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

Jeremiah 29:11

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LifeWalk 2011



Pro-Life...to the Core

Saturday, September 24th

"The Park on the Corner" in downtown Ashland

8:00 - 8:50...Check-in

8:50..... Prayer Time

9:00.....LifeWalk

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

Prizes for Walkers who raise the most!

See insert for all the details.

YOU can make a difference in someone else's life.

COMPLIMENTARY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPH FOR ALL

2011 Goal \$25,000

Register Online

...at the Center or at your church

www.AshlandCareCenter.org/donor Registration Deadline - September 12th

Check us Out On...



ASHLAND CARE CENTER is now on Facebook. Take a moment and check out our page - share it with friends and keep up with the latest 'happenings' at ACC...We hope you "like" us!

Sexual Integrity Program @ ACJDC

Ashland Care Center has been asked by the Ashland County Juvenile Detention Center to present our sexual integrity program on a quarterly basis using Pam Stenzels DVD: "Sex Still Has a Price Tag". ACC staff is then able to facilitate discussion re-enforcing the concepts that were just presented.

Our first presentation was last month. We were able to spend almost 2 hours with ten young men and women. The truths they learned were that sexual activity with multiple partners has GREAT physical consequences other than pregnancy. These young people learned of the increasing long term affects of STD's and the GREAT emotional consequences of sex outside of a monogamous marital union. Many questions were asked and a good discussion followed.

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

Just a small way for us to show our volunteers and their families how much we love and appreciate all their dedication to ACC. Great fellowship! Great food! Great fun!





Dana Futrell Client Services Manager



ACC - A Trusted Support

LeeAnn was a senior in high school and her boyfriend Brandon was a junior. They suspected that they might be pregnant and through a referral from the school liaison, LeeAnn & Brandon came to ACC to confirm what they suspected. Confidentiality was important to them and they were glad to find that confidentiality is one of ACC's strict policies.

Brandon & LeeAnn enrolled in our Baby Bucks program and have appreciated learning about pregnancy and receiving parenting education through our DVD curriculum. "I held other babies but this baby is mine and I need to know all the details." LeeAnn said. She continued by saying "You can get a lot of information from your friends and family but I knew that information and support that I received from ACC was a reliable source that I could trust. There was a lot going on before I was pregnant but the support I was given and with our (hers and Brandon's) commitment to hard work, I knew we could still reach our goals."

LeeAnn graduated from high school and is currently working as an STNA. She has been granted a full scholarship at North Central State for nursing. Brandon is committed to finishing high school this next school year and will sign his military enlistment papers this August. We couldn't be prouder of both LeeAnn and Brandon. LeeAnn commented, "I know we've done things backwards but we want to get married the traditional way, God's way under His provision and timing."

Please be in prayer for these outstanding young adults. They have embraced the responsibility of life at a young age and have found joy in the gift of life.



A note from the Executive Director...

Ashland Care Center...30 Years of Ministry!

Ducia Hamm **Executive Director**



Take a moment and go back to 1981... a small group of dedicated pro-life individuals had a vision to help women in unplanned pregnancies. They met in a small room, brainstormed their ideas and Ashland Crisis Pregnancy Center was born.

If we go back to the late 1970's when pro-life ministries were just getting started, many crisis pregnancy centers consisted of little more than a telephone and great intentions. Our hearts were in the right place, but ministries such as ours had few volunteers and even less funding.

We started out in one room on the campus of Ashland College with an annual budget in 1982 of \$1800 - hard to believe isn't it. Now ACC has it's own building and a budget of almost \$120,000. We listened to our clients and began meeting more needs. We did some research and started to better understand why clients come in our doors. ACC grew up - bringing more refinement and variety to our services.

Because we offer more services and have a better understanding of our clients' needs, we're more effective. But there is something more important. We can't ever forget that while we need to seek out the best methods to reach out and meet the needs of those we see, ministry is more than just methods. Ministry is about the heart and we have to remember that.

Each day, women and men come in our doors and they are hurting. They are in crisis, whether they admit it or not. They need help, and even with all that we might offer, that help will never be enough. Instead, they need a touch that only the Lord can give. Only He can bring true hope and only He can offer lasting solutions.

It's exciting to see the growth of Ashland Care Center over the last 30 years. As you can tell from the story above we continue to have an impact on the women and men we have the privilege to minister to. We get energized and excited to know that we are helping hurting people. But it's even more thrilling to see that at the heart of the matter - ACC exists to be the hands, feet, eyes, ears and mouth of our great and mighty Lord.

Pray along with us that for the next 30 years, Ashland Care Center will continue to serve Him by helping those He sends to us choose life for their pre-born child and help them see their need for Christ. In it for Life. Ducia Hamm

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Ashland Care Center is a Christian ministry equipping people to make healthy choices consistent with God's gift of life. Through outreach, education and support to women and men in unplanned pregnancies and to the community, we promote choosing life, sexual integrity and healing with God.