

Summer 2018

Oh ^{THE} Places We'll Go!

Lifelines



12th Annual Banquet Raises \$120,625 for Life!

525 PEOPLE GATHER TO SUPPORT A LIFE-SAVING MISSION



Photo Credit: Tom Puskar

authoring many best-selling books. Most notable is her *Surrendering the Secret* post-abortion Bible study, which has impacted many lives across the county.

We announced our new strategic vision and mission statement (*see in the right column*) as we empower families to live *life according to God's plan*.

We spoke of many needs; one specific need was to help with the cost of the rebrand and design of our new website. God responded through a generous donor who provided a \$5,000 gift designated to take care of this project. Some felt led to cover one month of radio advertising. Many faithful individuals renewed their monthly gift or increased their gift.

Forty percent of our attendees were first-time guests. More than 70 gifts were from first-time donors. We had 48 different table hosts, and 25 new individuals were called to serve as volunteers.

Through the generosity of all who attended and gave faithfully, we are excited to report that we raised \$120,625 in one-time gifts and monthly support. That is more than a \$5,000 increase from last year! Thank you for helping us continue to dream of the *places we'll go* and the lives we will touch and transform as we point women and men facing critical pregnancy decisions to Jesus, the lover of their soul.

Ashland Pregnancy Care Center's 12th Annual Fundraising Banquet was held on Thursday, April 12, at Ashland University Convocation Center, with 525 in attendance. Our guest speaker, Mrs. Pat Layton, shared her personal redemptive story of being a "half-dead" woman after having an abortion, and how she later surrendered her secret to the Lord. Pat drew examples from the parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37.

Pat has been used by God in full-time ministry for over 25 years, serving as a pregnancy center director and



Guest Speaker Pat Layton embraces the women whose lives her story touched through her 8-week post-abortion Bible study, *Surrendering the Secret*.



The day after the banquet, Mike & Pat Layton encouraged local pastors at an appreciation breakfast at Bella Bleu's. Pat presented a challenge regarding the mission field created by abortion. She also spent time with our APCC team to equip them with tools necessary to help walk a client through 8 healing steps after experiencing trauma in their lives, like abortion or pregnancy and infant loss.

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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2018 Banquet Sponsors

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Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Have you ever personally experienced the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God? The words to this popular worship song speak so personally and intimately as to WHO WE ARE and how deeply we are loved by Him.

*Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
(When I was your foe, still Your love fought for me)
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath,
You breathed Your life in me
(When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me)
You have been so so kind to me*

*Oh, the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down fights till I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it
Still you give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless love of God*

If every person, young and old, could understand how fully, deeply, and passionately their Heavenly Father loves them with an overwhelming, never-ending reckless love, **oh the places they'll go!**

At this year's banquet, we had two very brave women share their personal testimonies of a past abortion experience. (Read more on the next page.) After spending hours interviewing them, one thing stood out to me about both stories. Both women knew of God's love for them. They have been told that Jesus loves them; they even memorized scriptures talking about His great love. However, one thing was missing.

They had never *personally* experienced His relentless, reckless love for them, us.

One woman shared how she never gave this (her abortion) over to God. One week during the study, she cried out, *God, why would you forgive me?*

Because I love you and I love your child!, she heard Jesus say to her. She describes how at that moment, she felt His loving arms wrap around her and hold her securely as she surrendered her secret.

And there I was in a church service, weeping as the words of "Reckless Love" penetrated my heart. I was overwhelmed by God's love for me in that moment. There is nothing that I have done or could do for Him to love me more. He is a good Father who pursues us with a reckless love. He never gives up on us. He is willing to meet you where you are—a beautiful mess. He loves you so much that He is willing to leave the ninety-nine (sheep) and pursue the one (sheep) who has wandered off and bring it back to the flock (Matthew 18:12-14).

If you feel that you have no worth, remember that Jesus paid it all for you on the cross. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13). Every client facing a critical pregnancy decision who walks through our door is invited to know Jesus personally. We know that only through a personal relationship with Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit can lives be transformed.

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

Melanie Miller, Executive Director



On April 10, staff & volunteers welcomed Mrs. Frances DeWine (wife of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine) for a visit.



Health & Medical Services Organization of the Year



On March 8, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center was honored as the **2018 Health & Medical Services Organization of the Year** by the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce! THANK YOU!

(Pictured Left to Right)
Front Row: Mandi Ross, Melanie Miller, Jackie Beaty, & Becky Gray.
Back Row: Judy Weaver, Aaron Bates, Adrea Tennant, Renee Maggelet, Maryanne Wise, Joyce Mansfield, & Katie Kline.

"Restore" Ministry Reaches Post-Abortive Women

TWO WOMEN ARE FORGIVEN AND SET FREE



By Maryanne Wise

To God be the glory, great things He has done! It is amazing when God does a healing in our heart when we ask for it and surrender to Him. That is exactly what

truth about life. We dove into anger, forgiveness, grief, and the peace of release.

L came to the study because it was required of her to volunteer at the Ashland Pregnancy Care Center, but she left healed in areas she didn't realize she needed healing in. B was directed to the study by the Holy Spirit in miraculous fashion. (This is a full story for the next newsletter!) In both cases, these ladies finished the study feeling freer and closer to the Lord than they ever thought possible. They also finished with a passion to share their stories to help other women find the peace of release that passes all understanding. These dear ladies, and all healed post-abortive women, understand that "the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony" is what conquers the evil one. We give God all the praise, honor, and glory for *Surrendering the Secret*.

He did for L & B, two beautiful women whom God drew to the *Surrendering the Secret* Bible study to help them heal from a past abortion in their lives.

