



November 2017

# 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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## Walk for Life Passes Goal of \$20,000

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US LET LIFE SHINE!



Group Photo Credit: Noelle Bye



On a sunny morning on Saturday, Sept. 30, more than 180 walkers came to the Corner Park in support of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center's annual Walk for Life Fundraiser. The Cemetery of the Innocent was a beautiful, yet sobering memorial and reminder of the babies that are killed by abortion daily in America. We had the support of and heard special remarks from Mayor of Ashland Duane Fishpaw, Councilman-At-Large Matt Miller, State Representative Darrell Kick, and Senate President Larry Obhof. Maryanne Wise, the Center's RESTORE Post-Abortion Coordinator, led a time of prayer. A special thanks to the families and individuals who helped set up the cemetery display, as well as New Life Community Church's youth group, which joined us for prayer and taking down of the crosses. Thank you for letting LIFE shine!

**We passed our \$20,000 goal by raising \$20,021.40!**



## Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

This summer and fall, my heart is so full of gratitude and awe of God Almighty. My dream for the center upon hire was for Ashland Pregnancy Care Center to transform our community for life and to be known on a national scale having impact. Why not Ashland? Why not have other states and pregnancy centers look to Ashland and want to implement the things we are doing that are making a difference?

This all became a reality when I received a call to come to Washington D.C. (See story below)

I have always admired Queen Esther's courage and position for "such a time as this." She saved her people from death by taking a stand and stepping out in faith. I believe that is what we have been called to do for the most innocent of mankind — life in the womb — pre-born babies. They do not have a voice, and so we need to be theirs.

*...Who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*

~Esther 4:14b

There is great deception around the abortion issue. I sat in the Congress chambers and listened as a witness shared that she believed a dismemberment abortion is the safest and most humane procedure. What?! The more I meet and hear firsthand the pro-abortion activists, the more the spirit inside of me stirs

a greater passion to protect the sanctity of human life.

What can we do? We can start locally.

For the second year, we hosted the *Cemetery of the Innocent* display with our Walk for Life. I received numerous emails and calls from folks in the community thanking us for putting up the display. One mom shared with me, "It sparked an important conversation with my children that we needed to have." One walker shared how carrying the cross had a powerful meaning to him personally. He received an answer to his prayers (the week before the Walk) when a former student walked into his classroom carrying her 1-year-old son, when one year earlier, she thought abortion was her only option. And one walker received eternal life by giving her life to Christ.

*Cupcakes for Life* at Ashland University is a non-threatening way to bless college students with free cupcakes, when also talking about abortion. One student stopped by our booth, picked up a cupcake, read our card, then returned. She showed us a phone picture of her 3-year-old son and said, "Thank you for being here today. A few years ago, there was a group like you that encouraged me not to have an abortion. I love my son so much. I know you will change someone's heart today."

Please continue to pray for us as we move forward to select a future property and expand our reach in the community. We are so thankful for your support.

*Melanie Miller, Executive Director*

## Invest for Life Endowment Fund



The Ashland Care Center, Inc. endowment fund, held at the Ashland County Community Foundation,

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. The earnings from this fund will be used to provide long-term operational support for our ministry, ensuring that our life-saving mission will continue for years to come.

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

## Memorial Gifts and Honorariums

Given in Memory of Joann Byers:  
The Timmons Family

Given in Memory of Margaret Keinath:  
Gorman Rupp Quarter Century Club  
The Trumpower Family

Given in Memory of  
Gabriella Rose Haynes,  
daughter of JC & Larissa:  
Carl & Christine Krantz

## Ashland Team Testifies on Capitol Hill for Federal Heartbeat Bill

### BABY LINCOLN AT 18 WEEKS WAS THE YOUNGEST TO EVER TESTIFY IN D.C.



Baby Lincoln, 18-weeks in the womb through 5D ultrasound image. See baby reaching for his face?

