

Womankind

MATERNAL AND PRENATAL CARE CENTER

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Womankind Mission Statement: To provide hope, help, and possibility to any pregnant woman by offering comprehensive integrative care in a loving, nonjudgmental environment.

FALL 2018



Expectant mom, Amanda

A Miracle in the Making

Amanda Dorsey and her husband Calvin, are expecting their first child, their “miracle baby” as Amanda describes him (Amanda and Calvin are having a boy). After struggling to become pregnant, Amanda and Calvin were shocked and delighted to find out they were going to be parents. “God definitely had a plan for us” she said. After they got the news, Amanda’s first call was to Womankind. Amanda knew of Womankind’s services from her sister who had been a client 15 years prior and had a great experience with her care at Womankind.

The couple was so excited about coming to Womankind for Amanda’s prenatal appointments that making the trip from their home in Sandusky to Womankind in Garfield Heights didn’t bother her at all. According to Amanda, “there is nothing in Erie County that compares to Womankind, nothing with this level of quality prenatal care. Calvin liked being a part of the visits and felt that I was safe and in good hands. The staff at Womankind is amazing!”

Amanda, 31 and Calvin, 33 are natives of the Cleveland area. They now lead a busy life in Sandusky where Calvin is the Pastor of the Sandusky Life Church and Amanda is the Director of New Day Family Resource, a non-profit community service outreach which includes a food pantry and diaper bank. Amanda and Calvin enjoy serving their congregation and community and feel that they were called to give to others with their service.



Calvin and Amanda

When the Dorsey’s came to Womankind, they did not have health insurance. Since both Amanda and Calvin are self-employed, the cost of purchasing insurance was out of reach for them. Womankind social support staff helped them

through the process of applying for coverage. “That took so much pressure off of us as we faced the wonderful surprise of finding out I was pregnant. Womankind staff and volunteers went above and beyond to help us through every step of the process. They never left us on our own, and we are forever grateful,” said Amanda.

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OUR SERVICES

All of Womankind's services are confidential, nonjudgmental and provided at no cost to our clients.

These include:

- Pregnancy tests
- Compassionate and integrative prenatal care through 28 weeks of pregnancy
- Assistance with third trimester care and delivery
- Professional counseling
- Support services for those significant to the mother
- Childbirth classes
- Breastfeeding information
- Post-abortion counseling
- Assistance with Healthy Start and WIC application
- Maternity clothing
- Baby items (as available)
- Natural family planning
- Referrals for
 - Parenting classes
 - Adoption
 - Legal assistance

If you need help, or know someone who does, please call us at 216-662-5700.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



What sets Womankind apart from other organizations are the generations we have touched; past, present and future. The common thread with every volunteer, program, event, staff member, and board member is we will do whatever it takes to care for and meet the needs of our clients.

I have heard numerous stories from past clients who are now, years later, connecting family members or friends to Womankind enabling our services to benefit more lives. How gratifying it is to work within an organization that can achieve such life-altering, positive impacts on a daily basis. At Womankind, we create an environment of nonjudgmental acceptance that guides clients and their loved ones through their journey.

Cleveland is facing a crisis. This city is experiencing one of the highest rates of infant mortality in the nation. Womankind is on the front line of this crisis by providing prenatal care at no cost for pregnant women to help with healthy pregnancies. We provide the social support and necessary tools for the clients and families we serve. This is the fundamental approach taken by Womankind for the last 43 years and is a shared vision of the "First Year Cleveland" coalition. Through the public and private sector this association is addressing the infant mortality rate head on. We believe that by being in this conversation, we will be able to connect with like-minded organizations to be part of the solution to reduce the infant mortality rate.

As my first year at Womankind comes to a close, I would like to thank all those, past and present, who have made this organization a success. I was moved by a recent bequest from Denis Chasek. While I did not know Denis, his family and friends describe him as a generous and caring gentleman. We are humbled by his choice to support Womankind through his will and grateful for the impact his gift will have on those we serve.

Now it is time we shift our focus to the future. In order for Womankind to continue to touch countless lives we need to grow in all areas. If you are not currently a Womankind volunteer, consider joining us. Have you considered becoming a monthly donor, completing a matching gift form with your employer or including Womankind in your estate plans? For those who are 70 ½ or older, there is another great opportunity to support Womankind with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (see page 6). These are all areas where you will help us grow and impact the lives of so many families in need.

