

Miami Valley Women's Center Volunteer and Liaison Newsletter

We value you, our volunteers and liaisons, for your ongoing faithful service. Please share this information with your Pastor and congregation through bulletins, announcements and other venues.

December 2017

Dear Volunteers,

May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness to Him and to this ministry. May you and your family enjoy a beautiful Christmas, filled with His presence. *Every good and perfect gift is from above.* James 1:17 May you know every good and perfect gift as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Merry Christmas!

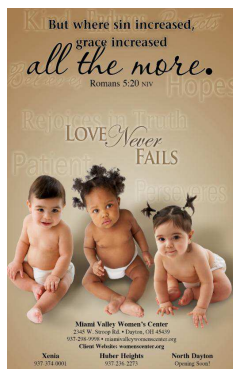
Karen Morningstar, Volunteer Coordinator

Gala 2017 Update

Praise the Lord! Over \$380,000 was raised through this year's Gala! Thank you for helping us raise *more than enough for doing the work that the LORD commanded us to do.* Exodus 36:5 ESV 620 guests and volunteers attended this memorable celebratory event. Together, we will continue to advocate for life as we prepare to open the fourth center this Spring!

Sanctity of Human Life

But where sin increased, grace increased all the more.
Romans 5:20 NIV



In recognition of Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL), the MVWC will provide churches with complimentary SOHL brochures and MVWC representatives to speak on a Sunday in January. Last year, **57 unborn babies were aborted EVERY day in Ohio, and approximately 3 were aborted every day in Montgomery County.** ¹ "The attack on the unborn is an attack on the image of God. It is a frontal assault on God's creative work." (Dr. Tony Evans,

2015 Care Net Pregnancy Center Conference)

At current rates, about one-third of all American women have at least one abortion by age 45. ²

The Lord has provided our ministry with the ability to meet physical and spiritual needs both inside and outside the church. Recent statistics regarding abortion and the church reveal **35% of Christian women who have had an abortion indicate they currently attend church once a week or more, and 36% of women, at the time of their first abortion, were attending a Christian church once a month.** ³ Pastor John Ensor shares, "I was stunned to discover that, by my best estimate, 30 percent of the women in my own congregation had experienced at least one abortion, and some told me of having three or four. The secrecy, the shame, the fear of discovery all worked to blackmail us into silence and to paralyze the church into inaction. We faced the painful truth about abortion. And the closest thing to revival that I have ever personally witnessed followed soon after." (Answering The Call, © 2012, Chapter 3)

Please **HELP** us get SOHL information into the hands of your Pastor. Order forms will be available on our website, or contact Jenny at Jenny.Shoup@womenscenter.org or (937) 298-9998.

¹ OH Dept. of Health

²Gutmacher Institute, Facts on Induced Abortion in the US, Aug. 2011

³LifeWay Research (Nov. 2015). CareNet Study of Women who have had an abortion and their views on the church.

Volunteer Opportunity

Bulk Mailing
Wednesday, December 6
9:00am at Kettering

Contact Karen at (937) 298-9998 or
Karen.Morningstar@womenscenter.org.

Next In Service

RENEWAL 2018
"THE LORD OUR PROVIDER"

In January we choose to set aside a time for all staff and volunteers to spend time corporately sitting at the feet of Jesus. This is a time we prepare ourselves for a new year in our personal relationship with our Lord and in our own personal ministries at the MVWC. Our pastors from the Pastoral Advisory Board will be sharing during the time. We will worship together, pray together, take communion together and have times of individual meditation and individual prayer with our pastors. Please plan to come and be renewed and blessed on this very special day and one, we feel, sets the tone for the year as we acknowledge that "Apart for Him we can do nothing" and "It's all about Him." We are calling it RENEWAL 2018.

Friday, January 19, 2018
10:00am to 12:30pm

Washington Heights Baptist Church
5650 Far Hills Avenue

Material Donations

Huber Heights, Kettering, Xenia

New or Gently Used:

Preemie-5T: Coats, Hats, Gloves, Mittens
Clothes 2T-5T, Shoes 2-13, Socks 2-5 yrs
Baby Monitors, Space Saver High Chairs, High Chairs
Clothing Rack (Square or Long) for Huber Heights

Used: Crib Mattresses, Bassinets, Cribs, Toddler Beds

Silver Linings Volunteer Needed

Silver Linings is a grief support group for miscarriage, stillbirth and infant loss. We are in need of a volunteer assistant to meet with families in a group setting. The group meets at Kettering on the first and third Thursdays from 6:30-8:00pm. The assistant must be available to arrive a half hour before and stay a half hour after. If you feel called to serve with these grieving families, please contact Teresa Ligon at (937) 298-9998 or Teresa.Ligon@womenscenter.org.

Volunteer Training

February 24 at Kettering
8:30am to 5:00pm

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering and attending the Training, please contact Karen Morningstar at Karen.Morningstar@womenscenter.org or (937) 298-9998.

October Statistics

	Kettering	Huber	Xenia
Total Client Visits	233	114	102
Initial Client Visits	79	43	18
Ultrasounds	39	22	14
Chose Life	27	24	16