



Lifelines



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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Melanie Miller, Executive Director
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Mandi Ross, Sonographer, RDMS
Katie Kline, Sonographer-In-Training

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Banquet Time is Drawing Near

HELP US SHINE LIFE AND HOPE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Banquet time is drawing near. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for the upcoming 11th Annual Fundraising Banquet. We need your help!

If you have attended in the past, would you prayerfully consider being a table host? All you have to do is extend an invitation to friends with an open heart and fill a table of

ten (10). Or would you consider helping underwrite the banquet? Sponsorship opportunities are available at any level.

More importantly, if you have never attended, please join us! I promise, you will leave inspired, hopeful, and challenged. There is no cost to attend; however, there will be an opportunity for you to make a contribution to the life-saving work of the

ministries of Ashland Care Center.

Pastor Andy Merritt is our special guest speaker. Andy has served as the pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church in Georgia since 1977. He is one of the early pioneers and leaders in the Crisis Pregnancy Center Movement. Andy led his church in 1981 to establish the nation's first church-sponsored Crisis Pregnancy Center, which has ministered to 65,000 women. He and his wife have 10 children and 21 grandchildren.

Serving the Community Since 1981



11th Annual Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, April 27

6:30p.m.

AU Convocation Center

Call Soon to Reserve Your Seat

Contact us at 419.281.1111 for Sponsorship Opportunities or Hosting a Table

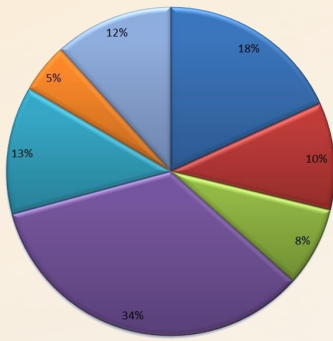


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2016 Statistics

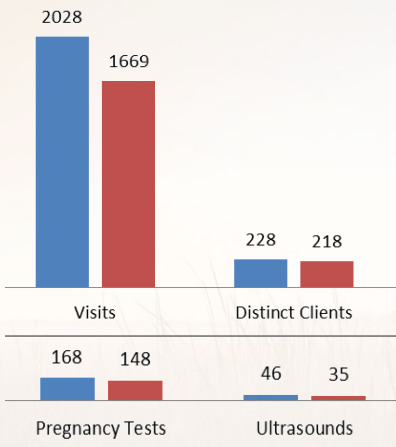
Donors



- Individuals 18.2%
- Church 10.6%
- Baby Bottles 7.8%
- Banquet 34.2%
- Grants 12.6%
- Walk for Life 4.9%
- Other 11.7%

Clients

■ 2016 ■ 2015



Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Our 2017 theme is "Let LIFE Shine." It is based on Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

We believe that as we let the light of Christ shine through our lives and ministry as we serve women and men facing unplanned pregnancies, they will see Jesus.

I see the Ashland Care Center as a beacon of hope and light to a dark world. The representation of a lighthouse is the perfect symbol for what we do.

Like a lighthouse, we want to let our light (life) shine so that others can see their way out of the dark. In the words of Dwight L. Moody, "We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining – they just shine."

We want to let life shine in our community. There is a light inside each human being. The light of life. A fragile flame. A sacred, precious spark that is either protected or snuffed out.

We have the honor of offering hope to those who are struggling to find the true Light – Jesus Christ. We are His hands and feet. Our doors are open to all who struggle with an unplanned pregnancy. Our ultrasound ministry shines light on a new life hidden in the womb. Our abortion recovery program helps to heal the shadows of deep wounds. Our education and support programs provide physical and practical help in dark times. Our men's ministry

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programs help new and expectant dads find their way. Light drives out darkness as truth and love drive out fear.

We depend on our supporters to keep our light shining. Whatever gifts God has given you, we can use them for His glory. Consider **serving as a volunteer**. Don't worry we: will train you! Become a **financial partner** – no contribution is too small. **Donate services** – your gift can make a difference. Be a **church liaison** and help us shine brightly in our community.

We are aware of the enemy who comes to steal and kill and destroy (John 10:10).

There is one organization whose mission is completely in opposition to ours – Planned Parenthood. They deceive women and the world with their lies. As the abortion rate continues to drop nationwide, Planned Parenthood's abortion rate continues to increase. In 2015, Planned Parenthood received \$553.7 million in taxpayer dollars. That's \$1.5 million every day. And 43 percent of their revenue comes from taxpayers. Planned Parenthood conducts one-third of the nation's abortions.

