



Life Walk Adds New Cemetery of the Innocent Display

The Ashland Care Center added a new component to the annual Life Walk this year. For the first time, a three-day "Cemetery of the Innocent" was displayed at the Corner Park in downtown Ashland.

The display featured **3,500 little white crosses, representing the number of babies that are killed daily by abortion in America.** It was a powerful visual aid and a beautiful memorial to help us remember the innocent.

Over 130 walkers and 3 dogs joined us on October 1, a sunny Saturday morning. Every Life Walk participant carried a white cross as they walked two miles from the downtown Corner Park to Christ United Methodist Church and back. The walkers then placed their white crosses in the *Cemetery of the Innocent*.

Many individuals have commented on the personal impact the display had on them. It brought some to tears; it motivated others to pray and seek repentance; and for others, it sparked conversations with their inquiring children.

We had the support of and heard special remarks from those in each level of government. Mayor Glen Stewart was there to represent our city; Commissioner Denny Bittle represented Ashland County; Senator Larry Obhof represented Ohio; and Congressman Bob Gibbs represented our nation.

Psalm 91:15a says, "He will call on me and I will answer him..."
 Thanks for answering the call.

We raised \$10,918.81 for LIFE!

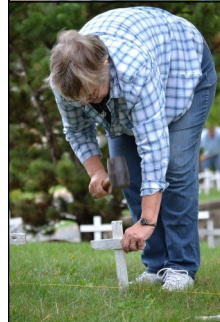
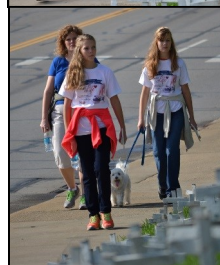


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Sharing Christ ♥ Saving Lives ♥ Changing Hearts

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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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Save the Date!

11th Annual Banquet
Thursday, April 27, 2017
@ AU Convo

Speaker: Andy Merritt
More details coming soon...

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly **abundantly** above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory... ~Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)

Dear Friends,

Looking at the year in review, God has **abundantly** blessed the ministries of Ashland Care Center.

We were the recipients of two major grants. The Ashland County Community Foundation Women's Fund generously provided 20 Pack n' Plays for our families that complete our parenting classes. The Samaritan Hospital Foundation provided a grant to make the necessary upgrades to our ultrasound room, including a larger monitor, an ultrasound trolley cart, and a color ultrasound video printer. The grant will also provide needed training for ultrasound technicians. We were also blessed by the generosity of donors like YOU. When you saw a need, you met it. Each quarter we requested help in specific areas, and after each newsletter, many of you responded. Because the Lord moved in your heart, we were able to purchase the large 8-piece educational fetal models, 2,000 of the 12-week babies wrapped in love by our volunteers, a wall-mount baby-changing table and much needed technology for our training area. We even had a donor come forward to provide bibles for our clients. We also have extended our reach through radio spots on Christian radio station WVMC-FM.



Melanie explains the stages of life to children at the Loudonville Fair.

The church really stepped up and blessed us **abundantly**! We hit a record-breaking year for the 2016 Baby Bottle Campaign, raising over \$3,500 more than last year. Some churches doubled or tripled giving.

I truly believe the future of Ashland Care Center is much bigger than we can dream or imagine. We serve an awesome God. As we continue to "seek first the Kingdom of God" and let His light shine through all we do, I trust we will see miraculous things happen in our community for life.

I'd love to hear from you! Give me a call at 419.281.1111.

Melanie Miller, Executive Director

2016 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Results are in:

Raised
Record-breaking
\$15,606.85

THANK YOU Top 10 Churches

Park Street Brethren

Ashland Dickey
Church of Brethren

Homerville Grace
Brethren

Calvary Baptist

Christ Community
Evangelical Free

Mohicanville
Community Church

Perrysville Baptist

New Life Community

Ashland Brethren
In Christ

Maple Grove
Brethren

Farewell from Ms. Ruth Homuth: "World's Best Baby Bottle Coordinator"

By: Ruth Homuth My volunteer time at the Ashland Care Center (ACC) has been a blessing. Before retirement, I had worked with the Life Walk totaling and counting pledges. After retirement, ACC was at the top of my "volunteer places" list. I accepted the Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinator job with a lot of misgiving, but soon came to love it. The church liaisons are great people! I am always blessed by their willingness to help and the commitment of the congregations and pastors who support us. Working with the staff (past and present) has helped me grow in compassion and learn to be less judgmental. I am a better Christian and woman for having volunteered here.

I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life. Melanie gave me the name and address of a center in my new town. I got the same information from my niece that evening. I guess God is telling me where to volunteer. I leave with mixed emotions – looking forward to the future, but sad at leaving beautiful relationships. In regards to volunteering, I'll borrow a phrase from Martha Stewart – "It's a good thing".



Ruth is pictured with the Ashland Care Center Staff (from left: Pat, Becky, Jackie, Lori & Melanie) being awarded the "World's Best Baby Bottle Coordinator" at the LifeWalk for her faithful service to the ministry for the last five (5) years.

Thankful In Praise: Volunteer Appreciation Brunch



We had a wonderful time celebrating and thanking our amazing volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on Saturday, Nov. 19. We have so many wonderful volunteers that we needed to move our event to a larger facility! A great time was had by all. **If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Lori at 419.281.1111.**



THANK YOU for "Answering the Call"

Thank you for blessing the ministry and clients of Ashland Care Center.

Our **large 8-piece fetal model set** has arrived, and it has been a great educational tool for our clients. It's a perfect addition to ultrasounds to see how baby develops in the womb.



CAN YOU HELP US MEET THESE NEEDS?

