

## A Letter from the Executive Director



Sheri Lawson

In the last newsletter I wrote, "What will happen to Miami Valley Women's Center if Roe v. Wade is overturned? First, we will celebrate and then we will pivot and be ready to meet the needs of people in crisis in our community."

I had no idea when I typed those words that we would have the opportunity to celebrate in a bigger way than I imagined. The Lord was so gracious to us. Months before, we had chosen June 24 to celebrate our 40th anniversary. When the news broke on that wonderful Friday morning – ROE IS OVERTURNED – we already had everything set up for a party. And what a great party it was! Over

300 people gathered to celebrate both the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and the more than 15,000 women who have come to Miami Valley Women's Center over the past 40 years and chose life for their children. Praise the Lord! He has done great things.

Our celebration was grander than I imagined; and so far, the "pivot" is not as drastic as I feared.

Since the beginning of the year, I have been in contact with other Executive Directors across the country discussing how to be prepared for a Post-Roe America, especially with centers in Texas to prepare for the ways the Heartbeat Law could change how we interact with our clients. I was expecting a big change in how our clients responded to us because that is what happened in Texas. That has not happened for us yet. Clients are still coming to the center, still trusting the value of the services we offer, and we are grateful for the opportunity to continue meeting their needs. Their options have changed in the state of Ohio, and we are confident our staff and volunteers are prepared to answer the new questions our clients are asking. It has only been 2 weeks and we still have a lot to learn in this brave new world, but the Lord has shown me that truth is still truth. The information we have given to clients in the past is the same information they need today.

Pregnancy center ministry is a bit like riding a roller coaster right now: we don't know exactly what is coming but we expect a lot of twists and turns. Soon after Roe was overturned and the Heartbeat Law was enacted in Ohio, attorneys representing abortion clinics in Ohio filed an emergency stay on the Heartbeat Law. **The Ohio Supreme Court denied the motion and as of the writing of this letter, the Heartbeat Law is in effect in Ohio.** But we expect to see continued efforts to find ways around this new law. Our only option is to expect the unexpected and be as prepared as possible to meet the changing needs of our clients. In these unprecedented times, I find comfort in the words of Corrie Ten Boom: "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

**We are lasered focused on 2 priorities – reaching out with love and compassion to women considering abortion and ensuring the safety of our clients, staff, and volunteers.**

We are so grateful for our amazing donors who have reached out with love, encouragement, and financial support. Thank you! Your continued prayers for safety and wisdom are appreciated.

We want to ensure that you feel prepared to answer the questions you are being asked so please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you have.

In Christ's service,  
Sheri Lawson  
Executive Director

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## STATISTICS

### January–May 2022

Pregnancy Tests: 418

Ultrasounds: 383

Chose Life: 299

Spiritual Discussions: 850

Gospel Presented: 217

Total Client Visits: 1,721

## MVWC Timeline

**1982**

The first Miami Valley Women's Center opened in Dayton.



**1991**

Launched the Worth Waiting For abstinence program



**1992**

Launched the Abortion Recovery Ministry



**1998**

Began parenting mentoring programs  
Began offering ultrasounds  
Opened a center in Huber Heights



**2000**

Opened the Xenia center



**2001**

The Men's Ministry was officially established.



**2011**

Began Campus Outreach at local colleges



**2018**

Opened the North Dayton center



*Jo Anne Rohrer and Debi Sayer watched Francis Schaeffer's "Whatever Happened to the Human Race" and answered God's call to help women in crisis pregnancies.*

*Our first center was a rented building located on Dorothy Lane.*

*This photo is of the first building we purchased, located on Dixie Drive.*



*Ribbon cutting in 1998 at the new Kettering center on W. Stroop Road*



## It Was a Grand Celebration!

On June 24, roughly 300 pro-life supporters gathered at Patterson Park Church to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Miami Valley Women's Center. What a night! So much fun and rejoicing! Koinos Church set up a giant tent which provided shade. Five Christian-owned food trucks masterfully fed the crowd. The Washington Heights Baptist Church youth group brought kids joy with activities like face painting, 9-square volleyball, giant Jenga, and cornhole. WFCJ 93.7 provided a steady stream of lively music. The Patterson Park worship team led us to sing about God's faithfulness. Christian comedian David Dean entertained us all. Past volunteers, staff, board members, prayer warriors, along with co-founder Jo Anne Rohrer, were recognized and thanked. But most importantly, **God was glorified through the praises of His people.** As salt and light, we left with a vision to "Go light your world" for another 40 years!

