



# Step Out & Walk the Walk for LIFE

Haven't walked in our **Walk for Life** before? Perhaps this year, you'll join us.

This is not a strenuous event—just a couple of miles.

It's not hard to get sponsors; just a few friends and family members will be plenty, and you don't even have to collect the money. We'll do that for you.

What is it worth? A lot.

Because someone decided to walk, we believe more babies will be given life, and more women and men will have an opportunity to know Jesus Christ.

All of that, because people like you cared enough to grab a sponsor form and talk to a few family members and friends.

Lives saved. Hearts changed. Just because someone walked a couple of miles with friends and turned in a form.

On the day of our Walk, no one will protest and no one will be waving signs. Quietly, though, a much larger statement will be made. A statement of **love**.

This year, perhaps all of us can walk. This year could be a year when more hearts are changed than ever before.

**Walk with us, will you?**



**WALK**  
FOR *Life* ♥

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016**  
**DOWNTOWN ASHLAND CORNER PARK**

Sponsored By: *AshlandCareCenter<sup>inc</sup>*



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

**Check In: 8:15 a.m. Program: 9:00 a.m.**

**Group LifeWalk: 9:30 a.m.**

**Help us reach our goal of \$20,000**

**Raise \$100 in pledges for LIFE and get a free T-shirt!**



#### Our Vision:

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

#### Mission Statement:

The mission of Ashland Care Center is to share Christ and save lives by being a Christ-centered ministry offering a network of resources and education that equips each client to make choices consistent with God's gift of 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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the work of Ashland Care Center, all I can say is, "We are BLESSED!" Everywhere we turn, we realize God is directing our steps and we are humbly seeking Him for direction. I am amazed by the Lord's hand of protection and favor on Ashland Care Center and how He continues to meet our needs above and beyond our expectations.

Our staff and board have been praying for direction and wisdom for the next steps in our future. We want each event and every opportunity to bring honor and glory to God Almighty. We realize that each and every person who comes through our doors for help are searching. They are searching for answers about life, and we can give them the answers. We have the good news, that there is hope with Jesus. With Jesus Christ, we can have eternal life and He can redeem any situation in our life where we have messed up. He can transform our hearts, minds, and lives if we put our faith and trust in Him.

Prayer changes things. We are asking you to help us *answer the call*. Would you consider joining us as a **prayer partner** as we seek God's direction for the future? We want the Ashland Care Center to be a "beacon of hope" for the Ashland community and surrounding areas. As we desire to unite Ashland Care/Pregnancy Center and The Boutique under one roof, we pray God will make it clear whether we build new or renovate a current structure to meet our needs. There are families we serve that need our prayers for hope and salvation. There is great spiritual warfare, and we need God's power and strength. And as we head into election season, it is urgent for prayer warriors to lift up this great nation and pray that our elected officials would seek to protect the sanctity of human life. The time is NOW to **ANSWER THE CALL**. If you are interested, please send me a note, email at [melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org](mailto:melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org), or give me a call at 419.281.1111.

Once again, we thank you for your generous support and faithfulness.

**Fight all your battles on your knees and you win every time!**

Melanie Miller  
Executive Director

## We Welcome 2 New Volunteers to Our Team!

Mary-Rose worked as an Administrative Assistant for 25 years serving with The Good Shepherd and Brethren Care. She and her husband, Allan, have been married 14 years. After retiring, she lost both parents and experienced the birth of her

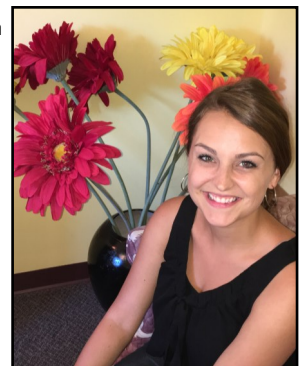
youngest grandchild. She saw how this baby brought renewed joy to the entire family. She felt led by the Lord to use her talents to serve at the Ashland Care Center. "I was impressed with this Christ-centered ministry when our church hosted the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. I am inspired by the scripture which says 'love others as Christ has loved us...' I hope that clients will feel God's love in me."



