



# 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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Melanie Miller, Executive Director  
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Lori Lowman, Client Services Manager  
Jackie Beaty, Program Manager  
Pat Rogers, Boutique Manager

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Katie Kline, Sonographer-In-Training

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## Banquet Raises \$115,000 for Life

### THANK YOU FOR SHINING LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Our 11th Annual Fundraising Banquet was held on Thursday, April 27th, at the Ashland University Convo, with about 450 in attendance. Our guest speaker, Pastor



Guest Speaker  
Pastor Andy Merritt

Andy Merritt, shared his personal experience of launching the first church-sponsored pregnancy center, which has ministered to over 70,000 women since 1981.

We spoke of many needs; one urgent need in particular was to find funding to provide the necessary training for an additional ultrasound sonographer for our new 4D/5D ultrasound machine. God responded through a generous donor. Two days after the banquet, a donor came forward and committed to cover the expenses of \$6,000.00 for training. Praise the Lord!

We had about 45-50 first-time donors, 12 new banquet sponsors that helped underwrite the event, and more churches and new churches in attendance that hosted tables. We also had 15 new individuals who were called to serve as volunteers.

Through the generosity of all who attended and gave faithfully, we are excited to report that we raised about **\$115,000 in one-time gifts and monthly support.** That is a \$15,000 increase from last year! Thank you for helping us continue to "Let LIFE Shine" in our community.



Guests enjoy food, fellowship, and program. We appreciate the many folks that hosted tables this year.



Clients Mallory & Steven Warrick with baby Serenity shared how the Center has made a difference in their lives. Mallory is now giving back as a volunteer.



Melanie Miller (Executive Director), Sarah Rowan, Pastor Andy Merritt, Aaron Bates (Board President), and Dr. Vernon Vore meet and greet at banquet.



## Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

We were blessed to host Pastor Andy Merritt for an additional day as he trained about 30 board members, staff and volunteers. We also had a special time of celebrating and encouraging our local pastors at an appreciation breakfast held at Bella Bleu's. We had 22 churches represented from Ashland County.

Power in ministry is totally dependent upon purity of heart. Our growing relationship with Christ is the key to effective ministry. Before I can pray, "Lord change my \_\_\_\_" (*You fill in the blank*), I must pray, "Lord change me!"

The reality is, ministry and life in general can be really tough sometimes. Everyone is a sinner and people are imperfect, which makes life messy! Some stories are heart-wrenching, and at times we may find ourselves carrying the weight or burden by ourselves.

It's important to find a balance between family and work. One reminder that Andy Merritt shared with us was a visual of "taking out the trash."

We need to get rid of the clutter in our lives. We need to be disciplined in love and cannot be overwhelmed and burdened by our own personal struggles.

How do you get rid of the stress, clutter, and anxiety? Picture putting them in bags or boxes and taking out the trash. When you are driving to work in the morning, throw the trash out of the car.

Begin to pray for yourself, "*God give me grace. Help me to be your spokesperson of truth and encouragement. Draw clients to us. Rebuke the powers of darkness....*"

Since you have prepared your heart in prayer, by the time you arrive for work, you are 100 percent there. Ready for ministry.

We also have to remember this very simple step when leaving work. Throw the "ministry" garbage out when driving home so that your family can have your full undivided attention.

Every personal encounter is a divine appointment, not only for them, but also for you. Be ready, prayed up, and throw out the trash. I'd love to hear from you! Give me a call at 419.281.1111.

*Melanie Miller, Executive Director*

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



*"Children are a gift from the LORD...."*  
- Psalm 127:3 (NLT)

(Pictured Left)  
Congrats to Tiffany, who delivered baby Zarran (7 lbs. 15 oz.) on March 27th.

(Pictured Right)  
Congrats to Michaela, who gave birth to baby Brayden (7 lbs. 11 oz.) on May 11th.



## Ultrasound Training - Models Are Needed

### ULTRASOUND MODELS NEEDED: JUNE 21-25, 2017

The Ashland Care/Pregnancy Center needs volunteer models! We are training a new sonographer to learn how to scan ultrasounds on our new 4D/5D ultrasound machine on **Wednesday, June 21 – Sunday, June 25, 2017**. We about need 20-25 pregnant women who are in the first trimester up to 13 to 14 weeks AND non-pregnant ladies to serve as models for training purposes. We are fully booked in the second and third trimester. The appointment is about 1 hour, and each model will receive a free 4D color photo of her baby. If interested, please contact us at 419.281.1111 for details and to register. Thank you for helping us make the case for life and providing a window into the womb!



## Thank You

### 2017 Banquet Sponsors

#### Diamond Level (\$2,500-\$5,000)



**Grandpa's Cheesebarn**  
and **Sweeties Chocolates**  
Savor The Experience  
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Hopewell Church  
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Aaron & Aubrey Bates  
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Anonymous Gifts  
Ashland Eyecare Inc.  
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#### Bronze Level (\$100-\$249)

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# Free Baby Boxes Available to Prevent Sids

## BABY BOXES OFFER SAFE SLEEP ENVIRONMENT TO SAVE BABIES

A new initiative in the state of Ohio, the Baby Box Program, has launched in Ashland County. Ashland Care Center, together with Ashland County Health Dept., University Hospitals, Catholic Charities, and others are helping curb infant death by offering a safe sleep environment.

