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## Womankind Welcomes Paula Walsh, RN, BSN, as New Director of Clinical Services

Paula Walsh, RN, joined Womankind in April as Director of Clinical Services.



Paula Walsh, RN

Paula came to Womankind in April after extensive experience in labor and delivery and obstetrical/ gynecological care including three years in labor and delivery at Fairview General Hospital, seven years at University Hospitals labor and delivery department, and working in OB/GYN medical offices at MacDonald Hospital for Women and the Cleveland Clinic Family Health Center in Strongsville.

As for her prior experience in labor and delivery, Paula said "I liked the whole spectrum of it, emergencies, critical care, and working with young couples who were scared and looked to their nurse for support and information on what was happening to them."

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## Womankind to Remain at Current Location

Womankind has signed a new five-year lease with its current landlord and will remain at 5400 Transportation Boulevard, Suite 10 in Garfield Heights. This location has proven to be very accessible for both clients and volunteers. Eileen M. Murray, Womankind Executive Director, explains the decision-making process:

*With the knowledge that our current lease was set to expire on January 31, 2013, Womankind engaged the services of Jones Lang LaSalle as our tenant representative.*

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# Womankind by the Numbers in 2012

(thru 5/31/12)

**Pregnancy tests:** 131 Positive  
98 Negative

**Clinic visits:** 138 Initial visits  
297 Return visits

## Womankind 2011 Annual Report Now Available!

Interested in our financial health and information about who we serve? You can find it in our 2011 Annual Report. To obtain a copy, visit our website [www.womankindcleveland.com](http://www.womankindcleveland.com) and go to About Us/Annual Report and download a PDF version of the report. Or, we would be happy to mail you a copy.

Call Bernadette Boguski, Development Director, at 216-662-5700 or send an e-mail to [development@womankindcleveland.com](mailto:development@womankindcleveland.com).



# From the Director

I want to share with you three areas of primary importance to me that may have an impact on the future direction of Womankind.



## 1) CHANGE IN POPULATION

Last year we saw a significant drop in the number of women we served. The fact that we saw fewer prenatal clients would be very alarming if it did not reflect wider trends, some local, some broader. Bedford Hospital closed their labor and delivery several years ago. The community lost another labor and delivery unit when Huron Road Hospital closed in August of last year. Also in 2011, Marymount Hospital closed their labor and delivery department. All were a result of a declining number of deliveries. The number of abortions is down and teenage pregnancy rates are reported to be at record lows.

There are multiple factors impacting those trends: some measurable, some researched, some theorized. One local statistic shows a decline in the number of women of childbearing age in Cuyahoga County. The Alan Guttmacher Institute shows an increase in the use of contraceptives among teens. The use of emergency contraception is another likely contributor to these trends.

It would not be likely that our numbers would stay the same or increase in such an environment.

## 2) WOMANKIND: THE NEXT GENERATION — *Who is the next you?*

Our donors, volunteers and staff are aging. Who will carry on our mission and vision?

Maybe you have been answering our phones, drawing blood in the clinic for 5 years or 25 years. Maybe you have been supporting us financially every year for 35 years. Maybe you have been serving on our board or helping us with our events over the last twenty years. Have you given consideration to "Who is the next *you*?" Who will take your place? Maybe you know the next major donor, phlebotomist, front desk volunteer, or board chair. Maybe you can help us get them involved today.

## 3) CHANGES IN PUBLIC POLICY

According to a recent press release and information in the Plain Dealer, women applying for Healthy Start will be able to start receiving prenatal care while their application is being processed rather than waiting until the application is approved. The program will be tested locally in the MetroHealth System and is set to go state wide in January of 2013. Womankind has been the ideal place for women to receive care while waiting for applications to be approved so this directly impacts the majority of our clinic clients by providing them with options they did not have previously.

How quickly and smoothly this program will be implemented remains to be seen.

For now, we continue to see the need for our services. Clients continue to call and dedicated volunteers and staff continue to respond to their needs. Certainly we will be looking at these issues in the weeks and months to come. We know there will be others that we cannot anticipate. All require us to see these challenges as opportunities to refine and redefine what we do and how we do it so that we can continue to respond to the needs of each woman who comes to us for care — doing what we can so that no woman faces a pregnancy without hope and help.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Murray, MA  
Executive Director

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# Womankind Appoints Two New Board Members

At the May board meeting, the Womankind board of trustees appointed **Susan Corsaro**, and **Anita Hanks** as trustees of the organization.



Sue Corsaro, RN, has been a volunteer for Womankind's Monday morning clinic and co-chaired Womankind's 2010 35th Anniversary Gala. She and her husband, Joe, reside in Bay Village.