# Praise God for another successful Walk – over \$245,000 raised!

## Thank you, Walk for Life Underwriters!

Anonymous	Fairview Church	Northern Hills Christian Church
93.7 The Light WFCJ & Hope 100.7 WEEC	Faith and Friends Radio	North Huber Heights Baptist Church
In Memory of Sandi Hadick	Faith Baptist Church/Beavercreek	One Master Ministries
Advanced Ob/Gyn Care of SW Ohio:	First Baptist Church/Kettering	Logan & Cassie Pals
Dr. William R. Dorsey	Sugarcreek & Eastmont	Patterson Park Church
Dr. Trisha Pachiano	First Light Church	The Pedersen Family
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Good Comma Editing	Pleasant Grove Missionary Church
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Centerville Christian Fellowship	John & Barbara Korb	Sonshine Commercial Cleaning
Charis Ministry	LAUCO Engineering	SouthBrook Christian Church
Christian Blue Pages	Lifestyle Comfort Solutions	South Dayton Presbyterian Church
Christian Life Center	Living Water Lutheran Church	Two Rivers Community Church
The Covenant at Sugar Grove	Living Word Church/Dayton	Vandalia Baptist Temple
Mike & Rebekah Davis	Kathy McGuire	Victory Church/Fairborn
Dayton Avenue Baptist Church	Ron & Linda Miller	Xenia Church of Christ
Dayton Christian School	New Covenant Community	Xenia Nazarene Church
Jack & Carolyn Ewig	Church/Kettering	

## Top Sponsored Walkers

**Adult: Dana & Jenny Shoup**  
raised \$18,717!



**Pastor: Mike Miracle**  
raised \$1,980!



**Youth: Julia Newman**  
raised \$3,275!



**Child: Karissa Powers**  
raised \$1,186!



### Church Who Raised the Most Funds:

**Christian Life Center**

### Church with the Most Sponsored Walkers:

**Centerville Christian Fellowship**

### Most Funds Raised Top 10 Churches

1. Christian Life Center
2. Springboro Baptist Church
3. Koinos Church/Troy
4. Centerville Community Church
5. First Baptist Church of Kettering
6. The Covenant at Sugar Grove/Tipp City
7. Lifepointe Church/Kettering
8. Centerville Christian Fellowship
9. Brookville Grace Brethren Church
10. Patterson Park Church



We honored Judy Wilder for 20 years of overseeing the Welcome Baby Basket ministry through her home church, CLC.

## 76 Life Saver Dinner Club Members Raised \$172,548!



Jill Adkins	Jodi Dickman	Jessica Johnson	Sandy O'Dell &
Jim Altensee	Michele Duffey	Mark Jurkovich	Patsy Tolson-Moir
Margaret Barnes	Dora Erickson	John Korb	Nicholas Parry
Joshua Boatman	FBC Kettering/ Elias Moreno	Theresa Maddux	Ena Peterson
Thane Boone	Hallie Fourman	Dawn Martin	Karissa Powers
Sharon Brook	Carol Frueh	Linda Martin	Walter Price
Isabella Bunting	Karen Fulton	Dawn Mathews	Cathy Ransom
Jenny Carroll	Annette Glass	Kim Merritt	Jo Anne Rohrer
Centerville Christian Fellowship/ Taylor Ivester	Cindy Good	Kyla Miller	Judy Seal
Clearcreek Chapel/ Jayne Nixon	Nanette Gresham	Tojuan Minus	Dana & Jenny Shoup
Anita Csikos	Connie Henninger	Pastor Mike Miracle	Scott Taylor
Blanche Dempsey	Amber Hole	Faye Moreno	Sherri Tomkins
	Jackie Howard	Mary Jane Munson	Lisa Trimbach
	Anna Huber	Jeni Newman	Judy Wilder
	Wistine Hutchinson	Julia Newman	Galen Woodhouse
		Martha O'Connor	Sandy Workman

