Celebrating 4(1) years of God's Goodness

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Hope for today's child and tomorrow's family



Ted Ohrn Board Chairman



April DeMuth Treasurer



Jeremy Linder Secretary

2025 APC Board of Directors

As we welcome 2025, we are excited to share updates to our board leadership, including the addition of a new member and several current members taking on new roles.

We are pleased to welcome Jeremy Linder to our board. Jeremy brings a wealth of experience in strategic planning and has previously served on boards for other nonprofit organizations.

Ted Ohrn has served faithfully on the Alliance Pregnancy Center (APC) board for the past five years. He has a deep passion for APC's ministry to build healthy families in our community and share the hope of Jesus Christ.

April DeMuth continues to serve as our Board Treasurer, overseeing our finances to ensure we can continue to offer no-cost services to the Alliance community.

Gerry Richeson, our Vice-Chairperson, has been a dedicated board member for many years. He has witnessed firsthand APC's growth and the profound impact our organization has had on individuals and families.

Martha Palmer, our Fundraising Committee Chairperson, brings creativity and a keen attention to detail, leading to many successful fundraising initiatives over the years.

Together, these individuals prayerfully lead APC with wisdom and grace, and we are deeply grateful for their dedication and service.



Gerry Richeson Vice-Chairman



Larry Wilson Board Member



Martha Palmer Board Member



Honoring Larry Wilson's Leadership and Dedication

We are proud to recognize Larry Wilson for his remarkable 39 years of service as Board Chairperson. Throughout his tenure, Larry's leadership was instrumental in building a strong foundation for APC. Although he has passed the torch as Chair, Larry remains an active and valued member of our Board, continuing to share his time, insight, and dedication to help APC grow and thrive. Thank you, Larry!

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APC Donors Make Christmas Boutique Possible

by Sara Linder, Client Educator

The annual APC Christmas Boutique ran December 2nd to December 12th. Clients scheduled a shopping appointment where they purchased gifts for their children or other family members with Mommy Money or Daddy Dollars earned throughout the year. For the first time, APC had both moms and dads who shopped each day of the Christmas Boutique! A record number of 85 clients shopped and spent a total of \$2618 Mommy Money/Daddy Dollars. Clients started earning "money" by watching Bright Course videos and saving their Mommy Money/Daddy Dollars in July.

Gift items were donated by various generous groups and individuals. APC creates an Amazon Wishlist of items each year. Many anonymous and/or individual donors purchased from the Wishlist to donate. A number of gift items came from Amazon in a different way, thanks to Atwater Community Church donating Amazon Returns to our center. St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Alliance made APC the recipient of their Giving Tree project, which generated well over \$2,000 in items for clients to purchase. Shonk Family Lights, Powers Propane and many other churches and organizations also contributed Christmas gifts for our Boutique.

After shopping, clients received a Mommy Gift Bag full of toiletries and treats thanks to Little Flower Parish. Clients also left with a roll of wrapping paper, which was collected by RiverTree Lake Church's Kindness Crew - a group of 4th and 5th graders who serve Jesus through service projects.

Our donors were so generous, and APC had such an abundance of donations, the Christmas Boutique was extended for clients until the end of December! Many clients commented that the Christmas Boutique helped them provide presents for their family-that-they-otherwise would not be able to purchase.

Look What We Accomplished Together in 2024!

Because of your prayers, generosity, and support, lives were changed and families were strengthened in incredible ways this past year. Here's a glimpse of what you helped make possible:

- 2,645 client contacts each representing a life served with care, compassion, and dignity
- 108 clients heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ, offering hope and truth
- 140 pregnancy tests and 170 ultrasounds provided, giving women clarity and support during crucial moments
- 76 Baby Showers in a Basket gifted to newborn babies and their moms, filled with essential items and love
- · 40,776 diapers distributed to parents in need, ensuring babies stay clean, dry, and healthy
- 492 cans of formula provided to help feed hungry babies in our community
- A brand new satellite location at The Commons opened in October expanding access to healthcare for Alliance's underserved men and women

Because of you, families received the support they needed, lives were valued, and hope was restored. Thank you for standing with us to bring help, hope, and healing!

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Voice of the Volunteer

...Meet Emma Elgersma



Emma Elgersma moved to North Canton, Ohio from the Niagara Region of Ontario, Canada in July of last year. Emma says,

"I first got involved in volunteering at APC through my church, Trinity PCA! I had recently moved to North Canton and was looking for volunteer opportunities. Many members of my church recommended that I reach out to APC. I was able to connect with Avone Blasiman who attends Trinity and works at APC. Avone set up a tour of the facility and I knew then that I wanted to volunteer there. I had a lot of free time that I wanted to use to serve the Lord. The staff at APC were so welcoming and the work so rewarding. My favourite part about volunteering at APC has been participating in the Christmas celebration. I was able to assist mothers in shopping for their families. The joy that APC brings to the mothers and the love that each staff member has for them is so real and you can tell God is working in this place. APC has blessed me in so many ways. God has opened my eyes to the needs of so many that I may have passed over if not for working at APC. The time I have spent here has changed me for the better! I am so excited to see what God has in store for me, APC, and all the mothers and fathers they serve."



Blessings Abound: A Baby Shower for Clients

Hosted by Wellspring Bible Church

Wellspring Bible Church hosted a Baby Shower for Alliance Pregnancy Center, which included lunch, games, and presents. The gifts were used to create Baby Showers in a Basket, which are baskets filled with newborn outfits, burp cloths, blankets, baby wash, lotion, towels, washcloths, and diapers (sizes newborn to 3). A Baby Shower in a Basket are given to mothers in need. Additionally, the center provides support through its Boutique, which includes a Diaper Den with diapers ranging from preemie to size 7, as well as Pull-ups. The Boutique also offers summer and winter clothing from sizes 0-3 months to 2T for both boys and girls, as well as formula, baby food, toiletries, maternity clothes, household products and we just added a Daddy Depot where dads can shop for their needs.

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Save the date

2025 Annual Banquet

Celebrate the Goodness of God
University of Mount Union
Hoover Price Campus Center
May 15th 2025

Mark your calendars!

Mother's Day - Father's Day BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
September 13th FOOTSTEPS FOR LIFE
October 10th DINNER WITH A LAUGH at Hartville Kitchen





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