

Life Lines

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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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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

When people look at Ashland Care Center – they may have some misconceptions...Some – who may oppose us – see us as “anti-abortion”. Those on the fence may see us as a social service agency. Even some who believe in the sanctity of life may only see us as “a nice little ministry that talks women out of abortions”.

You know us better, and you know we are bigger than what some may say. You know that we believe in life. We believe every child deserves an opportunity to be born. We look forward to each opportunity we have to share the truths and the hope of life with those we see.

And yet there is more – in John 10:10 Jesus tell us “*I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.*” He came that ALL of us might have an *abundant* life.

So while we believe in life, we want even more for our clients. We want their lives to be abundant and full! We want every child born through this ministry to know the joy of a Christian home, where they can see what it truly means to follow Jesus Christ.

We want to see our clients and their families fill our local churches as vital, vibrant members. We want their children to grow up with a love for God, and a love for those around them.

We celebrate every time a child is born through this ministry. And yet, we rejoice again and again when we see a mom, a dad *and* a child living an abundant life of hope and joy through the love of Jesus Christ. (See the letters from LeAnn & Elizabeth on pg. 2 of this newsletter.)

Do you believe in the sanctity of human life? Do you want to share the joy of *life* in Christ? Join us here at Ashland Care Center. For those of you who want to see our clients not only get through a crisis pregnancy but go on to *thrive*, we are the place for your talents (see Volunteers on pg. 2) and your financial support.

At Ashland Care Center it is a joy to present life and it is an honor to promote life!

Ducia Hamm, Director

Background picture - LifeWalk '11



ASHLAND CARE CENTER - Our Clients Speak

(used by permission)

(Received in the mail)

To all the wonderful staff and volunteers at the Ashland Care Center:

I would just like to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you for everything you have done for me and my family over the past two year. Grayson was not a planned baby for me and my husband; while we loved him from the moment we knew of his conception, preparing for him and caring for him presented a struggle. We have been through a great deal since I first walked through your doors – my husband has completed a medical office assistant program, I have completed two years of college, my husband has lost a job and his father, our daughter has begun and completed kindergarten – and this all on top of the struggles that everyday life presents. Amidst this we had the pregnancy, birth, and infancy of wonderful little Grayson. Because of the kindness, prayerfulness, and generosity of everyone at ACC, bearing all these burdens and welcoming Grayson to the world was made so much easier. Life has presented a wide chasm to cross, but the Lord has placed wonderful people in our life to help build the bridge between where we were and where we are going. Through the prayers, phone calls cards in the mail, meals, diapers, and numerous other services of ACC, we have been constantly reminded that God is in control of our lives and will never abandon us. For all of this, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.



Grayson's First Birthday

*Yours in Christ,
Elizabeth*

(This letter was found in a Baby Bottle Drive bottle from one of our local churches.)

I just want to say thank you for everything you have done for me. I don't know how I would've done it without. You guys are a true miracle for me! Everyday I thank God for going to you when I first found out I was pregnant. I can't make much of a donation now but I sure will donate for as long as I live. I lost the small slip that belongs in here but I would love a newsletter .

*Thank you so much,
God Bless*

LeAnn and Izabelle

Volunteers . . . The Heart of Ashland Care Center

YOU can make a difference in the lives of women facing unexpected pregnancies!

- **Baby Boutique Volunteer:** Located at the Emmanuel Methodist Church on Cleveland Ave., ACC's **Baby Boutique** is in need of volunteers on Thursdays between Noon – 5:00 pm. You would work directly with young women facing unplanned pregnancies. The Boutique provides tangible, essential items like clothing, diapers, and baby equipment to moms that are in need through our Earn While You Learn program.
- **Office Staff Volunteer:** We need volunteer office staff to help with daily operations including mailings, shopping, laundry, cleaning, record keeping and special projects.

YOU could be just the person who would be the hands and feet of Jesus at ACC, offering caring and compassionate support and assistance to women who often feel that they have nowhere to turn.

Please contact Dana Futrell at 419.281.1111 – or – dana@ashlandcarecenter.org.



CELEBRATE LIFE

To Benefit:



September 29th @ Corner Park, Ashland

Check-in: 8:30am Prayer: 9:15am LifeWalk: 9:30am

Registration Deadline: September 13, 2012



LifeWalk 2012



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Need more info...call: 419.281.1111



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THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS



ACC is indeed blessed with strong support from many of our local churches. In the summer edition of our newsletter we honored those churches that support us on a monthly basis. In this edition we extend a huge **THANK YOU** to the churches that support ACC so generously on an annual basis and/or through participating in fundraisers (eg. Baby Bottle Drive).

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Our thanks also go to the McGraw-Hill Company for their generous donation of six new waiting room chairs, a child's table & chair set, 2 wall-mount magazine racks, and an office chair. McGraw-Hill employees also will be giving our waiting room a new coat of paint. **THANK YOU!!**
Photo: Ducia Hamm accepts a check from Tonda McGuire & Cathy Hines, representing McGraw-Hill.

ASHLAND COUNTY FAIR

*Ashland Care Center will be at the Ashland County Fair, Sept. 16th - 22nd. Volunteers are needed to "man" our booth on those days.
Call ACC at 419-281-1111 to sign up for a time to greet the public on ACC's behalf.*