



Lifelines



Our Vision:

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

Mission Statement:

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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Get Ready to Walk for Life

IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR WALKING SHOES ON!

Want to make a difference for the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center and the women and men we see this year? A *real* difference?

One of the best ways you can join us is by being a part of our Walk for Life, set for Saturday, Sept. 30.

We are looking for people to help us as we connect with churches in our area, and if you will give us just a few hours of your time, it can make all the difference in the world for moms, dads, and their babies.

If your church has been involved in the Walk in the past— or even if it has not— give us a call. By putting up a few posters, recruiting some walkers, and perhaps assisting in a presentation to a Sunday school class or your congregation, you can bring in walkers who will raise the funds necessary to take this ministry to a new level of excellence.

If you'd like to help in any way, we can find a place for you. Join the Walk for Life, and together let's make it the best one yet.

Ashland Care Center's Annual
Walk for Life

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

Let LIFE Shine

Saturday, September 30, 2017
Registration: 8:30 a.m. • Program: 9:00 a.m. • Group Walk: 9:30 a.m.
Downtown Ashland Corner Park

Come along side and support the vision of Ashland Care Center to be the first choice for women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

Register Online: www.AshlandCareCenter.org/Donor
Questions? 419.281.1111

Visit our website for more information at
www.AshlandCareCenter.org/Donor

REGISTER BY: THURS., SEPT. 21st

***Raise \$100 or more in pledges and your t-shirt is FREE!**

Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

I want you to know about two important changes that are taking place regarding our ministry. We are excited about these changes and believe they will make our ministry more recognizable and even more effective as we look to the future.

Who are we? This question comes up frequently in conversation among clients, partners, and community members. Many know us as Ashland Care Center. Others know us as Ashland Pregnancy Center. To eliminate the confusion, our board believes that combining these names will provide greater clarity for those who wonder who we are and what we do.

First off moving forward, we will now do business as **ASHLAND PREGNANCY CARE CENTER**. That says it all! Clients come to us for pregnancy help, but we do more than just pregnancy testing and ultrasounds. We *care* about each individual's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. We *care* about seeing families thrive. We *care* about where they will spend eternity. We *care* about seeing lives transformed and helping clients embrace the hope and good plans in store for them.

We will begin rebranding our logo to reflect the new name change. However, our legal name will remain "Ashland Care Center, Inc."

The second change that I want to share with you involves our future building plans.

As many of you know, it is our goal to eventually house all of our services and our Boutique under one roof. Several years ago, we thought that perhaps the best way to make this happen was to construct our own brand new facility. At that time the decision was made to invest in a piece of vacant property on Amberwood Parkway here in Ashland. After much research and prayer, however, our board has decided to sell this property and examine other options.

Ultimately, we believe this property was a good investment at the time because a number of realtors have told us the property has increased in value. We are currently talking with a number of organizations & individuals in our community about other options, such as leasing space and/or even acquiring a building through a gift.

We dare to dream because we believe all things are possible with God!

We are so thankful for your support of this ministry. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with us about the future of our organization, or if you are interested in supporting us financially, praying for us, or even volunteering, please give me a call. I'd love to talk with you.

Melanie Miller, Executive Director

Invest for Life Endowment Fund



Ashland Care Center is pleased to announce the establishment of a permanent endowment fund, to be held at the Ashland County Community Foundation. The earnings from this fund will be used to provide long-term operational support for our agency, ensuring that our mission will continue into perpetuity.

Additional gifts may be made in any amount and at any time, either in care of Ashland Care Center, or directly to:

Ashland County Community Foundation
300 College Avenue
Ashland, Ohio 44805

The Ashland Care Center endowment fund provides an excellent opportunity to support our efforts through end-of-life giving, working with your estate planning and tax professionals. Gifts of real estate and appreciated stock may also be considered.

If you would like more information, please contact us at 419.281.1111 for questions. Thank you!

