

February 2018

Oh ^{THE} Places
We'll Go!

Lifelines



SOHL Sunday Community Service Record Attendance

ORDINARY PERSON SERVING AN EXTRAORDINARY GOD



Photo: Ashland Times-Gazette, Liz Hosfeld

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center's annual Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Community Service took place on January 21, hosted by Bethel Baptist Church in Savannah. More than 350 like-minded people gathered together for prayer and worship, led by Cross Connect Church. There were more than 25 different Ashland county churches represented, 8 parachurch ministries, and local elected officials. The love offering totaled \$5,649.16.

Wisconsin couple and guest speakers, Mark and Cori Salchert, are the parents of 8 children and have served as

foster parents for 7 terminally-ill children in the last 4 years, loving and caring for them as they prepare to die. In 2013, the Salcherts first adopted a 2-week-old girl they named Emmalynn, who died in Cori's arms after 50 days. Cori is a former bereavement nurse who now cares for Charlie, a 3-year-old boy who suffers from irreversible brain damage. The Salcherts adopted Charlie when he was 4 months old. Doctors expected him to die before the age of 2. Cori explains, "Charlie is not valuable because he's productive, he's not valuable because he's going to get up and do chores... Charlie is valuable because he is made in the image of God... Love is the game changer. He is thriving because he is loved."

Local artist Rachel Justice presented a live painting. The program began with greetings from Ashland County Ministerial Association President, Pastor Mike Futrell. Scripture readings were presented by Pastors Scot Myers (Ashland Christian) and Keith Tyson (Ashland Brethren in Christ). Rev. Frank Taylor (Loudonville First Baptist) gave an opening prayer, and Pastor Jon Hall (Ashland Grace Brethren) recognized special guests. Executive Director Melanie Miller, ultrasound sonographer Mandi Ross, and mom-to-be Mackenzie Miller shared a video of 18-week baby Lincoln, highlighting his beating heart and movement. Todd and Kelly Marshall (Ashland University & Mayor's Office), introduced the guest speaker and their longtime friends. Pastor John Bouquet (Bethel Baptist) challenged the crowd to give generously and Youth Pastor Sam Speck closed the service in prayer.



Photo Credit: Charity Roland
(Pictured Left to Right) Mayor Matt & Melanie Miller, Cori & Mark Salchert, and Kelly & Todd Marshall.

Our Vision:

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

Mission Statement:

The mission of Ashland Pregnancy 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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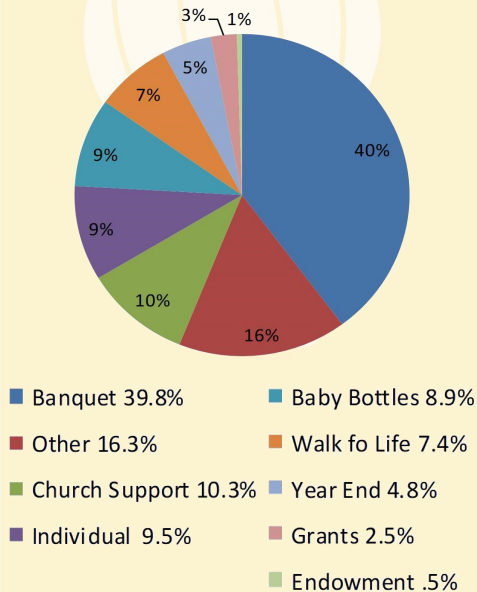
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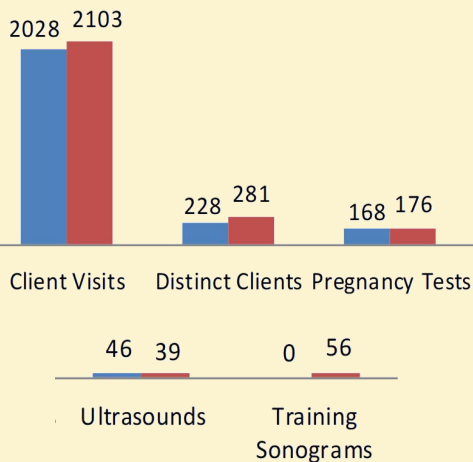
2017 Statistics

Donors



Clients

■ 2016 ■ 2017



We have been selected as a **FINALIST** for the Chamber Annual Awards Health & Medical Services & Social Services Category!

Please pray!
March 8 is the big announcement.

Additional Ways to Give

Kroger Community Rewards

Amazon Smiles

AshlandCareCenter.org

Ashland County Community
Foundation Agency Endowment

Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Our 2018 theme is **"Oh the Places We'll Go."** It is based on Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"*

This key truth is a great reminder that God has a plan and purpose for each and every life He creates. When we surrender our lives to him, it's exciting to see **the places we'll go** and the lives we'll touch!

"Oh the Places You'll Go" is the title of a Dr. Seuss classic and is one of my favorite books to read to young children, recent graduates, and adults alike. There is so much to ponder. Just think. You're here not by chance, but by God's choosing. His hand formed you and made you the person you are. He compares you to no one else—you are one of a kind! You lack nothing that His grace can't give you. He has allowed you to be here at this time in history to fulfill His special purpose for this generation. Thank you, Jesus!

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."
- Ecclesiastes 3:1

There is a time for everything. The ministry of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center has touched many lives. We have impacted the local community, the state of Ohio, and our nation through providing opportunities through our state-of-the-art ultrasound technology. We recently updated our logo and our signage out

front. Ohio Lt. Governor Mary Taylor heard about us and stopped by for a tour and to learn more about our life-saving work.



On Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, APCC Staff and Board Members met with Lt. Governor Mary Taylor.

We believe that if our moms and babies are given a chance for life, who knows **the places they'll go**? These babies could become a doctor who finds a cure for cancer, or could possibly become the future president of the United States.

