

December 2018

Oh ^{THE} Places
We'll Go!

Lifelines



Walk for Life Raises Over \$21,000



Walk/Run Photo Credit: Dylan Counts

Thank You
\$21,073.65

THANK YOU for helping us go places and walking to support Ashland Pregnancy Care Center's life-saving mission on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018 for our annual Walk for Life & 5K Fun Run. Praise God! We exceeded the 2017 fundraising total.

This year we raised \$21,073.65 for LIFE!

A special thank you to our Premier Corporate Sponsors:

HEMPY WATER



WAY TO GO TO OUR TOP FUNDRAISERS!

Top 5 Walkers

- 1st Place: Ann Kline - \$4,350.00
- 2nd Place: Joan Scott - \$560.00
- 3rd Place: Jesecia Coffman - \$495.00
- 4th Place: Katelyn Edwards - \$465.00
- 5th Place (Tied): Jackie Beaty & Joyce Mansfield - \$400.00

Top 5 Teams

- 1st Place: Trinity Lutheran Church - \$745.00
- 2nd Place: Bethel Baptist Church - \$435.00
- 3rd Place: GemSeekers /Southview Grace Brethren Church - \$426.00
- 4th Place (Tied): Tyson-Beach-Zimmerman Family & Christ the Cornerstone Church - \$355.00
- 5th Place: The Timmons Family - \$350.00

Our Vision:

We envision a culture where the sanctity of human life is celebrated by all, making abortion unthinkable for generations to come.

Mission Statement:

The Ashland Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry offering compassion, hope, and help to women and men facing critical pregnancy decisions by *establishing* trusted relationships, *equipping* with education and resources, and *empowering* families to live life according to God's plan.

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Leave a Legacy of Love



The Ashland Pregnancy Care Center 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!



Baby Bottle Campaign

Tallies from 2018 are wrapping up. Final results will be announced soon.

Reserve bottles for the 2019 Baby Bottle Campaign by contacting Baby Bottle Coordinator Mary-Rose Andersen at babybottles@ashlandcarecenter.org or 419.281.1111 for your church, classroom, business, or group.

Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

At this time of year, we're reminded of Mary and what some might call an "unplanned pregnancy." In truth, Mary's pregnancy was the most *planned* of all time. God foretold this pregnancy through Old Testament prophets, even telling us this Child would be born in Bethlehem.

The challenge however, was in shifting Mary's thinking from the natural ("How can this be, for I am a virgin?") to the supernatural ("be it done to me according to your word").

For those of us at Ashland Pregnancy Care Center, we rarely deal with planned pregnancies like Mary's. But we do have opportunities to help shift the thinking of those we see. Those who come in our door often see their babies as anything from an inconvenience to an unfathomable crisis that must be stopped in its tracks.

In a time of confusion and pain, we understand the fear. We understand the desire to get out of what might appear to be a hopeless situation.

But . . . if even in fear we can take a step back and see how God *can* work, there is hope. And when there is hope, there is always a path to joy.

Our role? To share that God is still at work when we mistakenly toss aside the storybook of our lives. Instead of berating us, God places His arm around us, places the book back on our laps, and says, "Let's do this together. There is a new chapter to be written, and you'll smile again as the story unfolds."

What we do may not be as miraculous as Mary's situation. Up to the point of her pregnancy, Mary had kept the storybook of her life intact—we see this as the angel Gabriel said to her, "You have found favor with God!"

For those we see, many feel as if they are *out* of favor with God. Perhaps they are right. We don't know, and it is not in our job description to figure this out.

But just like Mary, they need a change of thinking. Mary's went from the natural to the supernatural, and our hope is that with our clients, their thinking—even in crisis—will shift in the same way.

You are a part of this. Because of your willingness to step into this world, many who walk in our door will leave with a new perspective and a new way of thinking.

As we close 2018, we're thankful for you. You're making a difference.

If you wish to launch 2019 with an investment in changing more perspectives and giving more moms and children hope in the New Year, visit our web site www.AshlandCareCenter.org (click the "Partner With Us" tab) and add your name to those giving special year-end gifts.

Here's to a great 2019— one with more hope, more joy, and new stories waiting to be written.

I'd love to hear from you! Give me a call at 419.281.1111, or email melaniem@ashlandcarecenter.org.

Melanie Miller, Executive Director

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son
from the Father, full of grace and truth."
- John 1:14*



COMMUNITY GRANT TO PROCURE WORK STATIONS



Ashland County
Community Foundation
...for generations to come

This fall, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center was a recipient of the Ashland County Community Foundation's Community Grant in the amount of \$5,032.56 to procure 4 new computer work stations for staff. We are very excited and grateful for this generous gift to improve our technology and software, increase the efficiency of our day-to-day work to better serve clients, and have room for growth. Thank you, ACCF Board of Trustees, for this gift.

APCC VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Appreciation Breakfast Honors Volunteers for Service

Every year we look forward to honoring our incredible volunteers, the heart of our ministry, for their dedicated service. About 35 individuals gathered together on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the new Wellness Community Center for a delicious breakfast buffet catered by Buehler's Fresh Foods, fellowship, a time of thanks, and a time of worship. Our volunteers were honored with words of love and appreciation and were presented with special gifts. Local area businesses also showed their gratitude by donating gift certificates to be raffled off to our volunteers. A special thank-you to Buffalo Wild Wings, Crazy Monkey Baking, Jake's, Lyn-Way, and Uniontown Brewery for your generosity.

