someday we hope to have all ReCHA these ministries the

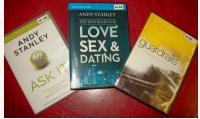


Center under one roof but, until then, God has led Emmanuel Church to fill a huge need for us and for our clients. We're sending up prayers thanksgiving and blessing for EUM!!

STUDIES RAISE BIBLICAL AWARENESS FOR CLIENTS

Learning is an important part of Ashland Pregnancy Center's Learn & Earn Program which gives our clients the opportunity to earn Baby Bucks to spend at the Boutique (see pg. 3). Therefore, we are always

on the lookout for more educational materials that will enrich our clients' lives. Recently we added some DVD Bible studies, Ask It, Love, Sex and **Dating,** and **Guardrails** by Andy Stanley, to our library.



The **Ask It** study has proven to be an excellent way to introduce Biblical truth into our clients' decision making processes Before making any decision, they are challenged to ask "Is this the wise thing for me to do based upon my past experiences, my present circumstances and my future hopes and dreams?"

Love, Sex and Dating introduces our clients to relationship principles that work because they are based in Biblical truth and Guardrails gives easy to understand ways to establish needed personal boundaries.

Without fail at some point during these studies, a client will say "I wish I had known about this 5 years ago or before I met him or before I made that decision." In all of these studies, our clients are reminded that accepting Jesus as Savior is the most important decision they can make.

Lori Lowman, Client Services Manager