What can we do? Let LIFE shine in our community! I'd love to hear from you! Give me a call at 419.281.1111.

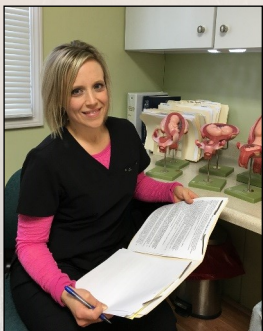


Melanie speaks at the Sanctity of Human Life Community Service.

Melanie Miller

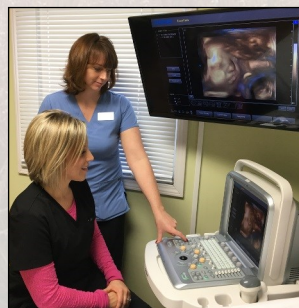
Melanie Miller, Executive Director

Welcome Our New Medical Team Member, Katie Kline



Welcome to our volunteer medical team, Katie Kline! Katie is currently in training to conduct limited OB ultrasounds. Her training will be completed this summer. Until then, she is learning and assisting our sonographer, Mandi Ross.

Katie is currently a registered X-Ray and MRI Technologist and has an Associate Degree in Radiologic Technology. She is currently taking classes to obtain her Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Imaging with a minor in Health Care Administration. (Less than one year to go!) She has been married to her wonderful husband, Travis, for 13 years. They have three energetic children: two girls (ages 9 and 6) and a boy (age 3). Katie enjoys working part-time at Wooster Community Hospital. She attends Bethel Baptist church, where she helps with their elementary program and sings on the worship team. For fun, she enjoys participating in the group exercise classes at the YMCA. Katie says she is "excited to show these dads and moms the amazing miracle that God has blessed them with!"



Katie Kline working alongside Sonographer, Mandi Ross in the ultrasound room.

Big Thank You!

We want to extend our thanks and appreciation to

JULIE ABER

who has served as a faithful volunteer since 2003 in a variety of roles.

Most recently, Julie served as our Nurse Manager and conducted limited OB ultrasounds.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant!

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

55 CANDLES REPRESENT 55 BABIES KILLED DAILY BY ABORTION IN OHIO

The Sanctity of Human Life Sunday took place on January 15 at the Salvation Army Kroc Center Chapel. About 125 like-minded people gathered together for prayer and worship led by Five Stones Church. Maryanne Wise shared a personal testimony and expanded on the Restore: Post Abortion Ministry. Special guest speaker, Pastor JC Church, challenged the audience to push for the

Heartbeat Bill passage, which would make abortion illegal when a heartbeat is detected (as early as 6 weeks.) Church compared the abortion issue to the Holocaust of World War II, saying that **55 abortions are performed in Ohio each day - about 20,000 per year.** He said the dwindling number of abortion clinics shows the pro-life movement is winning the battle. He encouraged pro-lifers to let their voices be heard now more than ever. Local artist, Rachel Justice, painted the Center theme, "Let Life Shine."



2017 SOHL Participating Churches:

Ashland Brethren In Christ
Ashland Christian Church
Ashland Grace Brethren
Bethel Baptist Church
Come Alive Community Church
Five Stones Community Church
Southview Grace Brethren Church
The Salvation Army Church

Memorial Gifts and Honorariums

Given in Memory of Rachel Olin:

Trinity Lutheran Church
Sam & Anne Kline
Joan Zachariah

In Honor of Jim & Edith Rowsey
Given by: Trudy Alting

Additional Giving Opportunities

You Save Babies

Kroger Community Rewards

Amazon Smiles

AshlandCareCenter.org/Donor

Ashland County Community
Foundation Agency Endowment

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House

UNVEILING OF NEW 4D/5D ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGY

The Ashland Care Center unveiled its new 4D/5D Ultrasound Technology at a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house on Thursday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m. The new ultrasound machine was paid for by the Samaritan Hospital Foundation, and will allow the Center to provide clients with the most realistic images of their unborn child available today.

