

Come grow with us

Lifelines

March 2019



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Annual Fundraising Banquet

April 11, 2019

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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Banquet Time is Almost Here!

38 YEARS OF MINISTRY GROWING LIFE

Banquet time is almost here! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for the 13th Annual Fundraising Banquet. This is our largest fundraising event of the year. Our theme is "Come Grow with Us," based on Psalm 92:13: "Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of their God."

If you have never attended, I hope you will consider joining 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.

The banquet will be held on Thursday, April 11, at the Ashland University Upper Convocation

Center. We will begin 30 minutes earlier this year. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 6:00 p.m.

Matt Hammitt is our special guest speaker. For almost 20 years, Matt was the lead singer for the Christian band "Sanctus Real." Matt has a passion for family life. He married his wife, Sarah, in the summer of 2001. They have four children: Emmy (9), Claire (7), Bowen (4), and Lewis (2).

To register to attend, give us a call at 419.281.1111 or register online at ashlandcare-center.org. Deadline is Tuesday, April 2, 2019.



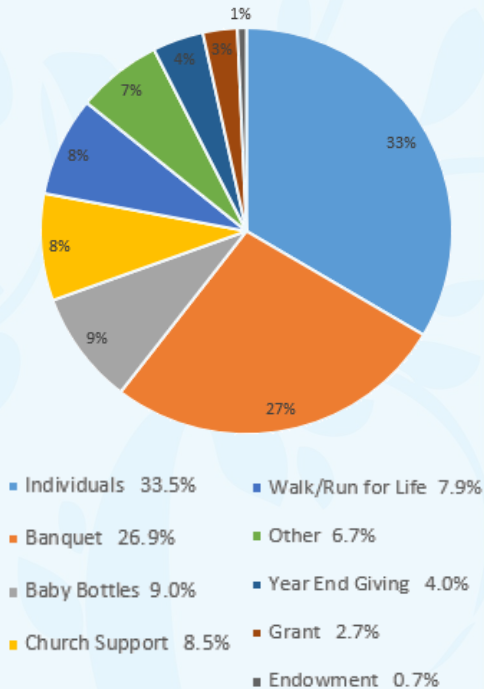
Matt Hammitt



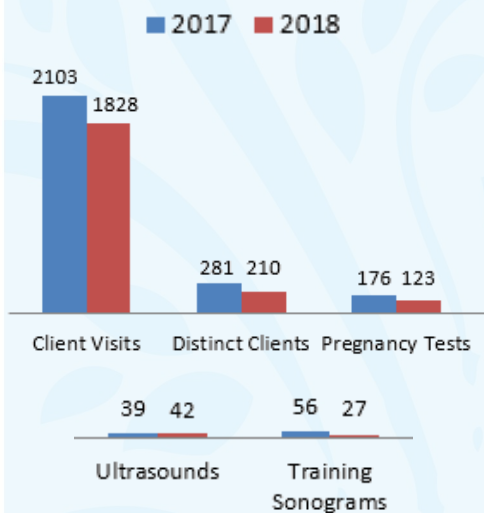
Due to inclement weather, the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Community Service was cancelled this past January. Executive Director Melanie Miller met up with guest speaker Kailee Perrin at the Cleveland Airport and did a live interview where she shared her story. Save the date and meet Kailee Perrin next year on January 19, 2020, at New Life Community Church for the SOHL Sunday Community Service.

2018 Statistics

Donors



Clients



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Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

In recent news, we've seen two developments which seem to indicate the forces for life are in retreat—that perhaps we are losing ground.

First, the state of New York recently passed a sweeping abortion law that codified the idea that abortion should be available for all nine months for any reason.

Second, Planned Parenthood performed more abortions (332,757) in this most recent year than in the previous year (321,384), an increase of 3.5%. Is abortion growing?

As terrible as these two developments are, perspective tells us that for those who believe in protecting unborn children, these may be more about future victory than defeat.

In New York, the state legislature recently gained a Democratic majority. With an advocate in Governor Andrew Cuomo, the abortion lobby moved swiftly, *out of fear for the future of Roe v. Wade*. We don't know whether Roe will be overturned anytime soon. But we do know that there is momentum on the side of life.