### “Now I have a specific purpose!”

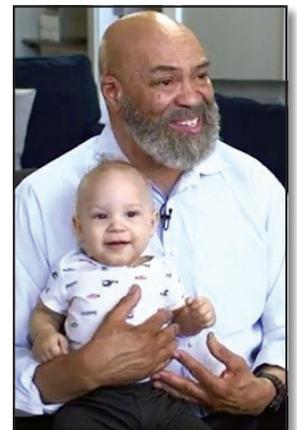
His youngest child was 33 when Ricardo found out he was going to be a father once again. Knowing when he was first raising kids, he was immature and didn't make the best choices, he knew he would benefit from parenting classes.

Ricardo said, “I was met with the spirit of Christ when I came to the Miami Valley Women's Center and was treated with respect. Every area in which I had a concern I was able to take classes on, and now I'm better prepared. What made this parenting class unique is everything was undergirded with spiritual guidance and a scriptural foundation. It was very empowering and allowed me to know exactly what I needed to do for my son and my fiancé. **The parenting classes gave us a better understanding of who we are in God's kingdom as parents and how God's love supports us in this journey. Now I have a specific purpose.** It was just a great experience!”

They named their son *Isaiah* which means “God saves.”

“God saved both my fiancé and myself to become better parents and better human beings.

We're grateful to the donors who give to make this ministry possible, for the gifts we received that we wouldn't have been able to get otherwise. Thank you for the kindness to reach out and support others who are in need.”



Ricardo and Isaiah

## Updates to MVWC Governing Board

We want to publicly recognize and thank two board members who are retiring from many years of faithful service.



◀ **Jo Anne Rohrer** co-founded the MVWC along with Debi Sayer and has served on the board since its inception in 1982. We were honored to recognize her at the 40th anniversary party. Her contribution to this ministry is immeasurable, and we praise God for her!

▶ **Galen Woodhouse** served on the board the majority of years between 2000–2021, about half of those years as Treasurer. We are grateful for his decades-long commitment to the MVWC and the wise financial oversight he provided during his time as Treasurer. Thank you, Galen!



We're pleased to announce the addition of two new members to our Governing Board!



◀ **Dr. Jack Ewig** is a retired oral and maxillofacial surgeon and an elder at Hillside Chapel. He has been married to Carolyn for 45 years, and they have three children and seven grandchildren. He enjoys backpacking, cycling, running, and woodworking.

▶ **Zach Woodward** is a financial advisor and attends Centerville Christian Fellowship where he volunteers in the children's ministry. He and his wife Hayley have two beautiful daughters. He shared, "There is no work closer to our hearts than this one!" Zach enjoys studying the Bible, reading, cooking, and traveling.



We are thankful for all our board members — their passion for this ministry, leadership, integrity, and servants' hearts.

## Actions Taken to Increase Security at All Four Centers

Upon the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, militant extremist pro-abortion groups like Jane's Revenge are fulfilling their promise to bring destruction and chaos to pregnancy resource centers. Another local PRC, as well as many across the country, was attacked. The group shattered windows and graffitied, "If abortions aren't safe, neither are you" on the facility.

One of our nurses has received a vulgar, threatening phone call, and we have been flooded with fake appointments. We are thankful for no physical attacks but also need to take seriously the safety of our clients, volunteers, staff, and buildings.

- At the end of 2021, we had a thorough security assessment performed at each of our four locations.
- Based on that information, we obtained quotes to install alarm systems, panic buttons, and cameras.
- The Board of Directors approved spending \$18,000 to implement these security measures.

- Alarm systems, panic buttons, and cameras have been ordered and installation should begin in late July.
- Police departments in Dayton, Kettering, Huber Heights, and Xenia are aware of the threats and are doing extra patrols around our buildings.

In spite of these threats, MVWC will continue to meet the needs of women in our community who are facing unplanned pregnancy by offering hope and support — just as we have been doing for the past 40 years.

We are thrilled to report that after sending an email to our donors about the security upgrades, within a week we received \$18,000 for the upgrades and four new donors signed up to cover the \$30/month security monitoring fees for our four centers. Thank you for your investment in this ministry and your care for all the people involved as well as the people we serve.