Ultrasound Training Completed

WELCOME OUR NEWEST SONOGRAPHER



She did it! Katie Kline successfully completed the limited OB ultrasound training in 5 days, volunteering more than 40 hours and conducting 55 scans! Congratulations on being the newest sonographer on our team! A special thank you to all of the 36 volunteer



models and our incredible trainer, Cindy, with Forget Me Not Ultrasounds, who helped make this possible. We are letting LIFE shine by giving a window into the womb.



Work Day Success

ABUNDANCE OF BLESSINGS



Boutique Assistant, Judy Weaver, sorts baby clothes.

Pastor Jeff Coggins and Emmanuel United Methodist Church for hosting The Boutique by making space and material resources available to clients.

Our baby boutique has been overflowing with abundant blessings in donations this summer! About 34 volunteers gathered together on July 24th for a much needed work day. We are so thankful for the support and hospitality of



Boutique Manager, Pat Rogers, assists students cleaning baby items from Dickey Church of the Brethren Youth Group.

God is on the Move - 3 Grants Awarded

PARK STREET BRETHREN GRANT LAUNCHES MEN'S MINISTRY

By: Pastor Travis McKenzie

God is on the move! While listening to a song a while back, these words rang in my heart. The song simply says, "God is on the move in many mighty ways, God is on the move, on the move Hallelujah! God is on the move, on the move today!" The Ashland Pregnancy Care Center is blessed to announce that God is on the move within our ministry to the families of Ashland County. This past month, largely due to a generous gift from **Park Street Brethren Church**, we were able to lay the groundwork for a men's mentoring program.

This program is designed to help the male counterparts of our female clients to become the men and dads God has designed for them to be. We thank God for Pastor Andrew Foster, who volunteered to direct this ministry with the assistance of pastor and APCC board member, Travis McKenzie. We look forward to seeing God move in a mighty way through the efforts of the men's mentoring ministry. We would ask that you continue to keep all of our clients, volunteers, staff, and board members in your prayers as this ministry grows for the glory of our God.



Pastors Andrew Foster (Come Alive Community Church) and Travis McKenzie (Compassion Church) work together and plan the Center's pilot program to launch in Sept. 2017. Park Street Brethren Church made this possible through funding the curriculum 24/7 Dad from the National Fatherhood Initiative.

Barbasol Funds Expansion of Parenting Classes

The Ashland Pregnancy Care Center has been selected as a recipient of Barbasol Foundation's Ashland Grant in the amount of \$5,000 in order to expand its parenting classes. Our goal is to support families with the training, education, and resources needed to thrive and care for a new baby. After conducting parenting classes for one year and reviewing evaluations from our clients, it was evident that there is a need to expand and offer a second parenting class. Beginning in September, we will offer two 6-week parenting classes. Parenting Class 1 will focus on preparing for baby's arrival (boot camp, car seat and home safety, and building blocks for safe home environment). Parenting Class 2 will focus on after baby's arrival (early childhood development, positive discipline, budgeting, and love languages). Both classes will offer an incentive promoting safe sleep and safe travel in the form of a new Pack 'n Play and travel system (stroller and car seat combo) for 20 families who complete each 6-week class. Community leaders with professional knowledge and experience will also help teach specific class topics.

Thank you Barbasol Foundation for helping us equip families for success!



"The Parenting Class was helpful, especially being a first-time mom and not having any experience. I also liked how there were a few experienced moms we could learn from." - Briann

Till A Bottle and Save Lives



(Pictured Left to Right)
Mary-Rose Andersen- Baby Bottle Coordinator,
Melanie Miller- Executive Director, and
Becky Gray- Office Manager, help count change from completed bottle campaigns this summer.

Baby bottles are waiting for your loose change! Help us save lives!

If you have not yet reserved your date for a baby bottle campaign, now is the time!