Baby Boxes, a simple cardboard box with a mattress pad are free for expectant parents. Parents must complete an online 15-20 minute SIDS education and parenting class at [babyboxuniversity.com](http://babyboxuniversity.com), print off the certificate, and bring it to any of the participating agencies listed above to pick up their free Baby Box. The boxes are filled with a starter kit of diapers, wipes, and other helpful resources.

Baby Boxes are a temporary short-term option that can sleep one baby up to 3 months old, and can be used as a storage box after the baby is grown. For families that do not have a computer, appointments can be made at the



Photo Credit: Ashland Times Gazette

### Every week in Ohio, 3 babies die in unsafe sleep environments.

Ashland Care Center or the Ashland County Health Dept. to complete the online class.

A **community baby shower** is scheduled for **Thursday, June 15, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** at the Ashland County Health Dept. for expectant and new parents to register for Baby Boxes. There will also be games, prizes, and guest speakers from different agencies presenting on educational topics.

## Care Center Named Finalist at Annual Chamber Awards Banquet



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The Ashland Care Center has been honored and recognized as a finalist at the Annual Chamber Awards Banquet in March in the Social Services category. This is the first time in history that the Center was nominated for its services to the community. Congratulations to the other well-deserving agencies and the winner, Appleseed Community Mental Health Center.

(Left to right) Front Row: Jackie Beaty, Barbie Lange - Chamber President, Melanie Miller, Lori Lowman. Back Row: Pat Rogers, Mandi Ross, Board Members - Joyce Mansfield, Lorin Weaver, Adrea Tennant.

## Volunteer Spotlight: Young Difference Maker

### CAMDEN SNIVELY HONORED FOR HIS FAITHFUL SERVICE

Congratulations to Camden Snively, who was recognized and honored as a "Young Difference Maker" at Ashland County Community Foundation (ACCF) for his service and dedication to the ministries of Ashland Care Center. Camden faithfully tends to the lawn every week and also serves at special events, assists with office mailings, and shares his gift of music by playing piano at our volunteer appreciation brunch and fundraising banquet.

**Thank you for making a difference!**

Pictured: Jim Cutright, CEO ACCF; Lisa, Camden and Mark Snively; Melanie Miller, Executive Director ACCF; Lori Lowman, ACC Client Services Manager & Volunteer Coordinator



## Boutique Needs: Garage & Yard Sale Donations All Summer Long



Please remember The Boutique this summer at upcoming garage and yard sales. We are always in need of large baby items and equipment like strollers, Pack 'n Plays, bouncers, changing tables, diaper bags, cribs (made after Dec 2012), and more. For a complete list of needs, call the office.

## New Agency 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

This new 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 complete and return the enclosed card. Or you may contact us at 419.281.1111 for questions. Thank you!



## Till A Bottle and Save Lives

We have seen such growth this year, that we have to purchase additional baby bottles! Baby bottles are waiting for your loose change! Get started now!

Contact Baby Bottle Coordinator  
Mary-Rose Anderson at  
[babybottles@ashlandcarecenter.org](mailto:babybottles@ashlandcarecenter.org) to  
reserve bottles for your church or group.



Mrs. Black's 4th-grade class at Ashland Christian School recently hosted a Baby Bottle Campaign and **raised \$727.60** for the ministries of Ashland Care Center. Way to go, kids!!! The students took a tour of the Center & Boutique and celebrated with donuts!





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

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

Ashland Care Center Special Hours:  
Center Closed: Monday, May 29  
(In observance of Memorial Day)



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*Get Ready!*

Church Liaisons, Groups and Individual Walkers...  
**Registration Opens on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**

## Upcoming Events

GET READY TO JOIN US

2nd Annual



*Jewelry for Life*  
*Fundraiser*  
with Premier Designs Jewelry

Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at APC

\* 20% of proceeds will benefit the life-saving work of Ashland Care/Pregnancy Center

RSVP by calling the Center at 419.281.1111 or Host – René Spellman at 419.282.2086.

### Ashland County Fair Booth

Sunday, Sept. 17 - Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017  
Ashland County Fairgrounds - *Volunteers Needed!*

### Walk for Life Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017

Check In: 8:30 a.m. ♥ Program: 9:00 a.m. ♥ Group 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!*

### Cupcakes for Life Outreach Event

Monday, Oct. 9, 2017

### Dine for Life Fall Fundraiser

October 2017 Details coming soon



Thanks for dining in/out and supporting the Ashland Care Center on Tuesday, May 1st.  
**We raised \$606.04 for LIFE!**

## Can You Help Us Meet These Needs?

- ♥ Need \$650.00 to purchase an additional 480 bottles for the Baby Bottle Campaign. All bottles out!
- ♥ Looking for a sponsor for the Parenting Class in the amount of \$3,000.00 to cover the cost of 25 Pack 'n Plays and supplies. Pack N' Plays are \$100 each.
- ♥ Looking for sponsorship opportunities for businesses and/or churches. Need \$1,500.00 to cover the cost of Walk for Life t-shirts. Company logo will be printed on the back of the t-shirts.
- ♥ It's time to replace two recliner chairs in one client consult room. They are on their last leg. About \$600.00 (\$300 each).

## 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.

**Next Training Meeting: Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 –11:30 a.m.**