

Life Line

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"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you..."
Jeremiah 1:5

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THIRD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET

With Special Guest...Christian Comedian

MIKE WILLIAMS

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

(doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

J.C. MEYER CONVOCAION



Mike was born in the inner city of Chicago, Illinois in April of 1962, the youngest of five children. Mike's mother was unable to deal with the pressures and chose not to deal with Mike. She gave Mike away. Mike believes this was the best decision she ever made. He would then find himself in the care of Christian parents who would ultimately lead him to the knowledge of the Savior. Mike feels compelled to use his gifts to bring glory to the One who gave him life, Jesus Christ.

NEEDED: TABLE HOSTS & UNDERWRITERS

Contact Ducia Hamm at 419-281-1111

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Seating is by reservation only

For reservations, call the Center and ask for Debbie - (419)281-1111 before March 19, 2009. There is no charge for this event but you will need to present your reservation ticket at the door.

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ASHLAND CARE CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

Ashland Care Center is concerned Christians equipping people to make healthy choices consistent with God's gift of life. Through outreach, education, and support to women in unplanned pregnancies and to the community, we promote choosing life, chastity and healing with God.

Our Board of Directors: Mike Hlavaty, President, Wayne Fannon, V-President, Ann Mohr, Treasurer, Rachel Justice, Secretary, Gini Brownson, Ducia Hamm, Mike Mooney, Rob Wilbert

Our Staff: Ducia Hamm, Executive Director Ann Kline, Director of Client Services Debra Shartle, Office Manager



An exciting time to be a part of this ministry?

Many challenges and changes face us as we begin 2009 - from a new president who calls himself pro-choice...who once told Planned Parenthood (America's leading abortion provider) that his first act in the White House would be to sign sweeping abortion-friendly legislation known as the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) – economic downturns, loss of employment, federal funding of abortion abroad...we could go on and on painting an ever darkening picture. This must be a difficult time for a life-affirming ministry like Ashland Care Center, right?



Hardly! While we don't know what the future holds regarding restrictions on our work, at this point we're more motivated than ever. We're not discouraged because we know our twofold mission:

1. We are here to share the hope of Christ with those who come in our door.
2. We are here to provide life-affirming alternatives to abortion and back up those alternatives with practical support so that abortion soon becomes unthinkable to those we see.

These two missions haven't changed. Not one bit! If we are faithful with the first mission, and if we are successful in the second, we will change the culture around us.

If we expand on that second part of the mission by strengthening our services so that we are clearly the *first choice* of every woman in our community facing an unplanned pregnancy, we, along with other centers across America will quietly slow the numbers of women walking into abortion clinics to a trickle. After awhile, abortion clinics with no patients will, make no mistake about it, close. These clinics operate for profit. When the profit ends because their clients are coming to us, they will close.

We're not there yet, to be sure, but we're on the way. Abortion numbers are beginning to drop and abortion providers are beginning to close their doors. Now is not the time to get complacent though. Now is the time to kick it into high gear and ***Catch the Vision*** of a country that once again embraces the sanctity of every human life. Each journey begins with the first step and each step we take in the strength of the Lord leads us ever closer to realizing the end of abortion in the United States.

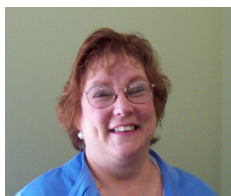
Are we motivated to do our part, right here, right now, to make this a reality? **You bet!** Is our goal unrealistic? Without God – of course it is! That's why as we seek God and follow His plans for this ministry. That is exactly what we plan to do.

I invite you to join together with others from the Ashland community at our 3rd Annual Banquet, and together - with the help of our great and marvelous God - let's ***Catch the Vision*** and take that first step in this journey to do the impossible.

ULTRASOUNDS 2008



July 3, 2008 was our first day of performing limited OB ultrasounds at ACC. We are excited to be able to tell you that in 2008 we were able to do 44 ultrasounds and have confirmed that at least 2 women have chosen to carry their babies to term as a direct result of the ultrasound they received at ACC. ACC was able to minister to 67 abortion minded or abortion vulnerable women. We have so much to thank the Lord for - especially for all of you who helped make ultrasound a reality at ACC.



Volunteers. . . put joy into serving

ACC has been blessed to have Client Advocate, Rebekah Rodriguez volunteer with us since August '06. "My favorite thing is dealing with the clients!" Rebekah loves working with people and helping meet the needs of the clients that walk through our door. "Volunteering here at ACC is very fulfilling and rewarding since you truly get a chance to help someone in need. I love sharing the Gospel with our clients. My goal is to allow the clients to be themselves and share whatever is on their heart. My prayer is like the song says...*Let me see this world, Dear Lord, as if I were looking through your eyes!*". Rebekah and her husband Angel live in Ashland. They have 3 married sons and 5 grandchildren. She has been a Pastor's wife for the last 27 years and has also worked at Trinity Lutheran Day Care. Rebekah is an avid reader and an excellent writer. She also enjoys collecting dolls. The Center is always a cheerier place when Rebekah is here. Her quick wit and "song writing" abilities keep us in stitches. She spreads infectious joy wherever she goes and we all know where she gets in from - her Mom - Emma Jeffries who volunteers at the Boutique. **Thank you Rebekah for sharing YOU with all of us here at ACC! We are - clients, volunteers and staff alike - all the richer for knowing you and pray that you continue to serve the Lord here at ACC for many years.**

In 2009, why not take a day off (of our budget)?

Want a creative way to give to Ashland Care Center? Why not sponsor a day of operations, giving the ministry a "day off" from financial challenges?

It's easy. Our budget is \$129,674 and by making it simple and dividing that number by 365, one day is \$355.



Make it a one-time gift, or spread your gift over 12 months—whichever works for you. And if you'd like, let us know of a special day you would like to sponsor. Join those who are "sponsoring a day" in '09. It's a great way to take a day off!

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SAVE THE DATE

March 26, 2009 — "Catch The Vision" Banquet

With Christian Comedian Mike Williams. (See pg. 1 for details)

Baby Bottle Drive - Ongoing throughout 2009

Choose a month in '09 that best fits your church. Call the Center for details.

September 26th - LifeWalk 2009

