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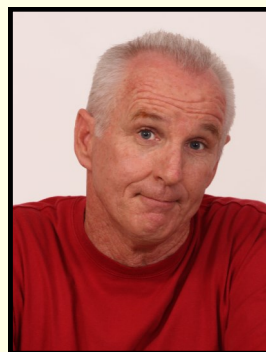
10th Annual Fundraising Banquet

**Celebrating 35
Years of Ministry**
1981 2016

**Thurs. April 28th
6:00 p.m.**

**Ashland University
Upper Convo**

ANSWERING THE CALL



Guest Speaker:

**Comedian
Paul Aldrich**

100% Funny!

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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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"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

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



What an exciting 2 1/2 months! I love my job and the ministry of the Ashland Care Center! There is no question that the Lord's hand is on our Center. We have seen miracle after miracle take place through answered prayer and divine appointments. From sending people to our doors that can fill a need, connecting clients who need our support, to generous donors that make our ministry possible... We have much to be thankful for!

(Singing)

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever!!!

One of the most memorable events was being given the opportunity to testify in Columbus at the Ohio State Senate on behalf of House Bill 294, which strips Planned Parenthood of \$1.3 million of funding.

On the morning of Wednesday, Jan. 27, I was the only person testifying in favor of passing H.B. 294 and protecting God's gift of life. After I spoke, there were dozens of Planned Parenthood testimonies that pleaded with legislators to vote against the bill. As I listened to the testimonies stating their case of why Planned Parenthood is so important for women, my spirit within me began to stir. I wanted to cry. The fire in my belly grew stronger. God reminded me that this is spiritual warfare. He showed me clearly the distinction between our organizations as he gave me John 10:10, *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."* (ESV) Since 1973, there have been a total of 57.5 million abortions due to the consequences of Roe vs. Wade. Planned Parenthood is like a thief or robber who comes to *steal* hope, *kill* innocent lives, and *destroy* futures through lies and deception. The devil has taken them captive to do his will (2 Tim. 2:26).

The Ashland Care Center is a life-affirming ministry providing support and assistance for all life-affirming choices, whether single-parenting, co-parenting, marriage or adoption. And for those who have suffered through the pain of abortion, we offer healing through Jesus Christ. We are a ministry that *gives life and that they may have it abundantly*.

The Lord wants me and you to be a voice for the innocent children who cannot speak for themselves. All Christians are **called** to stand for God's truth (Eph. 6:14), to defend the weak and protect the helpless (Prov. 24:11-12). We are **called** to support those in need (Prov. 31:8-9) and rise up to defend the defenseless (Psalm 82:3-4). We are **called** to take action! (Titus 3:14)

Our theme for this year is **"Answering the Call!"** Plans are well under way for the 2016 Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, April 28th. Our goal is to have 600 people in attendance, that's 60 tables. We need your help! Plan now to join together and make this a record-breaking event—we need every one of you!

Will you **"Answer the Call"** God has placed on our lives?

Melanie Miller, Executive Director

ACC DIRECTOR SPEAKS TO DEFUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD



Voices from around Ohio, including the Ashland Care Center's Executive Director Melanie Miller, recently spoke to House Bill 294 blocking public funding for Planned Parenthood. Miller was invited by District 22 Senator Larry Obhof (*at right*) to speak on behalf of the Care Center. Following testimony, the Ohio Senate passed the legislation and now is headed to the governor for his signature.

PRAYERWALK

Come as we unite together for a Prayer Walk at the Center. Along with Board & Staff, we will pray for the Lord's favor on this year's banquet & other prayer concerns.

Tuesday, April 12
6:00-8:00p.m.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

We give our deepest thanks and appreciation to State Rep. **Dave Hall (70th District)** who was the guest speaker for our Sanctity of Human Life Sunday service and to the nearly 150 faithful people who came out to support life and the ministry of the Ashland Care Center. Our gratitude goes to Southview Grace Brethren Church for hosting the evening service. A huge thank you to Pastor Mark Abel, the worship team, and the hospitality team who so graciously welcomed us and provided refreshments & treats following the service.



THANK YOU... WE RAISED \$1,155 for LIFE!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE?