As I look forward to 2019, I am reminded of the quote from Margaret Meade, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

I have had the privilege of meeting many Womankind supporters and I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming year. I believe that YOU are the group of committed people who will change the world for Womankind.

PATTI CLAIR

Executive Director

A huge thank you to Marc's and Ray Benisek for their donation of 3 large pallets of diapers to Womankind. A chance conversation at the FEST in August led to this amazing act of kindness and generosity, right on the spot. We also want to thank Roberto Sorgi at American Fireworks, for picking up all the diapers and delivering them to Womankind. It was truly a labor of love for all involved.



Dave Bongorno, Roberto Sorgi, Patti Clair, JoAnn Henderson and Dan Fisher are surrounded by diapers.

Volunteer Spotlight

Debbie Bruening

Debbie Bruening has a long history with Womankind. Back in 2001, Debbie was asked to chair the Respect Life Committee at her home parish, Church of the Gesu in University Heights. One of her responsibilities included coordinating the Baby Bottle collection for Womankind. “I never in a million years thought I’d be doing this almost 20 years later!” said Debbie. “Each collection allows a member of our committee to shed light on what Womankind’s mission is within our community. It’s important for anyone considering a donation to know that a person sits at the other end of that quarter, dollar or check that is put into a baby bottle. Without Womankind, that expectant mother might not receive the proper medical care for a healthy pregnancy and healthy baby.”

There is a family history of volunteering at Womankind. “My sister-in-law Joan was actively involved with Womankind. I could see the joy she experienced in giving and I thought, if she could make that happen while raising five children, I could surely find a way to help. She showed me that volunteering does not necessarily mean huge chunks of time. I started out initially by bringing donations of maternity and baby clothes that filled a need. Joan truly got me hooked on the joy of giving.”

Debbie and her husband, Dave, have five children, and Pete is Debbie and Dave’s fourth child, who has Down syndrome. “At the age of 22, Pete has a heart for service. He uses his muscle power to help me lift heavy boxes of filled baby bottles. Each pickup of bottles that Pete is a part of touches the life of another parish. Individuals with developmental disabilities are often on the receiving end of giving. But they grow as individuals when they serve. It’s a beautiful thing to see!”



Debbie Bruening with her son, Peter.

In the last few years, Debbie was asked to broaden her volunteer efforts with Womankind to include coordinating the Baby Bottle Campaign in other parishes. It is a huge undertaking, but Debbie said she truly enjoys helping out with the baby bottle collection and wanted to share one of her favorite moments while at a church collecting filled bottles: “A pastoral associate shared a story. A nine-year-old boy heard

the announcement at church about the Womankind baby bottle collection. He said, ‘mom, let’s take a bottle home.’ The mom replied, ‘No, we don’t have extra money right now.’ He said ‘don’t worry, I’ll take care of it.’ The boy’s mom asked him, ‘How will you do that?’ Her son responded with a big smile and said, ‘My piggy bank!’” The message of Womankind helps develop a spirit of self-sacrifice and love of neighbor. It allows the joy of giving to spread.

When it comes time for “baby bottle season” in the spring and fall, Debbie is right there jumping in to help. Thank you Debbie for 20 years of supporting Womankind.

A Miracle in the Making *Continued from page 1*

Womankind offers prenatal care up to 28 weeks and helps clients like Amanda with third trimester care and delivery preparations. Amanda feels bittersweet about the transition. “Leaving all the personal care and love that I experienced at Womankind and getting to see the people you already know and are comfortable with is going to be hard. There is nothing like Womankind where we live and I’m going to really miss everyone there. Calvin and I are incredibly thankful and blessed by the care we received.” Amanda promised to return to Womankind after the baby is born and we can’t wait to meet him!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Womankind is currently in need of:

- Certified Nurse Midwives, Certified Nurses Practitioners with OB experience
- Experienced OB nurses, RN or LPN
- Phlebotomists for Monday evening clinic
- Client support volunteers for Mondays (AM & PM) and during the week (training provided)