- ♥ Still in need of Sewers for both baby burp cloths & car seat covers
(A pattern will be provided.)
- ♥ Fabric & ribbon donations



James 1:17
"Every good and perfect gift is from above..."

Birth Announcement



Congrats to Danielle, who gave birth on Sept. 21st to a healthy baby girl, Kaitlynn, who weighed 6 lbs. 3oz.

RESTORE: Post-Abortion Ministry Offers Bible Study Beginning January 19



By: Maryanne Wise

Thirty five years ago I chose to end a pregnancy I didn't want and for which I was not ready. The "choice" was mine to make, and relief was immediate. But the relief didn't last; deep down in my spirit I knew that what I had allowed to take place was wrong. Painfully, shamefully wrong. The emotional pain that manifested itself in so many ugly ways ultimately brought me face-to-face with Jesus Christ, my Redeemer.

However, I continued to live shackled by guilt and shame and guarded my "secret" in self-imposed isolation. This was the unmentionable sin, right? My gracious Healer wouldn't leave me there, though. He forgave me of my abortion, yes; but He had greater healing to do in my life. Through a post abortion healing Bible study, I was able to confront the truth of what the abortion actually did (to me and my child) and go through the grief and healing journey "safely." He gently and purposefully began to show me that His truth is meant for conviction, not condemnation, and would lead me to healing, restoration, and life-saving action. God began to unfold more truth that would eventually set me free from all shame, all fear, and all hiding.

I am not alone in the abortion experience. Abortion has been a readily available part of our culture since its legalization in 1973. Since then approximately 55 million abortions have been recorded in our nation. Statistics show that close to **43% of women of childbearing age (that's 1 in 3!)** have experienced an **abortion**. Like my experience, these women carry an incredible burden of silence and heartache. Most women feel they are not allowed to talk about their abortion experience.

God never intended us to struggle alone. Amazing things occur when two or more people grasp hands and hearts and share their pain together. Forty three years after the Roe v. Wade decision, we are in desperate need for the word of our testimony, declaring the truth about abortion, God's redemptive healing, and a clear plan of restoration and hope.

To answer that call, the Ashland Care Center's post-abortion ministry, **Restore**, will be offering **"Surrendering the Secret," beginning January 19, 2017**. In a supportive and confidential off-site Environment, this 8-week study is designed to bring women together who understand the need for seeking peace with the past and who have a desire to better understand God's plan for making the most painful losses of our past work for His glory. That's my heart cry: what Satan intended for destruction, God will use for His glory! Oh, can it be? It absolutely can!

Please be in prayer for this ministry and for the women God is calling to participate in this study. If you feel you have never completely healed or recovered from an abortion experience, then He may be calling you to Surrendering the Secret. If you wish to talk, have questions about the study or would like to sign up, please contact me, Maryanne Wise, at mwise.restore@gmail.com. There is freedom in surrendering.

*You turned my lament
into dancing; You
removed my sackcloth and
clothed me with gladness.
~ Psalm 30:11*

Fairs Help Expand Reach Throughout County



This fall, Ashland Care Center set up a booth at both the Ashland County Fair and Loudonville Street Fair. We were able to bring awareness to the ministry not only in Ashland, but throughout the entire county. Three (3) women came to the center for pregnancy tests after learning about ACC and its services. Many families, especially children were fascinated by our fetal model display and the miracle of life.

Mekah Wesner rocks the 30 week baby in her arms at the Ashland County Fair.

Cupcakes 4 Life Makes Campus Statement

Ashland Care Center partnered with Christ's Provisions and Gretchen Smith for National Pro-life Cupcake Day. Five-hundred free cupcakes were handed out to students on the Ashland University Campus on Sunday, Oct. 9. **One out of 4 babies are denied a birthday because of abortion.**

By giving out cupcakes we reminded people in a nice, loving way, that many babies never get to have a birthday. The Save the Storks mobile ultrasound unit was also available for tours.



Ministries of the Ashland Care Center, Inc.:



119 Sloan Ave.
Ashland, OH 44805

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



Emmanuel United Methodist
322 Cleveland Ave.
Ashland, OH 44805
Open Thursday
12:00p.m.-5:00p.m.



Ashland Care Center Holiday Schedule:
Early Closing: Thursday, Dec. 22 at 3:00p.m.
Center Closed: Dec. 23, 2016- Jan. 2, 2017



BECOME A PRAYER PARTNER WITH US

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 have 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. Will you pray?



Please complete & return the enclosed card if you want to become a Prayer Partner.

Give A Special Gift this Christmas

Want to do something extra special this year for our clients?

Help shower the families we serve with lots of **diapers and baby wipes!** The Boutique is always in need. Please **prayerfully consider donating** diapers (Preemie, Newborn and sizes 1-4) and wipes by **Dec. 15th.** It's a great way to get your family, youth group and individuals involved.



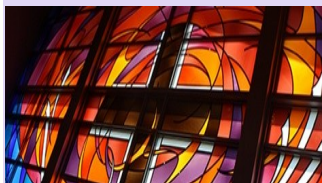
The Center has had many births this time of year! Large baby items need replenished at The Boutique including: **Pack n' Plays, cribs, crib mattresses, bouncers, walkers, changing tables, and bassinets.**

SANCTITY — OF — LIFE SUNDAY

Honoring the unique and sacred value of each human being.



**Sunday, January 15, 2017
4:30-6:00p.m.**



The Salvation Army Kroc Center
527 E. Liberty Street, Ashland

Refreshments and dessert will be available after the service.



"Let LIFE Shine"

GUEST SPEAKER:
Pastor JC Church
Victory In Truth Ministries

I am the LIGHT of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the LIGHT of LIFE. ~John 8:12