**Mary-Rose Andersen**  
Office Receptionist

Holland is originally from Alabama and graduated from Word of Life Bible Institute.

In August 2015, she married her husband, Sam. They currently reside in Ashland with their golden retriever, Wrigley. She and her husband serve with Bethel Baptist Church in Savannah, where her husband is the Youth & Family Pastor. Holland says, "In high school and college, the Lord grew my heart towards the mission to protect families from the act of abortion. I look forward to serving the community and building up prayer partners who will faithfully pray for the Care Center as they support and defend life and spread the Gospel."



**Holland Speck**  
Prayer Partner  
Coordinator



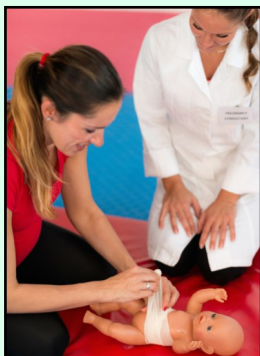
## PRAISE UPDATES FROM ASHLAND CARE CENTER, INC.



### New Affiliation Announcement

Ashland Care Center, Inc. is proud to be an official Care Net affiliate as of July 20, 2016! We are dedicated to offering compassion, hope, help, and Christ-centered support to anyone making a pregnancy decision.

### ACCF Women's Fund Sponsors Pack N' Plays for Parenting Class



Ashland County Community Foundation's Women's Fund is helping us protect life by providing a safe sleep environment for babies. Every week in Ohio, 3 babies die in unsafe sleep environments. Our 6-week Parenting Class, offered quarterly, will help train, educate, and equip families on how to properly care for their baby. A grant awarded in the amount of \$2,145.00 will provide 20 Pack N' Plays over the next year to families who complete the class.

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3 babies die in unsafe  
sleep environments."*



### Samaritan Hospital Foundation Awards \$5,000 for Medical Updates

Ashland Care Center is thankful for our generous friends at Samaritan Hospital Foundation, who graciously awarded the Center a gift of \$5,000 to make much needed medical upgrades to the ultrasound room.

The gift helped with the purchase of a new 32-inch monitor, ultrasound trolley cart, and Sony color video ultrasound printer. Remaining funds will be designated for ongoing and new training for ultrasound sonographers. All of these updates are critical in making the connection for life inside the womb with mom/dad and baby. **Ninety percent of moms who see their baby via ultrasound at Ashland Care Center choose life!**

Having the ability to print a picture of the ultrasound and personalize the image with "Hi Mom & Dad!" helps prove that the baby inside the womb is a gift.



**Pictured (left to right):** Mandi Ross - Sonographer, Melanie Miller - Executive Director, and Mona Campbell - Samaritan Hospital Foundation gather in the ultrasound room to view the new updates.

## THANK YOU for "Answering the Call"

Each edition of our newsletter has a section titled, "Can you help us meet these needs?" And every time YOU have responded!

In February, a generous donor made up the difference of purchasing the new baby bottles for our campaign.

In May, a generous donor was moved by the educational resource needs. Thanks to the generous gift, we were able to purchase **2,000 of the 12-week babies** that are given to each client after confirmation of a positive pregnancy test. One client lit up with a great big smile after receiving her "baby," and said, "Thank you! This is a perfect gift and reminder of the life in my womb."

Volunteers have been busy preparing the babies by swaddling them with fabric and ribbon and then praying over them. We were also able to purchase the **large 9-piece fetal model set**.



**Thank you for answering the call.  
YOU are an answer to our prayers.**

Matthew 21:22

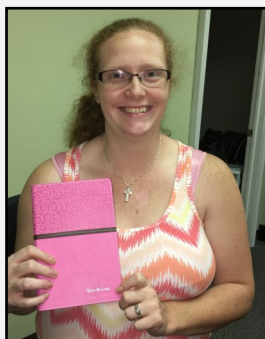
"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

### Bible Study Helps Client Find Life's Purpose

This summer, Ashland Pregnancy Center hosted a Bible study for clients. The study, called "Designed to Shine," helped ladies discover their unique purpose and reach their full potential in Christ. The study uses symbols of the ocean to help draw correlation between Scripture and our personal relationship with Christ.

