

**Our Vision:**  
Ashland Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry seeking to create a network of resources and education that affirms the Bible and the sanctity of human life.

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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*

**A Farewell from Ducia's Desk**

Oh how time flies by! It is hard to wrap my mind around the fact that I have been serving as director since January 2007 - that's almost nine years.

Over the years your support has been beyond measure - your prayers, your words of encouragement, the giving of your time and treasure - these are the things that have allowed Ashland Care Center to do more than just survive - we have thrived. These are the things that fill my heart with gratitude and thanksgiving. These are the things that gave me the strength to face each day knowing that you had our backs as we stood on the front lines between LIFE and the evil ones desire to destroy what God has created.

The Lord has chosen to move me on into another chapter of my life. I am blessed to be the new Associate Director of Ministry Services with Heartbeat International (HBI). Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, HBI is the largest affiliate for pregnancy centers worldwide, of which ACC is one of them. My main duties include training, teaching and consultation services.

Please know that I will not be a stranger and look forward to seeing you at the Sanctity of Human Life Community Event, January 17, 2016 at Southview GBC and the Annual Fundraising Banquet in April 2016.

You all are AMAZING people! You will continue to support the ministries of ACC because of what ACC stands for - the preservation of ALL LIFE from the moment of fertilization. I know that the next Executive Director will get the same support and encouragement that you have given to me these last nine years.

With a Grateful Heart, *Ducia*



**PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW**

A November 5th reception brought together clients, board members, donors, public officials, and local business people as the Care Center bid a fond good-bye to Executive Director Ducia Hamm. Attendees enjoyed a beautifully decorated table featuring a selection of finger-food as Care Center supporters shared their thoughts, love, and hugs with Ducia.

We love you and will miss you, Ducia!



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**CARE CENTER BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR**

*In a letter dated November 10th and signed by all members of the Board of Directors, the Board announced the culmination of their search for a new director.*

*"Today we are pleased to announce that after much prayer, interviewing, and consideration, and with a unanimous decision, the new Executive Director for Ashland Care Center will be Melanie Miller. (Melanie is pictured in the center of the photo at the right.)"*

*...Melaine is already known throughout Ashland for her prior ministry work at the Salvation Army Kroc Center and her involvement in numerous community organizations and events...Melanie brings a level of vision, enthusiasm, and commitment to faith that is vital to the role of Executive Director. Her experiences in Christian ministry and program development will be a valuable asset to our Center's future. Most importantly, she possess a passion for defending LIFE and a heart for encouraging and empowering young women with the hope of Jesus Christ."*

**WE EXTEND AN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME TO MELANIE AND LOOK FORWARD TO HER LEADERSHIP AT ASHLAND CARE CENTER.**



**SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS - CLEARING OUR LOT!**

When Ashland University's Newman Campus Catholic Ministry student group was looking for a service project, their president, Tara Marasco, called Ashland Care Center, an organization that she felt shared some of her groups' values. Marasco's call led to several volunteer students picking up trash at the Care Center's property off Amberwood Parkway (near the Ashland Walmart store), thus clearing the way for further property "grooming" with a brush hog. The group also committed to go door-to-door, dorm-to-dorm, seeking donations as they take our baby bottle fund-raiser project to the AU campus.

Our sincere thanks to these students who took time from their busy college schedules to give back by serving the Care Center.



**KIDS GIVING BACK - CUPCAKES, LEMONADE, & DOOR-TO-DOOR**

Three groups of young people chose the Care Center as their fund-raising objective.



Katelyn, Paige, and Geneva Timmons propelled a \$20 bill found on the street into a cupcake bake sale to benefit the Care Center while Aubrie, Kelsie, Melody, and Trevor Rickett opened a lemonade stand for their money raising project. Later this fall, Josh Dulcey and Johnny Keim took to the streets as they went door-to-door to sign up sponsors for September's Life Walk fund raiser.



THANKS, KIDS. YOU'RE AMAZING!



**LIFEWALK 2015—THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**SANCITY OF LIFE SUNDAY**

The Care Center will bring the national Sanctity of Life Sunday to Ashland on January 17, 2016, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. The annual service will be hosted by Southview Grace Brethren Church, 810 Katherine



Avenue, Ashland. A time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.

State Representative Dave Hall (Republican, 70th House District) of Millersburg will bring a message for the evening. Hall, a longtime pro-life supporter, hails from Holmes County and represents all of Ashland County and parts of Medina and Holmes Counties. We look forward to seeing you there!

**CLIENT SPOTLIGHT**

Molly Stephens, a former Care Center client who has completed the program, still cares deeply about its mission. Employed by the Ashland County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ACBDD), she asked Boutique Manager Pat Rogers if the adults in her program could help out at the Boutique. Her interest led to several ACBDD adults becoming involved by doing dusting and sweeping at the Boutique once a month. The number of students who are involved on any one cleaning day fluctuates but Molly says, "I believe their work here is a great way for them to learn to give back to their community."



Says Boutique manager, Pat Rogers, "This is a great learning experience for them and a great help for the Boutique. Some of the men who come are very tall and are able to clean those hard-to-reach areas for us. I really appreciate that she thought of us."

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RECHARGE!**

It's hard to believe a whole year has gone by since the first meeting of our ReCharge group! Formed as a way to give new mothers some time out and to promote the formation of relationships, the group meets for an hour once a month at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, just across the hall from the Boutique. Baby sitting is provided and those attending earn \$60 in Baby Bucks, double if the baby's father also attends.



Attendance has varied but those coming have enjoyed a variety of educational and fun activities. Outside speakers have included representatives from the statewide program "Help Me Grow" and Le Leche League, while educational opportunities have explored topics such as baby sleep patterns and nutritional eating. Said Jackie Beatty, Program Manager, "We want to encourage the ladies to have some time out-of-the-home and allow them to interact and share with other young mothers just like themselves"



Next on the agenda? A Christmas party on December 10th. The activities? Making ornaments and enjoying refreshments and chat time.



**ANNUAL ASHLAND CARE CENTER BANQUET - APRIL 21, 2016**

Mark your calendar now for the annual Ashland Care Center Banquet on April 21, 2016 at the Convocation Center at Ashland University. Last year's banquet drew over 540 people and this year we hope to top this attendance! How about a goal of 600 attendees?

Comedian Paul Aldrich will bring his pure comedy - 100% clean, 100% funny - to the gathering. Paul's hilarious songs and stand-up comedy have been featured at thousands of faith-based events around the world. He can be heard daily on Laugh USA Radio.

**PLAN TO JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING!**