The federal Heartbeat Bill, H.R. 490 had a House Judiciary Committee hearing before the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 11:30 a.m. in the Rayburn House Building, Room 2237. Members from the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center team were chosen to present before Congress and testify by giving a clear window into the womb through its latest technology, a portable 4D/5D ultrasound unit. Executive Director Melanie Miller and Ultrasound Sonographer Mandi Ross worked together and recorded a live ultrasound video to highlight the beating heart and movement of a pre-born baby in the womb. The star of the show was 18-week Baby Lincoln, who was joined by his mother, Mackenzie Miller. Mackenzie Miller is a pre-school teacher at Ashland Christian School. Just moments before Mackenzie was contacted about the opportunity, she was praying for God to use her pregnancy to be a testimony for the sanctity of life and God's glory.

Following the hearing, the Ashland team participated in a press conference at the House Triangle, lead by Faith2Action President and Heartbeat Bill originator, Janet Porter, and pro-life leaders including Congressman Steve King (R-Iowa), the bill's sponsor. The bill, also known as the Heartbeat Protection Act, prohibits an abortion when a fetal heartbeat can be detected, which is as early as 6 weeks gestation. While the committee watching the ultrasound video— seeing and hearing Baby Lincoln's beating heart—the room fell silent. That was when one of the previously vocal pro-abortion protesters was seen wiping her eyes. If Baby Lincoln can reach the hostile protesters in the room, his testimony can reach the heart of America. While on Capitol Hill, the team met with Congressman Bob Gibbs and U.S. Senator Rob Portman.



(Left to Right): Janet Porter, Mackenzie Miller, Mandi Ross, and Melanie Miller stand in front of the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. following a press conference with the 4D/5D ultrasound machine which provided a window into the womb for the nation to see and hear Baby Lincoln's 18-week beating heart.



# A Reflection of the Value and Gift of Life

## ETERNAL LIFE RECEIVED UNDER OLD OAK TREE ON WALK ROUTE



By: Pastor Travis McKenzie

What is the value of a Life? "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness" is a well-known phrase in the United States

Declaration of Independence. The phrase gives three examples of the "unalienable rights," which the Declaration says have been given to all human beings by their Creator, and which governments are created to protect. (Wikipedia)

This past Sept. 30, during our annual 'Walk for Life' fundraising event, there were literally hundreds of supporters all present to uphold and represent a child's right to life. But I must ask myself— is life truly a right? As a pastor, I preach that life is a gift! So, if life is a gift rather than a right, shouldn't there be that much more emphasis placed upon its value? I think the true value of this gift comes from the one who offered it— Christ Jesus. And the only thing that is more precious than a physical life is the eternal life that Christ offers for those who will place their trust in Him. While the Walk for Life was a reminder of this gift of natural life, it is also a reminder that Christ is continually calling those who

are spiritually dead to receive the gift of eternal life from Him. During this event, I was privileged to lead a dear lady to Christ. She had been attending our church since July of this year. While we were walking together up Claremont Avenue toward the turnaround point, standing at an old oak tree, I asked her to share with me her church experience and relationship with the Lord. When she replied that she had attended some churches in the past, but didn't have a personal relationship with Christ, I instantly went into pastor-mode and eagerly shared with her the Gospel message of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and how He desires for us to commit our lives to Him and trust in Him for eternal life. After sharing the good news with her, standing under an old oak tree, she responded, "Someone would have to be stupid not to accept a deal like that!" At that moment, she was ready to accept the greatest gift ever offered.



As we were walking in honor and memory of all the little ones who have senselessly lost their gift of physical life through abortion, there was a gift of eternal life received! To God be the glory!



## Baby Bottle Campaign



Campaigns are still coming to a close from the 2017 Baby Bottles. Final results will be published in our February newsletter.

We are now reserving bottles for the 2018 Baby Bottle Campaign.