While New York's law is horrendous, it also shines a light on abortion advocates that all can see. They are not interested in *choice*, because the law does not protect anyone who chooses life. It won't be long before those riding the fence on this issue see the truth. This can be one more step toward victory.

As for Planned Parenthood, yes, they are selling more abortions—for now. But overall, abortion rates are plummeting. According to the CDC, 49 states (CA won't tell us) reported 638,169 abortions. This number is down from 842,855 in 2016, a 32% drop. More likely then, Planned

Parenthood's increase is simply because they're gaining a great share of a shrinking market.

Our takeaway from these two pieces of news? Those who advocate for abortion-on-demand are nervous. The number of abortion centers is dropping (less than 1,000 now), yet we are part of more than 2,700 pregnancy help ministries nationwide—and growing!

Each year, more seek the hope and solutions we provide. This is what we won't see on the evening news. While neither of these developments are good news in themselves, they may be indicators that good news—and victory—is on the way.

So do not be discouraged and do not give up. Now is the time to take action. Here are four practical steps you can take to support, reach women and men, and save lives:



♥ **PRAY:** Our nation needs your prayers. Pray for the strengthening of pro-life efforts, the pregnancy help community, for moms facing tough circumstances, and for an end to abortion. Consider becoming one of our faithful prayer partners.



♥ **VOLUNTEER:** Give your time, energy, and talents to Ashland Pregnancy Care Center. There are many places for you to serve and make a difference.



♥ **GIVE:** Reaching and rescuing lives requires generosity from people like you! When you support APCC, you are partnering with God in His Kingdom's work.

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

Melanie Miller, Executive Director

Team Attends National Conference



(Left to Right) Pat Rogers, Jackie Beaty, Traci Counts, Melanie Miller, Pastor Andy Merritt, Andrew & Belinda Foster, and Amanda Bowman.

On March 1, 2019, our staff traveled to Columbus, GA, to attend a National Pregnancy Center Conference at Edgewood Baptist Church with Pastor Andy Merritt, who launched the nation's first church sponsored pregnancy center and adoption agency in the mid-1970s. Our team was poured into, spiritually refreshed and encouraged, and trained on how to "Advance Through the Storms" when trials and persecution comes.

Restore Post-Abortion Support

THERE IS HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

The insightful author C.S. Lewis shared, "I have learned now that while those who speak about one's miseries usually hurt, those who keep silent hurt more." With that in mind, *Restore Connection* meetings have been formed to give post-abortive women a place to talk and share without judgement, because it's led by post-abortive women with a shared experience who understand. This group meets the third Thursday of every month at the Kroc Center Sacred Space. It is a great "first step" on the healing journey until they are ready to complete the Bible study designed to heal the heartbreak of abortion. The next session of the **Bible study, *Surrendering the Secret*, will begin Monday, April 8.** This 7-week study will meet at a confidential location from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. *For more information on Restore Connection or the Bible Study, please contact Maryanne Wise, Restore Post-Abortion Ministry Coordinator at restore@ashlandcarecenter.org.*

"THOSE WHO KEEP SILENT HURT MORE."
- C.S. Lewis

PARENTING CLASS FOCUSES ON HEALTHY FAMILIES & ADDRESSES DRUG EPIDEMIC



Families earn their incentives after faithfully attending Parenting Class for the first 6 weeks.



Project One leaders, Amanda & Joe Nichols show clients the impact drugs have on babies.



Clients learn about car seat and home safety from a local firefighter.

This year, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center received a generous \$10,000 grant from the Samaritan Hospital Foundation to help fund its 12-week parenting class with a strategic focus on the implementation of a healthy lifestyle component including healthy eating and healthy homes. Part of this focus is providing better education and prevention on the opiate crisis and how it directly impacts infants.

Our parenting classes offer a variety of topics from baby boot camp, budgeting, healthy eating, healthy families, car seat & home safety, and other important topics. The aim of our classes is to equip our parents with skills and knowledge so that they can provide a safe sleep environment and safe travel for baby. A healthy lifestyle is also key. With the generous grant, we are able to provide incentives for 30 client families for one year, including a brand new pack n' play and travel system (car seat/stroller combo). In addition, we are also able to provide a Crockpot and recipe book for each client family. We challenge the clients to fix a healthy meal in their Crockpot and bring back pictures of their experiment. Eating healthy foods impacts the development of the growing fetus and developing baby. Our healthy families class was led by the Executive Director of Project One, Amanda Nichols, focusing on the effects of drugs on babies. The clients are thankful to know that there are resources and help available in Ashland County.