If you do not receive our email updates and would like to, go to [miamivalleywomenscenter.org](http://miamivalleywomenscenter.org) and click on "Join Our Mailing List."

## "We feel much more confident and prepared to begin our journey"

*When my wife and I found out she might be pregnant, a friend recommended we confirm it with a pregnancy test at the Miami Valley Women's Center. At our first appointment, warm and caring staff greeted us and provided us with not only a pregnancy test but also an early ultrasound at no cost! We were excited and so happy for this free service! We signed up for the parenting classes, and I'm so grateful because it turned out to be such a positive experience.*

*I was impressed with the sheer amount of informative videos and material they shared, but also an incentive program in which parents can earn credits to spend on needed baby items by watching the material. The videos provide tons of great tips and information for new parents: nutrition guidelines, development expectations, parenting skills such as building desirable traits like honesty and bravery, and what to do in emergency situations.*

*It was a pleasure to talk and discuss the lessons with my mentor, Stan. He was always kind and shared personal experiences related to the lesson topics. He also asked thought-provoking questions that were important things to consider for various situations that might arise in parenting. I feel blessed to have met him and his wife (who counseled my wife with her first child on the way). They both inspired us and provided us with great information, insights, and joy! **After completing this course, my wife and I feel much more confident and prepared to begin our journey as new parents.***

*I am thankful for the MVWC and its wonderful workers who made a positive impact on our family and are such a blessing to people in the Dayton area.*

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## New Opportunity for Churches

Many churches have reached out and asked how they can further support us. One way is through a new initiative called MVWC Church of the Month. In short, **we're looking for 48 supporting churches to pick one of our four Centers and a month that they'd like to bless that center.** During that designated month, the church can serve that Center in any of a plethora of ways, such as:

- Pray for the Center daily
- Perform a Prayer Walk through that Center
- Provide healthy snacks for client waiting rooms
- Encourage volunteer opportunities (a landscaping/cleaning/envelope-stuffing project)
- Host an event (baby bottle boomerang, VBS activity, baby shower) to bless our clients
- Provide a financial donation through missions giving or special collection
- Provide snacks for that month's staff meeting

For more information or to get your church involved, please contact Brian at [brian.shaffer@womenscenter.org](mailto:brian.shaffer@womenscenter.org) or call (937) 298-9998, ext. 1116.

## Save the Date for the 2022 Gala!

**Friday, October 21**  
**The Great Hall at**  
**Sinclair Conference Center**  
**Kelly Lester, Guest Speaker**



For 15 years, Kelly Lester ran from God, desperate to fill the hurting places in her soul with men, drugs, and every other kind of coping mechanism. She even worked in the clinic where she had her first abortion. But beauty triumphs from the ashes, and Kelly is a testament to how God can clean all the dirty parts of a painful life story and make it brand new. Now a wife and mother of six children, Kelly loves to share her story to give hope to the most desperate situations proving that God can save anybody. She serves as a client advocate for *LoveLine Ministries*, and Director of Outreach for *And Then There Were None* and *Pro-Love Ministries*.

Don't miss the 2022 Gala – sure to be our best ever as we wind up the celebration of our 40th anniversary year!

## Student Outreach News

### 2021-22 School Year Report Worth Waiting For

Presented in 31 schools to 2,797 students

#### Small Groups

4 GIFT groups, 2 TEAM, and 3 STARS  
Reached 152 middle school students

#### Campus Outreach

4,076 care packages given out on  
5 local college campuses

One of our Kettering and Xenia Office Assistants, Stephanie Balding, will be transitioning into the Student Outreach Group Coordinator role in August.

## Volunteer Needs

Our final Volunteer Orientation of 2022 will be held **Saturday, October 1** from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Kettering center. Applications are due 3 weeks prior to Orientation.

Current top volunteer needs are for male and female Client Advocates for Huber Heights and North Dayton and both male and female Student Outreach volunteers.

**Questions?** Call Kim Merritt at (937) 298-9998, ext. 1108, or email [Kim.merritt@womenscenter.org](mailto:Kim.merritt@womenscenter.org).



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