



Raise funds to help save unborn lives & lives for eternity!

**WALK for LIFE**  
Miami Valley Women's Center  
2020

**Become a Sponsored Walker or sponsor a Walker!**  
Go to [miamivalleywomenscenter.org](http://miamivalleywomenscenter.org) or call (937) 298-9998.

**Saturday, May 16, at Day Air Ballpark**  
220 N. Patterson Blvd. | Dayton, OH 45402  
Registration – 10:00 AM | Walk Program – 10:50 AM



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The battle continues to preserve the life of the unborn. A federal judge blocked the Heartbeat Bill from taking effect in Ohio, and though abortions decreased in Ohio by 2% in 2018, **abortions increased by 23% in Montgomery County**. What can we do? God's Word directs our response: **"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love"** (Eph. 5:1-2). Christ's love continues to compel us to protect the unborn and share hope with every client, and we are gearing up to raise over \$200,000 for this year's Walk for Life. Will you **become a Sponsored Walker or sponsor a Walker** and help us raise funds to support our lifesaving programs and services?

**Here's what you need to know:**

1. Go to [miamivalleywomenscenter.org](http://miamivalleywomenscenter.org) for details and learn how to become a Sponsored Walker or sponsor a Walker.
2. You can raise funds online using *FundEasy* or using a sponsor form. Forms are available at participating churches, any of our centers, or can be printed from our website.
3. **Pick a goal!**  
**\$1,000 Provides 7 cribs** and earns a Lifesaver Dinner Club membership, special prize, and a t-shirt  
**\$500 Provides 5 car seats** and earns a special prize plus a t-shirt  
**\$300 Provides 21 Beginner's Bibles** and earns a Walk for Life t-shirt
4. This year's 2-mile route is family-friendly and can accommodate strollers and wheelchairs.



**Learn how to get your church involved!**

Liaisons or other church representatives are invited to attend one of the following Walk Kickoffs:

- Tuesday, March 10, 2-3 pm at N. Dayton MVWC
- Thursday, March 12, 6:30-7:30 pm at Xenia MVWC
- Saturday, March 14, 9:30-10:30 am at Kettering MVWC

To RSVP for a Kickoff or for more information about the Walk, call (937) 298-9998, ext. 1111, or visit [miamivalleywomenscenter.org](http://miamivalleywomenscenter.org).

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[miamivalleywomenscenter.org](http://miamivalleywomenscenter.org)



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Partners of the Miami Valley Women's Center



## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

In February, we held our first-ever Liaison Trainings. Over 60 attended, representing 45 churches! Our goal was to clarify that **the Miami Valley Women's Center is here to serve the church** from the inside out. Why? Recent statistics from the Guttmacher Institute showed **54% of women having abortions identify as Christians**. In addition, a joint LifeWay research and CareNet study found 37% of Christian women were attending church once a month or more at the time of their first abortion. According to this study, "Many women with unplanned pregnancies go silently from the church pew to the abortion clinic, convinced the church would gossip rather than help."<sup>1</sup>

Guttmacher also reported that nearly **1 in 4 women in the US will have an abortion by age 45**.<sup>2</sup> Sadly, half of post-abortive women agree that pastors' teachings on forgiveness don't apply to them.

In fact, a former pastor, John Ensor, said, "I was stunned to discover that, by my best estimate, 30% of the women in my own congregation had experienced at least one abortion, and some told me of having 3 or 4. That was the unspeakable sin in our midst. The secrecy, the shame, the fear of discovery all worked to blackmail us into silence and to paralyze the church into inaction." **We are here to support the church** through our abortion recovery ministry that continues to help women and men find healing because abortion is NOT the unforgivable sin.

**We are here to serve your church** with any of the following: pregnancy services, incentive-based parenting programs for men and women, grief support for those who've experienced a miscarriage or stillbirth, and **NEW this year, abstinence presentations for youth groups!**

**The church's role is vital** in courageously proclaiming both the sanctity of human life and the forgiveness available through Christ for the post-abortive. It's our privilege to serve and partner with the church to help more people in our community receive compassionate services related to pregnancy decisions and experience gospel transformation. I'm deeply passionate about our mission because I represent those statistics, but because of my church and this ministry, I have been forgiven, healed, and set free from the sin of abortion! I also needed to learn what love looked like when our 17-year-old daughter, who had grown up in church and sworn to abstinence, found herself in an unplanned pregnancy. We must be the **compassionate alternative to abortion!**

At a *Focus on the Family* conference, Dr. James Dobson said, "I have bad news for each of you pregnancy centers: just as Great Britain was never going to defeat Germany, **you're never going to win the war on abortion**. But I want to encourage you to hang in there **until the Church enters the war, because when she does you will not lose!**"

**If your church hasn't partnered with us yet, will you contact us?** Churches are encouraged to share links to our client and Partners of the Miami Valley Women's Center websites as a resource for church members on their websites. Please feel free to contact us for more information on how to partner with the ministry by calling (937) 298-9998, ext. 1111 or email [jenny.shoup@womenscenter.org](mailto:jenny.shoup@womenscenter.org).

In it to win!