"I loved this study," says Danielle Long. "I feel like it was very helpful in finding what my dreams really are. Now I have a way to help me obtain them."

Danielle believes that the most valuable thing she learned was that "every person is uniquely made." She also learned to recognize her true friends—those who support and encourage you—your "pod." "You have to look for the good people to keep in your pod and to make sure to keep the sharks away."



**Danielle completed the 6-week Bible study and was presented with her very own personalized study Bible, compliments of Wise Communications.**

*Did you know that dolphins join together and circle around to protect each other (and sometimes humans!) from sharks?*



### CAN YOU HELP US MEET THESE NEEDS?

- ♥ Sewers for baby burp cloths & car seat covers (A pattern will be provided.)
- ♥ Fabric & ribbon donations
  - Scraps & 1/8 inch ribbon
  - One car seat cover takes 2 1/2 yards of fabric
- ♥ Supplies: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues & Clorox cleaning wipes
- ♥ Study Bibles (NIV or NLT)



- ♥ Baby Changing Station Wall Mount (\$210-\$400) for the convenience of moms
- ♥ TV & DVD player (\$300) in conference area for trainings, parenting classes, and Bible study



**Congrats to Natasha, who gave birth on July 2nd to baby Oliver, who weighed 11 lbs. 4oz. She received a free gift upon the birth of her son: a car seat cover handmade with love.**

CHRIST CENTERED

CLIENT FOCUSED



Ministries of the Ashland Care Center, Inc.:



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Ashland, OH 44805

Open Mon, Tues, Thurs.  
10:00a.m.- 6:00p.m.



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Ashland, OH 44805  
Open Thursday  
12:00p.m.-5:00p.m.

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## CONNECT WITH US!

Client Site: [www.AshlandCareCenter.org](http://www.AshlandCareCenter.org)

Donor Site: [www.AshlandCareCenter.org/Donor](http://www.AshlandCareCenter.org/Donor)

Facebook: [Facebook.com/AshlandCareCenter](https://www.facebook.com/AshlandCareCenter)

## Save the Date

### **\*Ashland County Fair Booth**

September 18-24, 2016  
Ashland County Fairgrounds

### **Walk for LIFE**

Saturday, October 1, 2016  
Downtown Corner Park



### **\*Loudonville Street Fair Booth**

October 4-8, 2016  
Loudonville, Ohio

### **Volunteer Appreciation Brunch**

Saturday, November 19, 2016  
Belmont Tower (Invitation to follow)

### **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**

Sunday, January 15, 2017  
Salvation Army Kroc Center

### **11th Annual Fundraising Banquet**

Thursday, April 27, 2017  
Ashland University Upper Convo

*\*Volunteers needed to help serve at fair booths*

Want to learn more about serving as a volunteer?



Call Lori Lowman,  
Volunteer Coordinator, at  
419.281.1111 for an  
information packet.

Every quarter we equip, train,  
and build our volunteer team.  
Mark your calendar for the next

**VOLUNTEER TRAININGS**  
Aug. 24 & Oct. 26

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

WE NEED YOU!



Have you ever considered hosting a **baby bottle campaign** at your church, business, or school to raise funds for Ashland Care Center? Together we can offer positive alternatives to abortion. Your support provides countless life-saving services.

**Contact Ruth Homuth, Baby Bottle Coordinator at 419.281.1111 and start saving lives.** A FREE promo DVD is available to help build awareness of the ministry.

## BECOME A PRAYER PARTNER

As a ministry, we desire to have a band of believers who will stand with us in prayer as we seek to minister to the families of our community. We recognize that those who partner in prayer are on the battlefield with us. As you partner with us, you will receive a month-long prayer calendar that guides you in prayer through different areas of the ministry. You can also request to receive immediate prayer requests and updates on a daily to weekly basis. Our desire is to keep you connected to the ministry and to be an encouragement to your heart, as you are to ours.

**To become a prayer partner, please complete and return the enclosed card or contact us at 419.281.1111.**