Every day, thousands of women face a Crisis—an unwanted pregnancy. They feel unloved and alone. Every day, thousands of fathers are faced with the crippling fear of the future. They, too, feel unloved and alone. Every day, thousands of babies are denied the chance to live and to be loved. These babies are powerless and have no voice. We need you to be an advocate for life, to stand up for those who cannot, and to be present to those who desperately need love and support. If given the chance and the resources, who knows **the places they'll go**?

I'd love to hear from you! Give me a call at 419.281.1111.

Melanie Miller, Executive Director

Attention Expectant Moms! Want A Free Ultrasound?



We are seeking pregnant "models" on a regular basis willing to help our sonographers receive practice in performing ultrasounds to keep up their skills. They get practice and you get to see your baby! To qualify, models must be at least 18 years old and between 7 to 20 weeks of pregnancy and have had a previous ultrasound by a physician.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Client Services Manager Lori Lowman at 419.281.1111.

Banquet Time Is Almost Here!

HELP US SAVE LIVES AND RESTORE HOPE

Banquet time is almost here! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for the upcoming 12th 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 Pregnancy Care Center.



12th Annual Fundraising Banquet



Guest Speaker:
Pat Layton
Founder, nation's largest PRC & International Post Abortion Recovery Program

BANQUET
Thursday, April 12
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
AU Convocation Center

Call Soon to Reserve Your Seat
Contact us for Sponsorship Opportunities or Hosting a Table.
AshlandCareCenter.org ♥ (419) 281.1111

Pat Layton is our special guest speaker. Pat has founded a variety of organizations during her 25 years in full-time ministry, including one of the nation's largest pregnancy resource centers, an international post-abortion recovery program (Surrendering the Secret), an adoption agency, and a national woman's ministry (A Woman's Quest). She and her husband, Mike, have been married for over 40 years and have 3 married children.

Client Spotlight- Let's Celebrate!

MARRIAGE & BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



(Left) One of our clients spent time over the holidays getting married! Crystal and Wayne had been attending church together as a family and felt led to follow God's direction in their lives through holy matrimony. On a very chilly December 9 in their outside gazebo, with John Lowman officiating and friends and family in attendance, they exchanged vows.

(Below) Client Melisha and 4-year-old big brother Jaxtyn celebrate the birth of their newest family addition. Baby girl Raegan was born on Dec. 13 weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz.



2017 Baby Bottle Campaign Top 10 Fundraisers

Park Street Brethren Church

Trinity Lutheran Church

St. Edward Catholic Church
(Catholic Daughters Court #1245)

Ashland Christian School
Mission Outreach

Ashland Dickey Church of the Brethren

Calvary Baptist Church

Christ Community EFC

Mohicanville Community Church

Nankin Community Church

Ashland Christian School
Mrs. Black's 4th Grade Students

Baby Bottle Thank You & Praise Report!

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to ALL of our 2017 Baby Bottle Campaign partners! The top ten churches and organizations are listed above.

Our 2017 Campaign had a record year, raising **\$23,404.24**, with **20 local churches** and **one school participating**. This is a **41% increase over 2016**.

Praise the Lord!

You have blessed the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. These funds will help us be the light of hope and help to all those in our community facing unplanned pregnancies. Thanks again for letting your light SHINE!



Fill A Bottle and Save Lives

2018 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/group.



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.

Ashland Care Center Special Hours:
Early Closing: Thursday, March 8, at 4:00 p.m. (Chamber Awards)
Center Closed: Thursday, April 12 (Banquet)

Help Us Make A Difference!

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 : Wednesday, February 28 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Future Meetings: Wednesdays, May 23, Aug. 22, Oct. 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Become a Prayer Partner

We believe the greatest way we will have impact in the lives of the women and men serve is through prayer. There is power in prayer! Would you faithfully pray for the ministry of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center? Each week, our Prayer Coordinator, 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.

Can You Help Us Meet These Needs?

- ♥ Diapers & Wipes (preemie through size 5)
- ♥ Disinfectant Wipes
- ♥ Re-Sealable Sandwich Bags
- ♥ Cases of bottled waters & granola bars for clients
- ♥ Paper Products (boxes of Kleenex, toilet paper, & towels)
- ♥ Educational books for client Learn & Earn resource library (pregnancy, child development, marriage, Bible studies)



Our amazing staff Lori Lowman (front center), Jackie Beaty (back left), and Becky Gray (right) enjoy love and snuggles with our client babies during our annual "ReCharge" Client Christmas Party held on December 14, 2017, at Emmanuel UMC.

Upcoming Events

GET READY TO JOIN US

Prayer Walk
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Ashland Pregnancy Care Center

12th Annual Fundraising Banquet
Thursday, April 12, 2018
6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)
Ashland University Upper Convo

In-Depth Day with Pat Layton
Friday, April 13, 2018
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 Fundraiser
Tuesday, April 17, 2018
All Day—Dine In or Carry Out
Ashland Applebee's
**A portion of your bill will be donated to APCC when you present the event flyer*

Walk for Life Fundraiser
Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018
Downtown Corner Park

Cemetery of the Innocence Display
Friday, Sept. 28-Sunday, Sept. 30

Fundraiser to Benefit



At

St Edward Catholic Parish
501 Cottage Street, Ashland



\$9.00 Adult • \$8.00 60+ or Military Vet • \$5.00 Ages 6-12
Free Under Age 6 with paid adult/vet

Serving Fried or Baked Fish or Pasta and includes
French Fries, Green Beans, Slaw, Cornbread or Roll,
Applesauce, Cold Drink or Coffee and Dessert.

Friday March 9, 2018
5:00 until 7:00 PM

