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## 2015 ASHLAND CARE CENTER BANQUET

Over 500 people attended the 2015 Care Center Fundraising Banquet and enjoyed a fantastic meal followed by the featured speaker, Kirk Walden.

Walden's story of his personal journey along with the testimony of our client, Allison, attending with fiancé Joe and little Dashal, provided inspiration for the evening. Your generous donations amounted to over **\$126,000** being raised for Ashland Care Center!!  
**THANK YOU SO MUCH!!**

### **Our Vision:**

To be the first choice of women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy.

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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**

Since Pregnancy Centers began to open their doors to clients in the 1970's we have been perceived as just some "nice little place to get a free pregnancy test" while Planned Parenthood (PP) has been perceived as a huge enterprise and considers itself "one of the nation's leading providers of affordable ... care for women, men, and young people, and the nation's largest provider of sex education." (Source: [plannedparenthood.org](http://plannedparenthood.org))

In truth – pro-life pregnancy centers in the United States are *the* force to be reckoned with – a positive force that cares for women, men and young people. All our services are at NO COST to our clients. For that matter – we are FREE for the taxpayer too. Unlike PP – we at Ashland Care Center, like most Centers, receive no federal, state or local dollars. I call that affordable for everyone – how about you?

Well – PP is everywhere...hmmm...are you sure?

Across the United States, Pregnancy Centers number:

- As many locations as TJMaxx or Gap
  - More than Home Depot, Target or Chik-fil-A
  - More than Kohl's & JCPenney's put together
  - More than Bed, Bath & Beyond & Michael's combined
- (Source: National Retail Federation 2014)

In total there are 2500 Pregnancy Centers in the United States. Compare that to less than 750 PP locations and you can quickly see who is more accessible not to mention the fact that the number of Centers increase every year while PP has closed over 200 locations with their numbers reducing annually. (Source: [www.LifeNews.com](http://www.LifeNews.com))

"Just some nice little place to get a free pregnancy test" – yes we are...but OHHH – we are so much more than that. We offer hope, encouragement, support, education, ultrasound verification of pregnancy, healthy options, a listening ear, a hand up, Biblical sex education and best of all we are built on the principle that ALL life is created by God for a purpose.

Our vision – To be the first choice of women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy. Thank you for being a part of making that vision a reality.

*Ducia Hamm, Director*



## **FOCUS ON A CLIENT**

In this issue our focus is on our client, C.E., who wishes to be anonymous but, as a single mom, she wants to share her Ashland Pregnancy Center experience with our readers.

C.E. tells us, "I started coming to Ashland Pregnancy Center when I was about seven months pregnant. I heard about APC from

another local charity and wasn't sure what to expect. But on my first visit, I was pleasantly surprised by everyone's caring and friendliness. Everyone at APC has been extremely helpful and I've had great emotional support. I can't believe all this is done without state funding. It's just amazing to know that there are people out there who care enough about my situation to give money to APC. APC has been a wonderful resource to me and my baby."

Thanks for sharing the kind words, C.E. We love our clients. It's what we do here at APC!







J, S & T had fun learning how to take care of their baby sister when she arrives.

## Siblings Go to Baby Boot Camp

Big sister "J" and big brothers "S" & "T" have been eagerly awaiting the arrival of baby sister "B" and are just as eager to start helping with the new baby when she is born.

Ashland Pregnancy Center has been offering "Baby Boot Camp" to our expectant parents for over two years but recently we received requests from our clients to include "Big Sibs" too. So, Program Mgr. Jackie Beaty modified the class and we now offer "Baby Boot Camp for Sibs."

Baby Boot Camp now gives everyone in the family an opportunity for hands-on experience in newborn care from learning the differences in diapering and bathing boys and girls to dressing and swaddling as well as educating about the dire effects of shaking a baby.

**Addendum:** While asking for permission to include pictures of J, S, & T in this newsletter, we were told Baby "B" was born 4 weeks early, weighing 4lbs. 14oz. She has already had 2 open heart surgeries. Please pray for Baby B and her family as they go through this difficult time. **Cards of encouragement can be sent to Baby B, c/o Ashland Care Center, 119 Sloan Ave., Ashland OH 44805.**



## FOCUS ON A VOLUNTEER

ACC has been blessed to have **Anita Cook** as a volunteer at *The Boutique* for the last two years.

Anita attends Perrysville Baptist Church where she learned about the opportunity to serve at ACC. She quickly signed up to help. "I love babies and children – that's why I wanted to help out."

Boutique Manager Pat Rogers could not be happier. "Anita is a great volunteer! She's very dependable, a hard worker and always goes above and beyond in all she does."

In her free time, Anita enjoys flower gardening, fixing up her house, shopping, and spending time with her cats & dog. Her favorite activities are singing and doing Bible studies.

Thanks, Anita, for sharing your time and talents with us and serving our clients with excellence!

## APC INSPIRES PROGRAM IN UGANDA

Ashland Care Center? Uganda? So what's the connection? Aaron and Amanda Wolfe of Ashland are ACC supporters who are now missionaries to Uganda. In a recent newsletter they shared their concern for **Alex**, a young man who has been struggling. The Wolfe's were led to help Alex and counsel him to take an interest in and financially support Hosea, a child he had out of wedlock (inset photo). The problem? Alex's schooling is very demanding and there are few jobs available.

In looking for a way to encourage Alex and help him support his baby, Amanda remembered the APC "Learn and Earn" program in which the Center's clients earn "*Baby Bucks*" to spend at *The Boutique* when they complete educational activities. Amanda borrowed our concept and instituted a "Learn and Earn Baby Shillings" program for Alex. To earn items for his baby, Alex can do anything that helps him to learn, grow spiritually, and mature - e.g. going to school, going to church, etc. Alex began participating and is very grateful for this opportunity to enrich himself while providing for his child.



*Amanda and Aaron Wolfe and their eight children plus two Ugandan boys they have taken into their family.*

So, you ask, what does this have to do with the Ashland Care Center? The Wolfe's are seeking sponsors for their "Baby Shillings" program. Thirty dollars will support Alex's baby for a month and ACC has agreed to sponsor the program for six months. (We were the inspiration, after all!). If you, too, would like to be a sponsor for the Wolfe's Learn and Earn program, please contact them at [wolfesfortheworld@yahoo.com](mailto:wolfesfortheworld@yahoo.com).



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### GoFundMe.com/ofyz24 FOR OUR NEW BUILDING

How do you raise money for a cause in this digital world? Maybe you've heard of GoFundME, "The World's #1 Fund Raising Site," that allows people to donate to a cause online. It's a way to share your story and attract interested donors from all over the world. Causes can range from protecting endangered rhinos to helping families who have lost their homes to a fire.

So why not put the Ashland Care Center's need for a new building out into the cyber world? ACC has the land - debt free - we need the funds so that the building will be debt free too. Will you be a part of taking this project to the world and help us raise \$500,000?

How can you donate? **Go to GoFundMe.com/ofyz24**, click "Donate Now" and follow the instructions to make your donation. ACC will receive your donation directly. And don't forget to click to share our GoFundMe page with your friends on Facebook!

**Cyber world, here we come!**  
**Thank you for your support!**



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# LifeWalk 2015

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**9 AM**  
**SEPTEMBER 26TH**

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**[Donor.AshlandCareCenter.org](http://Donor.AshlandCareCenter.org)**



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