Occasional Volunteer opportunities:

- Graphic Artist
- Clerical/Office Support
- Photographer

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Patti Clair at 216-662-5700 or pclair@womankindcleveland.org

Cheers to Womankind's Oktoberfest Celebration

Womankind's Oktoberfest was the place to be on Friday, October 5 at the Society of the Donauschwaben (German-American Cultural Center) in Olmsted Township. Approximately 230 attendees enjoyed delicious German food, danced to the sounds of the Cleveland Donauschwäbische Blaskapelle band, and had a great time with old and new friends. Guests had the opportunity to support Womankind with a Giving Board, basket raffle, silent auction and sideboards.

Special guests were clients Ping-Ping, a former Womankind client, along with her husband Tim and their beautiful 9 month old baby, Kimberly. Ping-Ping and Tim spoke eloquently about the wonderful experience they had at Womankind and how grateful they both were for all the care, support and love they received during their time with us.

We were thrilled to see so many new faces join us to share fun, food and friendship, all in support of Womankind and its clients.



Ping-Ping, husband Tim and Nancy Pavlik, RN.



Guests have a great time on the dance floor.



Vic Gideon interviews former client Ping-Ping and her husband Tim with baby Kimberly.

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Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Thank you to the churches, schools and organizations that conducted a Baby Bottle campaign for Womankind in 2018. Every dollar we raise directly benefits the women we serve.

If you have a group, club, church or family that may be interested in making a difference for Womankind with a baby bottle fundraiser, please call Nancy Ilg at 216.662.5700. No group is too big or too small!



- AkzoNobel
- Blessed Trinity Parish
- Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
- Church of the Gesu
- Church of the Holy Angels
- Communion of Saints Parish
- Holy Family Catholic Church
- Holy Name Catholic Church
- Holy Rosary Catholic Church
- Holy Spirit Catholic Church
- Immaculate Conception Church
- Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
- Mary Queen of the Apostles Parish
- MetroHealth
- Noreen Lundregan School of Dance
- Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union
- Our Lady of Hope
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel West
- Our Lady of Peace
- Padua Franciscan High School
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
- Ss. Peter & Paul Parish
- Ss. Cosmas & Damian
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- St. Barbara Parish
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- St. Francis of Assisi Church
- St. John of the Cross Parish
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- St. Joseph Catholic Church
- St. Luke Catholic Church
- St. Martin of Tours Church
- St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church
- St. Noel Church
- St. Patrick Catholic Church
- St. Therese Church
- St. Timothy Missionary Baptist Church
- Tabernacle Church of God
- The Rock Community Church
- The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus
- Transfiguration Parish
- Women of God Outreach Ministries

Sellout Crowd Tees Off At Womankind Golf Outing

Womankind's 22nd Annual Golf Outing was held on June 21st at Weymouth Country Club in Medina. It was a beautiful day with a sellout crowd of 144 golfers who enjoyed the challenging course and friendly competition. Golfers and dinner guests were treated to cocktails and fabulous dinner. Guests were bidding against one another for exciting auction and raffle items.

Special guest speaker was Terry Pluto, Cleveland sportswriter, who was joined at the microphone by Cleveland Browns writer, Toni Grossi. The two of them regaled the crowd with stories and insights about our beloved Cleveland sports teams.

JoAnn Henderson, LISW-S, Womankind's Clinical Director of Counseling and Social Service, moved the crowd when she shared information on Womankind's impact on clients and how the services they received have impacted their lives for the better. The "Call to the Heart" live appeal followed, which raised \$10,700 for client care and support. Proceeds from the entire event will enable us to continue to provide prenatal care and vital support services at no cost to women from all over northeast Ohio.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, golfers, golf committee, volunteers and to all those individuals and organizations who donated prizes for the event.



The Ursuline Sisters pose before the start of the outing



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Fr. Matt Byrne and Brian Heskamp

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23RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Thursday, June 20, 2019

Weymouth Country Club
3946 Weymouth Rd.
Medina, OH 44256

See you on the green!

Gifts from the Heart

April 1, 2018 – September 30, 2018

Thank you to those donors who made a gift to support Womankind and at the same time, remember or honor a loved one or friend. These gifts support the Womankind mission and we are grateful for the kind support.