Please contact Baby Bottle Coordinator
Mary-Rose Andersen at
babybottles@ashlandcarecenter.org or
419.281.1111 to reserve bottles for your church, classroom, business, or group.

If you'd like to challenge another church, school, or business, we will help you.

Women's Fund Supports Tech for Client Toolbox

NEW INTERACTIVE TABLET APP TO REACH MILLENNIALS



Thanks to the help of the Ashland County Community Foundation Women's Fund, which is making it possible to help us better reach, relate to, and enhance counseling sessions to millennials by investing in tablets and a new *Before You Decide: Live* app. This new technology creates an interactive, visual experience for the client to learn and make an informed decision about pregnancy options including abortion, adoption, parenting, and marriage. With 88% of abortions occurring in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, and the most vulnerable to abortion — women and men in their 20s, we can intervene at a critical time with tools at our fingertips that clients can relate to. The app features short

videos explaining abortion procedures and risks, images of life in the womb through all stages of pregnancy, quizzes, full Gospel presentation, and so much more. It's the perfect companion to the *Before You Decide* magazine resource, which expands on the info in the app. The new technology has been created and approved by our affiliate, Care Net.



NEW 2018 Monthly Baby Calendar

Coming Dec. 2017

Featuring the babies saved through the life-saving work of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. Reserve a copy today.





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

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

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center Special Hours:
Center Closed: Monday, Sept. 4
(In observance of Labor Day)

Can You Help Us Meet These Needs?

♥ WALK FOR LIFE

sponsorship opportunities are available! Looking to secure **four (4) \$500 event sponsors**. Business logo will be printed on back of Walk t-shirts.

♥ Client Room chair needs replaced. \$300 to replace one.

Other Center needs include:

- ♥ Granola bars & fruit snacks for client visits are appreciated
- ♥ Cases of bottled water
- ♥ Diapers and wipes
- ♥ Baby shampoos and wash
- ♥ Toilet paper & paper towels

Volunteer Help Needed

We need mom & dad mentors, Boutique workers, church liaisons, special events/projects, and office help.

Contact Lori Lowman at 419.281.1111

or stop by the office to pick up a volunteer packet.



UPCOMING TRAINING MEETINGS

Wednesday, Aug. 23 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP by calling Lori at the office.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

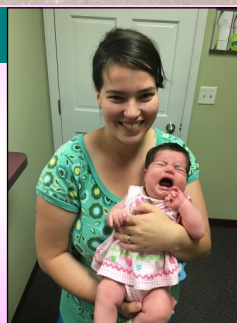
The Salvation Army Kroc Center

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to our clients who prepared for baby's arrival by completing the 6-week Parenting Class on May 15th, earning a new Graco Pack 'n Play. About one month later, on June 12th, they welcomed a healthy, beautiful baby girl (9 lbs. 5 oz.) into the world.

"Car seat safety class was useful & eye-opening..."

-Client's Husband



Upcoming Events

GET READY TO JOIN US

Ashland County Fair Booth

Sunday, Sept. 17 - Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017

Volunteers Needed!

Call Becky Gray at 419.281.1111 to sign up for a shift.

Walk for Life Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017

Check In: 8:30 a.m. ♥ Program: 9:00 a.m. ♥ Walk: 9:30 a.m.

Downtown Ashland Corner Park

Groups & Walkers Needed!

Cemetery of the Innocence Display

Friday, Sept. 29 - Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017

Volunteers & Groups Needed for Set-up & Tear Down

Loudonville Street Fair Booth

Tuesday, Oct. 3 - Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017

Volunteers Needed!

Call Becky Gray at 419.281.1111 to sign up for a shift.

Cupcakes for Life Outreach Event

Monday, Oct. 9, 2017

Dine for Life Fundraiser

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017 (All Day)

Ashland Applebee's

Looking Ahead in 2018

Sanctity of Human Life Community Service

Sunday, January 21, 2018

12th Annual Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Ashland University Upper Convo