Here are some special needs that we have on a "WISH LIST" for the center:

- **New Fetal Models** (Set of 5 to 9 pieces \$1,000) showing a baby *in utero*. With these models, our clients can get the "inside story" of what is happening at different stages of pregnancy. This is a perfect teaching tool in the ultrasound room as well as to take on the road when educating people of all ages on life.



- **12-Week Baby Models** (\$400 for 1,000) that we can put into the hands of our clients and make the connection for life.



- **New Baby Bottles** for our Baby Bottle Campaign. (\$350) The Baby Bottle Project is about to begin again but our baby bottles are showing their age. New, larger bottles have been chosen and they even have a slot for easy money drop! We had a generous donor help with a portion of the cost.

- **Baby Changing Table Wall Mount** for the convenience of our mothers.



- **Stainless Steel Medical Cart** (\$300) Our medical personnel need a cart that is more stable than the one currently being used in the Ultrasound Room.

- **Kitchen Cart on Wheels**

(\$350) for more storage in our kitchen area

- **Keurig K-Cup Organizer with Drawers** (\$35) to neaten up our kitchenette area.



It's time to spruce up for spring!
Can YOU help us meet these needs?

THE ADOPTION OPTION Giving the Gift of Life



In Dec. 2015, a young lady contacted Spirit of Faith Adoption Agency wanting to put her baby up for adoption. She had found this agency on our web page.

Several meetings with the young lady were scheduled where she considered and chose an adoptive family. On Feb. 3, the baby was born and the adoption papers were signed Feb. 6.

This has been a very interesting journey filled with many different emotions. There was great joy for the adoptive family and sadness for the birth mother. It was amazing how God worked through this entire process as we were able to pray together many times with the birth mother and the adoptive family. God was so faithful and we were blessed to be part of this successful adoption.

~Jackie Beaty, Program Manager



PARENTING CLASSES

Our first quarter Parenting Class began Jan. 19. This 6-week class is all about giving our clients important skills taught by our staff members Jackie Beaty, Lori Lowman, and Ashland firefighter Rob McCrea. The program includes: Baby Bootcamp (diapering, bathing, dressing, swaddling), shaken baby syndrome, car seat/home safety, nutrition/healthy eating, Love Languages, and Discipline and Early Childhood Development. If clients complete the entire program they are rewarded with a brand new Pack N' Play! **Parenting Classes are offered once per quarter for 6-weeks. The next session begins April 18th on Monday evenings from 5:00-6:00PM.**



SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY, MAY 5th
"Dine to Donate FOR LIFE"

Take your appetite out for breakfast, lunch or dinner anytime on May 5 at one of these fine Ashland area

restaurants including: **BW3** or **Bob Evans**. These local businesses will donate a portion of your bill to the Ashland Care Center. More details coming soon!



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"VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT" - KIDS GIVING BACK

After learning about the ministry and services of the Ashland Care Center, **Lucy Mancha**, an 8th grade student at St. Mary's School in Mansfield (pictured at left with Program Manager Jackie Beaty) was inspired and chose the Ashland Pregnancy Center for a school project in giving back. Every day for one week, Lucy made announcements at school asking for donations for The Boutique. She collected 14 bottles of shampoo, 5 bottles of lotion, 2 containers of baby powder, 2 baby rash ointments, 14 packs of wipes, 5 packs of diapers, a baby booster high chair and 8 pieces of clothing. With the help of her mom, she also sewed 9 homemade baby hats! We are blessed that Lucy chose us for her project.

Thank you, Lucy, for making a difference and
"Answering the Call."



Christmas Party

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING
STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Food, fellowship, games, and a good
time was had by all!



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

Volunteer Training is coming up!
Every quarter we continue to
equip, train and build our volun-
teer team. Volunteers are re-
quired to attend at least 3 out of
4 trainings per year.

**Need more information on
serving as a volunteer?**

Contact Volunteer Coordinator,
Lori Lowman at 419-281-1111 for
an information packet.

Volunteer Training Dates:

- February 24th
- May 25th
- August 31st
- October 26th

*All training sessions will be
Wednesdays from 10-11a.m.
at 119 Sloan Ave., Ashland.*