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To make a gift to support women and their families, please return the enclosed envelope or online at www.womankindcleveland.org. Please call Nancy Ilg, director of development at 216.662.5700 to make a gift by phone or to discuss other ways to support Womankind.

We regret if we inadvertently excluded or misspelled any names. Please call Nancy Ilg so that we may correct any errors.

Help further the mission of Womankind

Womankind relies solely on the generosity of individuals, organizations, foundations and corporations for funding. Listed below are available giving options. All funds raised support the Womankind mission.

SOME OF THESE OPTIONS INCLUDE:

• Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD):

A QCD allows taxpayers to make IRA distributions payable directly to a qualified charity without treating the distribution as taxable income. This law permits up to \$100,000 per eligible (70½ or older) IRA owner to be contributed directly from their IRA to a charity. In addition, the distribution can be used to fulfill the IRA owner's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year. **Funds must be transferred by December 31, 2018 to count toward RMD for this year.**

• Online donations can be made at womankindcleveland.org

• Gifts of appreciated assets:

Instead of cash gifts, you can avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciated value of your investments, and potentially receive a tax deduction, by making a gift of appreciated stock, mutual funds, etc. directly to Womankind.

• Employer Matching Gift Programs:

Take advantage of your employer's corporate philanthropy initiatives that reward employees' charitable donations. This is an easy way to increase your overall support to Womankind.

• Named Beneficiary of retirement accounts, trusts or will:

Leave a lasting legacy to Womankind.

• Corporate Sponsorship

Opportunities Available

For more information on giving opportunities to support Womankind, please contact Nancy Ilg at 216.662.5700

**Please consult your financial advisor, tax and/or law professional for more information on the best options available to you.

Womankind was honored to receive a generous bequest from **Denis Chasek**. We are so grateful that Denis left a legacy of support for Womankind.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to the St. Vincent DePaul Societies of Our Lady of Hope, Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Therese. These generous groups and individuals assisted a Womankind client in a time of crisis by donating towards an electric bill, enabling her to move into a new, safe place for her family. The client and Womankind are so grateful!

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Information

	2017 Unaudited	2016 Audited
Revenue:		
Contributions:		
Individuals	\$189,600	\$216,744
Organizations	20,900	16,649
Foundations	14,900	54,158
Special events – net	158,000	148,328
Investment income	79,300	45,571
In-kind support	1,180,192	1,149,272
Other income	1,200	2,809
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,644,092	\$1,633,531

Expenses:

Donated services (Doctors, nurses, lab fees, etc.)	\$1,180,192	\$1,149,272
Personnel costs	277,100	258,317
Occupancy	78,100	94,768
Supplies	14,900	5,974
Advertising & Yellow Pages	23,300	24,403
Printing	15,000	21,327
Client assistance (Ultrasounds, etc.)	8,500	14,207
Postage and mailing services	5,000	3,901
Telephone	7,700	6,410
Professional liability insurance	5,900	5,767
Equipment rent and maintenance	8,400	7,586
Professional fees	28,100	19,276
Depreciation	10,700	6,570
Other expenses	4,700	2,393
Total Expenses	\$1,667,592	\$1,620,171
Change in Net Assets	-\$23,500	\$13,360

Net Assets at the End of the Year:

General Fund	\$549,656	\$573,156
Endowment Fund	161,332	161,332
Total Net Assets	\$710,988	\$734,488

Client Service Statistics:

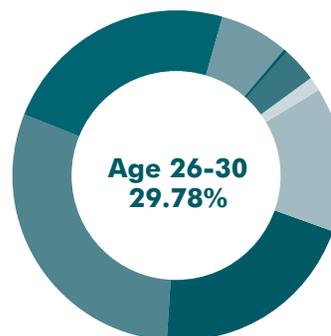
	2017	2016	Change
Total # of clients served	1209	1275	-5.2%
Total client visits*	2749	2868	-4.2%
Total # of pregnancy tests	261	282	-7.4%
Total # of new prenatal clients	228	236	-3.4%

*Client visits include the following: prenatal clinic, pregnancy testing, confirmation exam, medical history, baby item and clothing pick up, maternity clothing pick up, Healthy Start application assistance, childbirth education class and Daddy Boot Camp.