About 50 individuals from the community showed their support. Area pastors prayed and anointed the new technology with oil from Israel. Special comments and proclamations were presented by representatives from offices of State Senator Larry Obhof, Congressman Bob Gibbs, Secretary of State Jon Husted, and the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sonographer Mandi Ross conducted demonstrations on a model to show how the cutting-edge technology can capture clear, detailed, and realistic images of a baby in utero.

4D is an actual moving three-dimensional image. Actions such as smiling, yawning, turning, and even subtle movements can be seen. In some cases, expectant parents have watched as their children have sucked their thumbs and peacefully



Photo: Charity Roland, Simply Pink Expressions

slept. 4D creates a live video effect, like a movie. The new technology also has virtual HD (also known as HD Live or 5D) capacities. 5D shows the baby in flesh tone, as if you are seeing the baby inside the womb.

More than 75 percent of the clients served are abortion-vulnerable. Eighty percent of women (four out of five) who see their baby on an ultrasound will choose life. The percentage increases to 90 percent if the father sees the baby.

This new technology is a powerful tool for making the case for life. It enhances the bond of mom and dad with their unborn baby.

PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS SUPPORT



By: Lori Lowman, Client Services Manager

Having personally experienced a miscarriage and the loss of a grandchild, my heart can certainly empathize with the pain and feelings of grief when someone suffers a similar loss. My position as a client advocate at the Ashland Pregnancy Center has made me aware of just how great the need is for a support group where individuals have the freedom to grieve the loss of a child, even years after the fact. Ashland Pregnancy Center is partnering with Hospice of North Central Ohio

by co-Sponsoring a Pregnancy & Infant Loss Support Group as a means of offering healing and acceptance to those who may have suffered this kind of loss. If you have suffered a miscarriage or lost a child, please feel free to join us. We meet every third Tuesday at Hospice of NCO from 5:30 to 7:00pm. For more information, contact Lori at 419.281.1111 or lori@ashlandcarecenter.org.



Till A Bottle and Save Lives

Baby bottles are waiting for your loose change! Get started now!

Contact Baby Bottle Coordinator
Mary-Rose Anderson at
babybottles@ashlandcarecenter.org to
reserve bottles for your church or group.

2016 Final Total = \$16,628.04
Over \$4,550 from 2015! Thank you!



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



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

Ashland Care Center Special Hours:

Early Closing: Thursday, March 9, at 3:00 p.m. (Chamber Awards)
Center Closed: Thursday, April 27 (Banquet)

Upcoming Events

GET READY TO JOIN US

Prayer Walk

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Ashland Pregnancy Center

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Thursday, April 27, 2017

6:30p .m. (Doors open at 6:00p.m.)

Ashland University Upper Convo

In-Depth Day with Pastor Andy Merritt

Friday, April 28, 2017

7:30-9:00 a.m. Local Pastors & Church Leaders

9:30-11:45 a.m. Training with Staff & Volunteers

Water's Edge at Bella Bleu's

Dine for Life (2 great restaurants)

Monday, May 1, 2017

All Day- Dine In or Carry Out

Bob Evans & Buffalo Wild Wings

**A portion of your bill will be donated to ACC
when you present the event flyer*

Walk for Life Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017

Downtown Corner Park

Cemetery of the Innocence Display

Friday, Sept. 29-Sunday, Oct. 1

Help us Shine!

Serve as a Volunteer

We are in need of mom & dad mentors, Boutique workers, church liaisons, special events/projects, and office help. Contact Lori Lowman at 419.281.1111 to get more information, or stop by the office to pick up a volunteer packet.



Next Training : Friday, April 28, with Andy Merritt (No May meeting)

Future Meetings: Wednesdays, August 23 & October 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Become a Prayer Partner

We believe the greatest way we will have impact in the lives of the men and women we serve is through prayer. There is power in prayer! Would you faithfully pray for the ministry of Ashland Care Center? Each week, our Prayer Partners Coordinator, Holland Speck, will email you specific requests, whether it be in regards to an appointment with an abortion-minded client, special meeting, or upcoming event, we want God to bless the work of the ministry. We also have a general prayer calendar to help guide you in prayer.



Projects for Sprucing Up This Spring

- ♥ Carpets need cleaned
(Lots of little ones use our floors!)
- ♥ Indoor/Outdoor painting door &
- ♥ window trims
- ♥ Extra shelving built in basement
for extra storage



We have been selected as a
FINALIST
for the Chamber
Annual Awards – Social
Service Category!

Please pray! March 9th is
the big announcement.