*Jenny Shoup*

Jenny Shoup, Director of Development

<sup>1</sup> LifeWay Research (Nov. 2015), Care Net Study of Women who have had an abortion and their views on the church.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.guttmacher.org/news-release/2017/abortion-common-experience-us-women-despite-dramatic-declines-rates>

## "I am His strong and yet gentle provider"

*There is not enough space to put on paper my 10-week DADs experience. Taking the classes has reassured me how important God's relationship with me is as a man and as a parent of my children. I've been reminded that **I am His strong and yet gentle provider** that is here to lead my family. The program reminded us God is love and He is part of all aspects of life. I was a father before my classes, but now I've had more training and have been given more tools to be a better father following in His path. My support person was a teacher, mentor, and just a fellow man of God here with knowledge, words of wisdom, and reassurance to help me leave here in the path God has put before me.*



DADs and MOMs clients, Gary and Jessica



Catherine (center) with her client advocate, Jackie (left), and Kettering Center Director, Tanika (right)

### “MOMs helped push me back to church”

*I first learned about the Miami Valley Women’s Center over 17 years ago when I was pregnant with my son and I took the 10-week MOMs program. When I was pregnant with my daughter, I came back for Earn As You Learn. After all these years, I got pregnant again. This time, I came back to the center completely lost in my thoughts, scared and confused. I didn’t know what to do. I didn’t plan on having another child. I had been a single mother working two to three jobs just to make ends meet. On top of that, I quit going to church because I was hurt there. I was judged for getting pregnant again without being married and that is a hard pill to swallow. I started to believe the lie that I was not loveable. I was scared to come back to Christ because I felt like I failed again, and fear got the best of me.*

*This time when I showed up at the center I was greeted by Tanika; she helped me tremendously. She allowed me to cry and express myself each*

*week! She prayed with me and encouraged me to give church another try. The MOMs program definitely helped take some burdens off my shoulders. I was able to get some clothes, earn baby bucks to buy baby items, and I was given a gift basket that provided many basic necessities. Best of all, **MOMs helped push me back to church where I need to be!***

*I hate that I have sinned against God with my body. I had to cry out to God and ask him, “Lord, forgive me and restore to me the joy of my salvation.” Now I understand that God still loves me past my flaws! He didn’t die for just one of my sins but for ALL my sins - known and unknown! I know that God has a plan for my life and He is always working ALL things out for my good. I know this pregnancy is not the ideal situation, but when you have people like the ladies at the Center backing you up and encouraging you when they barely know you, it’s an amazing feeling! **I’m finding my JOY again!***

*I am very thankful for the place I am in now physically, mentally and emotionally. I am definitely thankful I decided to keep my baby girl! **Thank you for supporting this ministry that provides women a place to choose life!***



### Great Report from Adopt a Family!

God showed His faithfulness through you as 87 client families were blessed last Christmas through Adopt a Family. Advocates shared the gospel with each client who participated; **10 received the gift of salvation, and 18 signed up for our discipleship program!**

In addition, the Lord blessed us with 8 extra sponsors who chose to adopt an unborn child and purchased items that would support mothers and fathers who chose life for their baby. It was beautiful to see 2 former AAF recipients serve as sponsors this year! Thank you to all of our sponsors for making an impact on current and future client families through an eternal deposit of Christ’s love made in each of their lives.

### Sanctity of Human Life Recognition

We are so grateful to 28 men and women who volunteered their time to serve on our Speakers’ Bureau. So far in 2020, we’ve shared the ministry and the sanctity of life message in 37 churches. **Speakers are available year-round for your church or small group!** For more information, email [jenny.shoup@womenscenter.org](mailto:jenny.shoup@womenscenter.org) or call (937) 298-9998, ext. 1111.

### MVWC Game Nights with the Dayton Dragons

Just \$12 per ticket includes a Dragons hat, and \$6 goes back to the MVWC! Because of your support, last year’s game night raised \$3,222!

**Friday, April 24 & July 31 at 7:00 pm**

Watch your mail and email for more details.



# LIFELIGHT

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## Abstinence Team Impacts the Next Generation

This past February, abstinence education staff and volunteers diligently shared the message that abstinence is a powerful, positive, possible choice. Students from the following schools heard this truth through one of several programs available through the Miami Valley Women's Center:

Baker Middle School – STARS	N. Dayton School of Discovery – GIFT & TEAM
Beavercreek High School – WWF	Pathway – GIFT & TEAM
Carroll High School – WWF	Richard Allen – GIFT & TEAM
Cedar Cliff Middle School – STARS & TEAM	Springboro Junior High – WWF
Dayton Christian – GIFT	Warner Middle School – STARS
Fairmont High School – WWF	Weisenborn Junior High – GIFT & TEAM
Kettering Middle School – GIFT	Xenia High School – WWF
Legacy Christian – GIFT & WWF	

If you'd like abstinence education implemented at your child's school or youth group, attend one of our trainings to become a volunteer! We provide excellent training. Contact us at (937) 298-9998 for more information on how to get started. If you have questions about any of the abstinence programs, contact the abstinence team at (937) 374-0023, ext. 3, or [abstinenceeducation@womenscenter.org](mailto:abstinenceeducation@womenscenter.org).

## Become a Volunteer!

### Volunteer Training Dates

March 6-7  
June 19-20  
October 16-17

Training is held Fridays, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm and Saturdays, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Kettering MVWC.

*Applications are due 3 weeks prior to training.*

We have an array of volunteer opportunities!  
Not all require training.

For more information, go to  
[miamivalleywomenscenter.org/volunteer.php](http://miamivalleywomenscenter.org/volunteer.php).

## Mark Your Calendars!

March 10	Liaison/Church Staff Walk Kickoff at N. Dayton MVWC
March 12	Liaison/Church Staff Walk Kickoff at Xenia MVWC
March 14	Liaison/Church Staff Walk Kickoff at Kettering MVWC
April 24	MVWC Game Night with the Dayton Dragons
May 16	Walk for Life at Day Air Ballpark
July 1	Gala Underwriting opportunities begin
July 31	MVWC Game Night with the Dayton Dragons
August 1	Gala Table Sponsorship opportunities begin
August 18	Liaison Training at Xenia MVWC
August 20	Liaison Training at Kettering MVWC
Sept 15 & 19	Gala Table Host Orientations
October 30	Gala Fundraising Banquet
January 2021	Sanctity of Human Life recognition month



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