From the beginning of 2018 through December, our volunteers have donated more than 1,700 hours of service! Thank you for helping us "go places"!



GemSeeker Girls Give Back

The GemSeekers group at Southview Grace Brethren Church have big hearts! The girls, ages 6 to 13, years old proudly hosted a Baby Bottle Campaign and raised \$181.02 for life! They also collected material items for our baby Boutique, including 46 packages of wipes, 4 packs of diapers, and a pack n' play sheet set. Thank you, girls, for making a difference and saving babies.

2018 LIFESAVER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - JUDY WEAVER



At this year's Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, we presented our first annual "Lifesaver Volunteer of the Year" award. This award recognizes an outstanding volunteer who exemplifies faithful service, commitment to the Lord, and embodies the spirit of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center while displaying an attitude of excellence through compassion, hope, and help. **Congratulations to Judy Weaver, who was selected as our first recipient.** Judy, who started volunteering at APCC in 2015, stepped in this year during a critical time of need while our Boutique coordinator, Pat Rogers, needed to take a leave of absence. Judy provided leadership and stability for our clients and kept the day-to-day operation of our baby Boutique running smoothly. Her picture and plaque is on display at the center.



Life Is Sweet!



National Pro-Life Cupcake Day

Life is sweet! Meet one of our precious client babies who is now 3 years old because her mom chose life after visiting Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. Life is sweet! October 9 was National Pro-Life Cupcake Day! APCC partnered with Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Newman Catholic Ministries, and Christ Provisions to provide 350 free cupcakes to students and faculty at Ashland University to celebrate life and the babies who are denied a birthday because of abortion. Info cards were passed out sharing about the free services APCC offers.

New CHH Training Inspires & Equips Volunteers

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center held its first Compassion, Hope, & Help 2-day full volunteer training on Nov. 9-10, 2018, at the Wellness Center at Brethren Care Village. There were a total of 19 trainees who participated, including the staff, current volunteers, and new volunteers. Terry

Williams, served as our guest trainer from our national affiliate, Care Net, who led the two-day training for volunteers that have a desire to work directly with clients. This training will continue to be offered as part of our new training program to begin to equip and empower our volunteers when directly serving clients at our center or boutique. Here are what volunteers are saying:

"I feel less intimidated and more confident to serve clients."

"I felt this training prepared me well to become a mom mentor."





Ashland Pregnancy Care Center
119 Sloan Ave.
Ashland, OH 44805
419.281.1111

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

THE BOUTIQUE
Emmanuel United Methodist
322 Cleveland Ave.
Ashland, OH 44805

Open Thursday
12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Special Holiday Hours:

Center Closed: Dec. 21, 2018 - Jan. 2, 2019

We will re-open at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019



Upcoming Events

GET READY TO JOIN US

PRAYER WALK

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

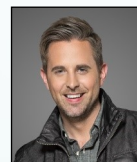
Ashland Pregnancy Care Center

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Ashland University Convocation Center

Special Guest Speaker: Matt Hammitt
Former lead singer of "Sanctus Real"



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS! DATES TO REMEMBER



NEW VOLUNTEER INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Thursday, February 7
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

If you have an interest in serving on our volunteer team but would like more information on where to begin, join us for this short meeting. Take a tour and learn more about our mission, vision, services, and volunteer opportunities. RSVP to Amanda at amanda@ashlandcarecenter.org or call 419.281.1111.

VOLUNTEER IN-SERVICE TRAINING MEETING:

Wednesday, February 20, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Current volunteers, please RSVP with your availability for one of the dates/times listed above.

NEXT 2-DAY FULL VOLUNTEER TRAINING:

"Compassion, Hope, & Help"

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Want to be an extra blessing?

We are seeking...

- ♥ Educational books for client resource library (topics: pregnancy, child development, relationships, Bible studies)
- ♥ Paper Products - toilet paper, hand towels, Kleenex
- ♥ Size preemie diapers and preemie baby clothing
- ♥ Faithful prayer partners
- ♥ Ultrasound models for continued training (ladies who are 7 to 18 weeks pregnant)
- ♥ Does your church have an APCC Ambassador? If not, or if you're not sure, let us know.
- ♥ Invest as a monthly financial partner

For other in-kind donations and opportunities, please contact Melanie Miller at 419.281.1111.

Sanctity of HUMAN LIFE Sunday



Join us for the
SOHL Community Service
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Bethel Baptist Church
575 US 250 N • Savannah



GUEST SPEAKER - KAILEE PERRIN

At 18, Kailee found herself pregnant and addicted to drugs and alcohol. Her boyfriend was a drug dealer and decided to pay for an abortion so that they could both go on with their lives.



Through an unlikely series of events, Kailee found herself in a pregnancy center. Thinking that they offered abortions, she walked in, and instead found the acceptance, hope, and love that she so desperately needed.

Today, Kailee & her boyfriend are married, both followers of Jesus, and have had two more children. Kailee's story is a powerful reminder that no one is too far removed from God, and that hope shines brightest in the darkest places.