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**Christmas 2011** 

*"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."* 

Jeremiah 29:11

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### **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

As I walked through Wal-Mart last month wanting to get candy for all the little trick-or-treaters that were about to descend upon my house, I had to wade through several isles of Christmas decorations. I am ashamed to say that my first thought was "Already! Seriously! Do I have to think about Christmas already!?!"

The Holy Spirit was quick to convict m - I was thinking of all the "secular, commercial stuff" that we have attached to Christmas instead of remembering the absolutely amazing gift of salvation that God provided through His son Jesus born at Christmas. Every day – I need to see Christmas through the eyes of Jesus and not through the cloudy lens of the world that distorts the true meaning of this season.

Here at Ashland Care Center we choose to remember each of you who have given to this ministry in any way during 2011 and want to offer a heart felt "thank you". Your gifts come with an unwritten message that says, "We're with you, and we're in this together."

This speaks volumes when the days get difficult, when we're tired, and when we wonder how to reach a client whose heart is broken. Our ministry is about hearts – hearts being touched and hearts being changed. Yet financial gifts are a tangible way to say, "My heart is with ACC." *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34* 

So as we approach 2012, I want to let all of you who have chosen to sacrifice financially on behalf of this ministry, all of you who have prayed diligently for our clients, volunteers and staff, all of you who have done work around the Center – YOU are appreciated. You are changing the lives of those who come in our doors and encouraging the many of us here that see them.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

From ALL of us at Ashland Care Center



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

## THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

It's important to acknowledge the ways in which the Care Center has served the Ashland community during 2011 and to honor the Center's outstanding accomplishments thanks to its tireless volunteers.

- Celebrated 30 Years of Ministry!
- Ministered to a record number of abortion minded women
- Saw a marked increase in client contact hours
- Had a client following through with an adoption plan
- Had a record setting number of pregnancy tests in one month
- Presented the sexual integrity program at the Ashland County Juvenile Detention Center
- Did two live ultrasounds for our legislators in Columbus and supported the Heart Beat Bill



## Ashland Care Center Celebrating 30 Years of Ministry



Thank You For Supporting
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Kristen Tobias & Nicole Wilbert - LifeWalk Coordinators ...and All those who helped make these events a success!



Thank you to everyone who helped make the event successful



A Special "Thank You" to Mayor Glen Stewart for attending.



# Sanctity of Human Life Sunday January 29, 2012 at 6pm *Guest Speaker: Janet Folger Porter*

## **Trinity Lutheran Church** 508 Center Street, Ashland





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