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MAY 2016

1981 Answering THE CALL 2016



BANQUET RAISES \$100,000 FOR LIFE!

Over 500 people gathered together for Ashland Care Center's 10th Annual Fundraising Banquet at Ashland University's Convocation Center on Thursday, April 28th. This year marks the ministry's 35th anniversary of "Answering the Call" protecting God's gift of life. **More than 35% of the guests attended a banquet for the first time! And with your generous support, we raised about \$100,000 for LIFE!**

We highlighted special client testimonies, by launching our new promotional DVD which showcases lives that have been saved through the ministry.

We also showcased live testimonies, including Christine and her daughters. She came to the Ashland Care Center at an all time low in her life and found the hope and support she needed as a single mom. Through the help of the ministry she put her faith and trust in God.

The Center also shared the first open adoption story with the partnership of Spirit of Faith Adoption Agency. In December 2015, a brave mom chose to place her unborn baby for adoption. The Godly family who were recipients of the adoption, which was finalized in February, shared their experience. Beautiful baby Ellie was introduced as a life that was saved through the ministry of Ashland Care Center.



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Lori Lowman, Client Services Manager stands with Christine and daughters as she gives a personal testimony on how ACC made a difference in her life.



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Photo (left to right): Stacy Knox- Spirit of Faith Adoptions, Adoptive Family: Tracie, Baby Ellie, Jack, Mark & Ellie Risher- Spirit of Faith Adoptions

Sharing Christ ♥ Saving Lives ♥ Changing Hearts

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Our Vision:

To be the first choice of women and men facing an unexpected 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 & education that equip each client to make choices consistent with God's gift of life.

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DONOR ANNOUNCEMENT -GIVING RECEIPTS-

As a ministry we want to be as efficient as we can be with your time, talent and treasure. Beginning next quarter (August), all monthly donors giving less than \$250/month will be mailed a **quarterly receipt** instead of monthly. If you still wish to receive a monthly receipt please notify the office of your request. Thank you for your investment.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



One piece of advice I received from a past Executive Director rings in my ears. She said, "I wasted so much time trying to do things in my own strength. I was always overwhelmed and burnt out. When I realized I needed Him, and started praying to Him, things changed. So spend much time in prayer!"

I have learned that **we stand tallest and strongest on our knees**. There is great power in prayer. Jesus, who is God, spent hours in prayer to the Father. Jesus knew his strength and power came from Him. I am learning to pray BIG prayers, because we serve a BIG God. Nothing is impossible for God! (Luke 18:27)

One of my favorite songs is titled "Call On Jesus." The chorus says,
"When I call on Jesus, all things are possible. I can mount on wings like eagles and soar.
When I call on Jesus, mountains are gonna fall.
Cause He'll move heaven and earth to come rescue me when I call."

I believe the only way we will be successful at winning the fight for LIFE is realizing that our power and strength comes from Jesus. Calling on Him through prayer. Humbling ourselves and surrendering every area of our life over to him so that He can become greater in our lives and we become less.

At the end of March, I had the opportunity to attend the Heartbeat International Conference in Atlanta. One speaker challenged us with **3 Truths to Victory**:

1. **CHRIST CAPTIVE.** You'll never conquer in the pro-life cause, until you are surrendered to Jesus.
2. **PURITY OF HEART & LIFE.** Never focus on success. Focus on holiness of heart.
3. **GOD IS ABLE.** Your greatest weakness will be His greatest opportunity to demonstrate His strength and power.

We do what we do because it's all about Jesus! Here is some great hope in the fight for LIFE:

- House Bill 294 passage— Defunds Planned Parenthood of \$1.3 million dollars in Ohio
- Ohio is the 10th state to defund Planned Parenthood
- Abortion clinics are closing down at a record annual pace of more than one every 2 weeks, driven in large by state legislation
- At least 162 abortion providers have either stopped offering abortions or shut down entirely since 2011.

Let's continue to fight the battle on our knees in prayer!

Melanie Miller
Executive Director

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NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

We would like to thank our friend, **John Boyd** for volunteering to construct a new clothing rack with wheels to better meet the growing needs of the Boutique. This new rack cuts down on hours of work for volunteers that would normally be used hanging seasonal clothing on a regular basis. These new racks are beautiful, efficient, convenient and a huge time-saver. **Thank you, John!**



Ashland Care Center "Pays It Forward" In Haiti to Help Teen Moms

Ashland Care Center is "paying it forward" to a ministry in Haiti that is helping teen moms. Leonard Dolce and Maxon Clairsaint, Haiti missionary and pastor visited the Ashland Pregnancy Center and the Boutique in late March.