Client Spotlight

CELEBRATING NEW LIFE

In 2018, Ashland Pregnancy Care Center celebrated the **birthdays of 81 babies!** Meet client Hannah and big sister Madelyn as they celebrate the birth of their newest family addition. Baby boy Noah was born on Dec. 31 weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19.5 inches long! Mrs. Jackie served as her mother mentor.

Ways to Give

Kroger Community Rewards
Amazon Smiles
AshlandCareCenter.org
ACCF Agency Endowment

2018 Baby Bottle Campaign Top 10 Fundraisers

Trinity Lutheran Church
St. Edward Catholic Church
(Catholic Daughters of America)
Ashland Dickey Church of the Brethren
Calvary Baptist Church
Park Street Brethren Church
Compassion Church
Christ Community EFC
First Christian Church
Maple Grove Church of the Brethren
Bethel Baptist Church

Baby Bottle Thank You & Praise Report!

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to ALL of our 2018 Baby Bottle Campaign partners! The top ten (10) churches are listed above.

Our 2018 Campaign had a record year, raising **\$28,008.04** with the participation of 21 churches, 1 church group, 1 local business and 1 high school group. This is a **19% increase over 2017**. 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 critical pregnancy decisions.



Fill A Bottle and Save Lives

2019 baby bottles are waiting for your loose change! Get started now! Contact Baby Bottle Coordinator Mary-Rose Andersen at babybottles@ashlandcarecenter.org to reserve bottles for your church, business, or 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 Pregnancy Care Center Special Hours:
Center Closed: Thursday, April 11 (Banquet)

ASHLAND SENIOR CITIZENS GIVE BACK



The Ashland Senior Citizens Center blessed Ashland Pregnancy Care Center in an extra special way at the end of 2018. The group hosted a material resource drive to help stock the baby supplies at our Boutique. They also collected donations for a silent auction and donated the proceeds to APCC.

Project leader Ron Bromeier

(pictured right) presented Melanie Miller, Executive Director with a check in the amount of \$950.00.

THANK YOU, ASHLAND
SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, FOR
GROWING LIFE!



ReCharge Client Christmas Party CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF JESUS



(Left to Right) Our staff, Melanie Miller, Jackie Beaty, Amanda Bowman (also dressed up as a Christmas elf), Traci Counts, and Pat Rogers enjoyed loving our clients and their children during our annual "ReCharge" Client Christmas Party held on December 17, 2018, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church. The birth of Jesus was presented and each family received special gifts.

Upcoming Events GET READY TO JOIN US

13th Annual Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, April 11, 2019

NEW TIME

6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)
Ashland University Upper Convo
Guest Speaker: Matt Hammitt

Pastor Appreciation Breakfast

Friday, April 12, 2019

7:30-9:00 a.m. Local Pastors & Church Leaders
Bella Bleu's at Water's Edge

*Dine for Life Fundraisers

Tuesday, April 16, 2019-Ashland Applebee's
Wednesday, April 17, 2019-Buffalo Wild Wings
Thursday, April 18, 2019-Bob Evans

All Day- Dine In or Carry Out

*A portion of your bill will be donated to APCC when you present the event flyer. Printed flyers available at our office or download online.

NEW VOLUNTEER INFO MEETING

Thursday, May 9, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

If you have an interest in serving on our volunteer team and want additional information, then this is for you! Take a tour and learn more about our mission, vision, services, and volunteer opportunities.
RSVP to Amanda at 419.281.1111.

FULL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

"Compassion, Hope, & Help"

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Walk/Run for Life Fundraiser

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019
Downtown Corner Park

Fry For Life 2019

Fundraiser to Benefit



Serving: **Fried or Baked** Fish, and Baked Ziti Pasta, French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Cornbread, Applesauce, Coffee or Cold Drink and Dessert.



Friday March 29, 2019
5:00 until 7:00 PM

St Edward Catholic Parish
501 Cottage Street, Ashland

