



*"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**

## Catch the Vision!

### Fundraising Banquet 2009

You never know what to expect from Christian Comedian, Mike Williams...not only did we laugh until we cried but Mike challenged us with his life story which proved again that *every* life is created by our Creator for a purpose - **no life is a mistake.** On March 26, 2009, nearly 300 people gathered to hear Mike tell of his early childhood in the worst of inner city Chicago. The Lord then blessed him with the gift of Christian adoptive parents and true life in Christ. We were also privileged to hear a beautiful message in song from Melanie Miller.

ACC donors are among the most generous supporters! You gave over \$43,000 in one time gifts and monthly pledges that evening. A huge thank you from the Board, Staff and Volunteers for your sacrifice. The ones that benefit the most are always our clients and their pre-born children - your donations are the means for us to keep our doors open.

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Guest Speaker  
Mike Williams



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## ***The Many Faces of ACC***

The ministry of Ashland Care Center is all about teamwork and counting on each other as we follow the Lord's desire for us. We are so thankful for our staff members and volunteer staff, who serve so faithfully.



We're thankful for those who pray, because we advance as a ministry only as we stay on our knees. And we thank those who support us financially, because your financial sacrifice means that our doors are open, and all of the tools are in place to touch lives. So many different 'faces' all working together to promote a culture of life here in our corner of Ohio...sometimes, for many different reasons, the 'faces' change.

We at ACC want to thank and honor two of our own - Ann Kline and Debbie Shartle - who have moved on to another phase of their lives. All of us at ACC want to thank them for their years of serving and ministering to the clients that came through our doors. Thank you ladies and may the Lord richly bless you!

As the Lord moves some 'faces' on He replaces with new 'faces' and the Lord has brought us Nicole Patterson, our new Client Services Manager and Kristen Tobias, our new Office Manager. We couldn't be more thankful for His provision. Check our pg. 3 to read more about these talented ladies.

It's a thrill to see the Lord work - to watch His hand in motion in the lives of people. If you want to be in on the action - to be on the front line of victory - we need YOU! First, we need you to pray. Next, we're looking for those who will take another step. You might consider volunteering and you can explore that possibility by giving us a call. Interested? Pray first. Then if the Lord calls, join us. We'd love to have you!

Speaking of faces that change - I turned 50 this past March! **Thank you** to the wonderful volunteers and staff that went *behind my back* to make this milestone fun!!

*Ducia Hamm*



## ***A Client's Story...***



In May we had a young client come into the Center for a pregnancy test. The usual visit of 30-45 minutes lasted over an hour. This client, after talking with Ducia, asked many questions dealing with the health and development of her baby. She also asked many questions about a relationship with Jesus.

Every client is asked to fill out an exit survey as we use the information received to help better serve the needs of our clients. On her survey she made these remarks, "the center was comforting and informative." She said "*The client advocate* gave me lots of answers to my questions." She asked for prayer that "I continue to do the right thing and grow a strong relationship with God and that I can also bestow those beliefs to my baby."

The most telling thing about the exit survey was how she rated ACC. The rating scale goes from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). On this client's survey she rated the center from 7-10. She made this comment, "I know that it is 1 through 5 but I really appreciate this service. Thanks from the bottom of my heart!" After her initial visit with us, she started watching educational parenting videos and earning her Baby Bucks for material support. Continue to pray for her as she goes through her pregnancy and that she continues to make the right decisions that will be the best for her and her baby.





## ***Welcome Nicole & Kristen***

ACC is thrilled to have Nicole Patterson as our new Client Services Manager. Nicole was born and raised south of Pittsburgh, PA and attended Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA. She graduated from there in 2005 with a BA in Christian Education. Nicole then attended Ashland Theological Seminary where she earned a Masters of Divinity in 2008. Along with her duties at ACC, Nicole is also the Director of Children's Ministry at Park St. Brethren Church.



Nicole

Nicole began her career at ACC in October of 2008 as a volunteer. In early spring, Nicole felt led to train to be a Client Advocate. When the Client Services Manager position came open, she was the first to apply and it has proved to be a perfect fit for Nicole and ACC.

In her free time, Nicole loves to spend time with her friends and family. She is an avid reader and loves to listen to music. One of her favorite things to do is to spend time with her boyfriend Kyle.

"I love working with all the clients and volunteers at ACC and I look forward to seeing how God will continue to lead my life in the future."

Thinking about volunteering at ACC?...Give Nicole a call...I know that she would love to hear from you.



Kristen

Kristen Tobias is ACC's new Office Manager and we couldn't be more excited. Kristen grew up right here in Ashland and is the daughter of Dr. Mark and Pat Hamilton. She graduated from Ashland University in 2007 with a degree in Athletic Training. Kristen married Anthony Tobias after graduation from AU. For the past 2 years they have resided in San Diego, CA while Anthony served our country in the United States

Navy. They have an absolutely adorable daughter, Grace Ann who is 14 months old. "We have experienced busy and trying times over the last 2 years - separation due to military deployment, the birth of our daughter and the healing of my dad, but God's grace was seen throughout. As we were preparing to move back home to Ashland, I put the word out that I was looking for a job back home. Without knowing it, Ducia had received my resume through a 3rd party. I am so excited to be home and be a part of what God is doing at the Center. I was at peace before I even walked through the door the first time."

"Working and being a part of the Ashland Care Center has been such a blessing and I am so excited to be involved once again in the community that I love."

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