If you would like more information, please contact Baby Bottle Coordinator Mary-Rose Andersen at [babybottles@ashlandcarecenter.org](mailto:babybottles@ashlandcarecenter.org) or 419.281.1111 to reserve bottles for your church, classroom, business, or group.



## CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to our clients Justin and Autumn on the birth of their baby girl, Caroline, born on September 28, weighing in at 6 lbs. 1 oz. Their little one is featured in our new calendar.



## National Pro-Life Cupcake Day - Oct. 9, 2017

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center partnered with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Newman Catholic Ministries, and Christ Provisions to provide 500 free cupcakes & cards to Ashland University students to celebrate life and the babies that are denied a birthday because of abortion. AU President Carlos Campo stopped by to show his support. Pictured Left to Right: Carlos Campo - AU President, Melanie Miller - APCC, Becky Weaver, and Gretchen Smith - Christ Provisions.

## Blessing-Tilled Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

### WE HAVE "GRATEFUL HEARTS" FOR OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Every year we look forward to honoring our incredible volunteers, the heart of our ministry, for their dedicated service. About 40 individuals gathered together on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Salvation Army Kroc Center for food, fellowship, a time of thanks, and a time of worship. Each of our volunteers were honored with words of love and appreciation and were presented with a "grateful heart" and baby feet charm. From the beginning of 2017 through October, **our volunteers have donated more than 1,400 hours of service!**



We'd love for you to join our team! There are a variety of needs based on your time and experience. Contact Lori Lowman at 419.281.1111 for volunteer opportunities.

## NEW 2018 Monthly Baby Calendar

Featuring the babies saved through the life-saving work of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. Get a copy by completing the enclosed order form.



Thanks to Charity Roland for making this possible!





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



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

*Ashland Pregnancy Care Center Holiday Hours:*  
Early Closing: Thursday, Dec. 21 at 3:00 p.m.  
Center Closed: Dec. 22, 2017 - Jan. 2, 2018

## Upcoming Events

GET READY TO JOIN US

Volunteer Training Meeting with Guest Cori Salchert  
Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Prayer Walk  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center

12th Annual Fundraising Banquet  
Thursday, April 12, 2018  
Ashland University Upper Convo  
Guest Speaker: Pat Layton

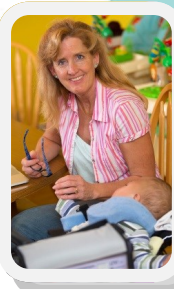


In-Depth Day with Pat Layton  
Friday, April 13, 2018  
7:30-9:00 a.m. Pastors' Appreciation Breakfast  
9:30-11:45 a.m. Training with Staff & Volunteers

## Client Back-to-School Picnic



Our team blessed our clients with a first-time **Client Back-to-School Picnic** on Sunday, August 27, 2017, at the Outdoor Pavilion & Spray Park at The Salvation Army Kroc Center. Eva's Treats donated delicious frozen yogurt for our families, while board and staff members donated picnic foods. It was a nice time of fellowship, playing games, and developing community. The event served as a kick-off for our Men's Ministry.



Guest Speaker:  
**Cori Salchert**

*Cori calls the home she shares with her husband a "House of Hope." She began adopting "hospice babies," babies with life-limiting or terminal diagnoses since 2012. Her story was featured on the Today Show & People Magazine.*

# Oh THE Places We'll Go!



*Want to be an extra blessing?*  
Here are some needs that we have:

- ♥ For Client Visits - granola bars, fruit snacks, and bottled waters
- ♥ Paper Products - toilet paper, paper towels, and lots of Kleenex boxes
- ♥ Diapers & wipes (Sizes preemie, newborn, 1-5)
- ♥ Baby shampoos, lotions, and wash
- ♥ Large baby items - Pack 'n Plays, cribs & crib mattresses, bouncers, walkers, changing tables, bassinets, and diaper bags
- ♥ K-cup Keurig Refills (coffee, teas, and other)

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
Community Service  
Sunday, January 21, 2018  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

*Refreshments & dessert following the service*

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