If you went to the banquet, you heard and saw their testimonies on how God met them tenderly to heal a soul wound that went deep. They both had different stories and different areas of their abortion experience that needed a healing touch.

As we were going through the Bible study, we shared our stories (it is so cathartic to tell your experience to someone after holding on to the secret for so long!). We also looked at the truth about who God is and who we are in Him, and the deception concerning abortion and the

To learn more about "Restore" Post-Abortion Ministry, please contact us at restore@ashlandcarecenter.org

BOUTIQUE YOUNG DIFFERENCE MAKER HONORED



(Left to Right) Melanie Miller - Executive Director, Madelyn Williams, Alisha Williams (mother), and Jackie Beaty - Program Manager attended the banquet at AU Convo.

Homeschooled seventh grader, Miss Madelyn Williams, was one of the young people honored at a special banquet with the Ashland County Community Foundation on Tuesday night, May 8, for her dedicated service volunteering at The Boutique. Once per month (4 hours at a time), she helps in the stock room by sorting baby clothes and toys during boutique work days. Madelyn is also a master at organizing baby food on the shelves by expiration date. At home, she assists her mom mending baby clothing by sewing on loose buttons and washing dirty clothes so that they are clean and can be neatly pressed with an iron before being put on display for clients when they shop at the Boutique. She also helps her mom make baby car-seat covers, blankets, and burp cloths as a gift for new moms upon arrival of their new baby. THANK YOU, MISS MADELYN!

Celebrating the Gift of Life CLIENT BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Client Jakarra (pictured left) celebrated the birth of her baby boy Ja-Leel, born on January 20, weighing 8 lbs.

Clients Qin Qin and Zhou Ping (pictured right) celebrated the birth of their newest family addition. Baby boy Niklaus was born on April 16, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz.



Special Thanks To:

Ashland Dickey Church of the Brethren
First Christian Church &
Ashland Middle School 7th Graders
Nursing Christian Fellowship—
Ashland University
Paradise Hill United Methodist Church
Victory Chiropractic

We have been blessed abundantly by God through our generous donors. A special thanks to the local churches and groups who recently did a material drive providing diapers, wipes, and other needs.

See a full list of our needs enclosed.



Ashland Dickey Church



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Ashland Middle School 7th Graders



Nursing Christian Fellowship

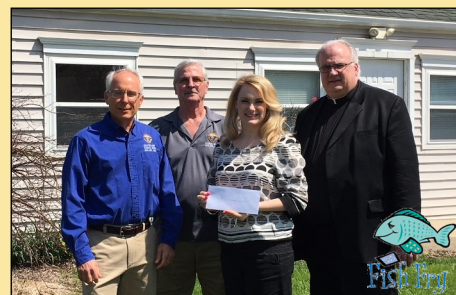


Victory Chiropractic



Paradise Hill United Methodist

FISH FRY FUNDING FIGURES



The Lenten Fish Fry season at St. Edward, led by the Knights of Columbus, was a record-setting success! We were presented a donation in the amount of \$700! Special Olympics and the Veteran Appreciation group were also recipients. Thank you to our community for your continued support.

Pictured Left to Right: Dale Williams, Doug Pelton, Melanie Miller, and Father Rod Kreidler.



Ashland Pregnancy Care Center
119 Sloan Ave.
Ashland, OH 44805
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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 Hours:

Center Closed: Monday, September 3 (Labor Day)

Help Us Make A Difference!

Serve as a Volunteer

We are in need of Mom/Dad Mentors, Pregnancy Decision Coaches, Boutique workers, church liaisons, special events/projects, and office help. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Lori Lowman at 419.281.1111 or RSVP to attend our *New Volunteer Informational Meeting* scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11 at 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Next Training Meeting: Wednesday, August 22 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, August 23 at 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.



Can You Help With These Summer Projects?

This summer, we need to touch up and refresh our building and landscape. Can you help us make a warm and welcoming first impression for clients? Our needs include:

- ♥ Power-wash the exterior building
- ♥ Paint all outside doors and window trim
- ♥ Spruce up landscape by pruning and removing shrubs
- ♥ Planting 5 flower boxes:
 - Bags of potting soil
 - Flowers (pink and white variety)
 - Greenery or vines
- ♥ Looking for a "green thumb" group who would like to adopt our flower boxes to maintain throughout the year.



Pastor Travis and his father-in-law, Tony, installed new flower boxes at the front & rear of the building.



3rd Annual Jewelry for Life Fundraiser with Premier Designs Jewelry

Tuesday, July 10, 2018
Open House 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

*20% of proceeds will be donated to the life-saving work and ministry of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center



Upcoming Events

GET READY TO JOIN US

Boutique Work Days—HELP NEEDED!

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

June 19 • July 24 • August 28

Volunteers are needed to help sort donations and clean baby equipment.

Great opportunities for families or groups.

Call 419.281.1111 for more information.

Back-to-School Client Picnic

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Donations are needed.

Ashland County Fair Booth

Sunday, Sept. 16—Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018

Ashland County Fairgrounds

Volunteers Needed!

Loudonville Street Fair Booth

Tuesday, Oct. 2—Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018

Volunteers Needed!



Ashland Pregnancy Care Center

Get Ready!

Church Liaisons, Groups, & Individuals

Registration Opens Monday, July 16, 2018

NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION & FUNDRAISING

Become a Prayer Partner

There is power in prayer! Would you faithfully pray for the ministry of Ashland Pregnancy Care Center? We will email you specific requests as they arise, whether it be in regard to an appointment with an abortion-minded client or a special meeting. We want God to bless the work of the ministry. We also have a general prayer calendar to help guide you. Please indicate your interest and return the enclosed response card.