Volunteer Service Hours:

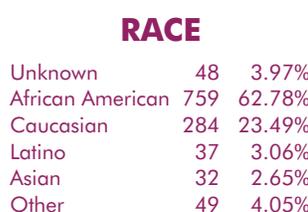
2017 Womankind volunteer hours recorded equaled 15,742 hours. These include time volunteered by physicians, certified nurse midwives, certified nurse practitioners, nurses, lab technicians, medical secretaries, nurses on call, front desk, social support, after hours phone support, baby item and clothing organization and distribution, childbirth education class, Daddy Boot Camp, lab transporter, bookkeeping, and accounting.

Our Clients



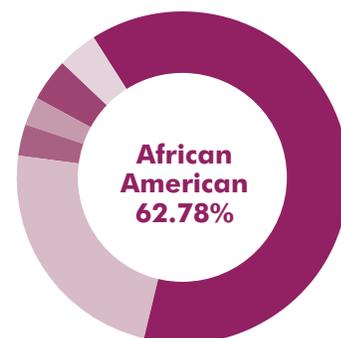
AGE RANGE

15-17	16	1.32%
18-21	172	14.23%
22-25	249	20.60%
26-30	360	29.78%
31-39	283	23.41%
40+	85	7.03%
Age 14 and under	1	0.08%
Unknown	43	3.56%



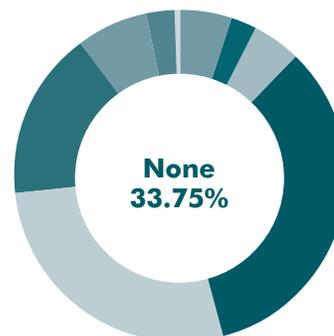
RACE

Unknown	48	3.97%
African American	759	62.78%
Caucasian	284	23.49%
Latino	37	3.06%
Asian	32	2.65%
Other	49	4.05%



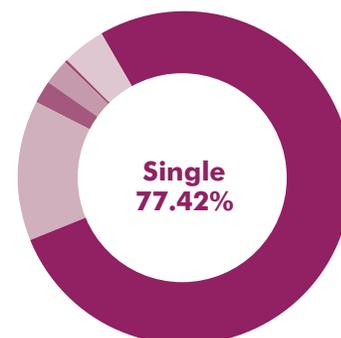
RELIGION

Unknown	198	16.38%
Catholic	84	6.95%
Protestant	33	2.73%
Jewish	5	0.41%
Baptist	61	5.05%
Muslim	30	2.48%
Other	57	4.71%
None	408	33.75%
Christian	333	27.54%



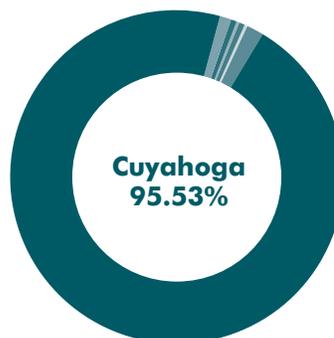
MARITAL STATUS

Unknown	51	4.22%
Single	936	77.42%
Married	164	13.56%
Separated	25	2.07%
Divorced	30	2.48%
Widowed	3	0.25%



COUNTY

Unknown	1	0.08%
Carrroll	1	0.08%
Cuyahoga	1155	95.53%
Lake	15	1.24%
Lorain	5	0.41%
Medina	1	0.08%
Ottawa	1	0.08%
Portage	9	0.74%
Stark	1	0.08%
Summit	20	1.65%



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JOIN US!  

Womankind provides free prenatal care and a full range of support services to women and families in need.

WISH LIST

Our donors ask what we really need to support Womankind. Listed below are requests for needed items. We **appreciate monetary gifts** unless noted otherwise.

Gift Cards



Volunteer Debbie Bruening along with Nancy Ilg and Patti Clair getting ready for the Baby Bottle fundraiser



Dean Robinson from Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union stops by with a big Baby Bottle donation



Oktoberfest Co-Chairs Mona Maruna and Mary Bednar are all smiles at the event



Patti Clair sends a Thank You message to the ladies of SHINE for their clothing donations