The Lord has laid a dream in Maxon's heart to begin a pregnancy center in Haiti, to meet the growing needs of women who leave their newborn babies to perish. He was unsure where to begin and feeling discouraged. After seeing the Ashland Care Center first-hand, it became clear and tangible. A Center like ours could become a reality in Haiti. Praying with staff encouraged him greatly being reminded that anything is possible with God.

Maxon founded a ministry called "Treasure of the Nation," which serves single-moms (ages 12-14) who are pregnant and do not have support. Meeting once a month, these young moms are taught life, work and survival skills, as well as how to care for their baby. The Boutique donated clothing and other material goods to help these young families in need.



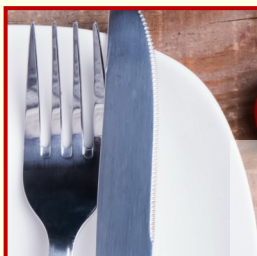
Pictured (left to right): Leonard Dolce, Boutique Manager, Pat Rogers & Haiti missionary and pastor, Maxon Clairsaint stand in The Boutique with baby items being donated to Haiti helping teen moms.

PRAYER WALK THANKS

Twenty-five individuals united for a Prayer Walk on April 12th at Ashland Care Center. Many people commented that they felt "peace" and "the presence of the Lord"



walking through the Center. And many clients were encouraged by the stones covered with words of hope. One client chose a stone and with tears in her eyes said, "This is exactly what I needed!" The stone read, "You are God's masterpiece!" **Thanks for being a blessing!**



DINE4LIFE
FUNDRAISER

Thanks for dining in/out and supporting the Ashland Care Center on Thursday, May 5th.
We raised over \$800 for LIFE!

CAN YOU HELP US MEET THESE NEEDS?

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES:

- **Large Fetal Models** (Set of 9 \$1,600) showing a baby *in utero*. With these models, clients can get the "inside story" of what happens at different stages of pregnancy. This teaching tool can be used in the ultrasound room, school presentations, and the fair to educate people of all ages on life.



- **12-Week Baby Models** (\$500 for 1,000) that we can put into the hands of our clients and community to make the connection for life.



MEDICAL:



- **Stainless Steel Cart** (\$300) Durable medical cart to host our Ultrasound machine.

SUPPLIES:

- Toilet Paper, Paper Towels & Sandwich Ziploc Bags
- Diaper Wipes



Young "Difference-Makers" Honored

On Tuesday, May 10th the Ashland County Community Foundation honored two very special families whose caring hearts made a difference at the Ashland Care Center.

Miss Luca Mancha, an 8th grade student at St. Mary School turned \$20 into a large material donation for the Boutique. Lucy and her mom also handmade 9 baby hats with love!

The Timmons sisters (Katelyn -8th grade, Paige-3rd grade & Geneva-preschool) found \$20 on the sidewalk and multiplied it to a \$400 donation by baking and selling cupcakes to benefit Ashland Care Center.

Way to Go, Girls!!!



Photo (left to right): Lucy Mancha, Jackie Beaty, Program Manager, Katelyn Timmons, Paige Timmons, Melanie Miller, Executive Director, Geneva Timmons (front)



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**Need more info to
serve as a volunteer?**

Call Volunteer Coordinator,
Lori Lowman 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 TRAINING
Aug. 31 & Oct. 26

Jewelry for Life

Fundraiser with Premier Designs

Tuesday, June 21 from 6:30-8:30p.m.

Ashland Pregnancy Center ♥ 119 Sloan Ave., Ashland

CALLING ALL LADIES! You're invited to stop & shop at
the Center on **Tuesday, June 21 between 6:30-8:30p.m.**
and see the latest summer fashion jewelry. Bring a friend!
Snacks & refreshments will be provided.

- ♥ 20% of the proceeds will be
donated to Ashland Care Center.
- ♥ RSVP at 419.281.1111 or to René
Spellman at 419.282.2086.



WALK
FOR *Life* ♥

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016
DOWNTOWN ASHLAND CORNER PARK

Sponsored By: *AshlandCareCenter* inc



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 to the ministry.