*"Making the decision to have a child is momentous; Womankind provides services that help mothers along their prenatal journey and this is something extraordinary. I was introduced to Womankind by a friend, and have never been more awed by the care the clients receive, and the dedication of the employees and volunteers.*

*Working in the clinic on Monday mornings as a nurse has been very rewarding; I leave each week knowing that I have made a difference in someone's momentous decision to have a child.*

*I am delighted to be a new board member of Womankind. I look forward to helping with the continuation of the mission, and fine work that Womankind provides."*

— Sue Corsaro



Anita Hanks serves as financial systems administrator at Cleveland State University. She and her husband, Mike, reside in Cleveland.

*"The hope and help that Womankind gives to moms and their babies cannot be duplicated without the loving, prayerful, support from everyone involved. I'm happy to join Womankind in this most needed endeavor."*

— Anita Hanks



Womankind would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to outgoing board members **Marianne O'Connell** and **Mary Sutton**. We are so grateful for all you have done.

## OUR HEARTS AND HANDS GO TO...

...the **CareSource Foundation** for their grant of \$4,600 towards our prenatal care services.

...**Darlene, Evan, Alex, Jacqui** and **Candice** of the **KeyBank** branch at Turneytown for coming to Womankind to undertake a variety of projects as part of "Neighbors Make a Difference Day."

...The 2012 Womankind golf committee and co-chairs **John Bartels** and **Jerry Schweickert** for their hard work and persistence in getting us to a near sell-out! Way to go!

...**Joan Ianni**, instructor for **ATS Technical Institute** for not only arranging for her nursing students to observe our Monday night clinic, but for stepping up to help with client intakes, participating in our childbirth classes, and providing supervision to her students.

...**Scott Pick** of **Jones Lang LaSalle**, who guided us through the process that ultimately, resulted in Womankind signing a new, five-year lease. Scott's expertise, guidance and patience were instrumental in helping us come to an informed decision.

## DID WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR UNITED WAY OR COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN GIFT?

If you designated a portion of your United Way or Combined Federal Campaign contribution, THANK YOU! In fact, you should have received an acknowledgement from us, unless your gift was anonymous. If you did not receive an acknowledgement of your gift/pledge, we were not notified of your contribution. Please contact your company's United Way/CFC representative.

*Thank You*



Womankind is an eligible recipient of designations through United Way (#56170) and, for federal employees, the Combined Federal Campaign (#82943).

For more information, contact Bernadette Boguski, Development Director.



## Womankind ON THE ROAD

Womankind thanks the following for allowing us to share our story this year.

1220 AM *The Word* with Glenn Mertz

AARP Maple Heights April meeting

Bringing America Back to Life Symposium

St. Joseph Church, Strongsville

Saint Martin de Porres High School Health Fair

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority community health fair — St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Church

If you are a member of a Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce or other organization in need of a speaker, we'd be delighted! Call us at 216-662-5700 to schedule a speaker.

## FAREWELL AND THANKS TO CHERYL HAWKINS

Womankind would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to **Cheryl Hawkins, RN**, who left Womankind earlier this year. Cheryl devoted many years of service to Womankind as a volunteer, staff nurse, and most recently as our Director of Clinical Services. We are so grateful for all her contributions and wish her much success in her future endeavors.

## GOLF OUTING A NEAR SELLOUT!

We would like to thank our hardworking committee chaired by John Bartels and Jerry Schweickert for making this year's golf outing at Shaker Heights Country Club a day to remember! We also want to thank our generous sponsors for their support!

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## Local Teens Raise Awareness (and funds!) for *Womankind*



**Matthew Wagner** was a freshman at Cleveland's Benedictine High School when he heard a presentation about Womankind at his school and decided to get involved in supporting the organization. As a result, Matt arranged an ice cream social at the school to raise money. But it didn't stop there.

Matt then went to his parish and implemented a baby bottle fundraiser at his church, coordinating the promotion, distribution and collection of baby bottles filled with loose change. He has led this project for the past three years and as a result has generated over \$12,000 in addition to helping raise awareness of Womankind's value to the community.

Matt has given presentations to his elementary school and initiated a campaign there that raised over \$1,000 and has identified someone at his church to conduct the bottle campaign when he goes off to college.

In addition to his work on behalf of Womankind, Matt is a member of the National Honor Society. He is a varsity letterman in swimming, and was a state qualifier and was named Swimmer of the Year in 2011 and 2012. He is also a varsity letterman in cross country, and served as president of the school's pro-life club of which he has been a member for four years.

Matt is a 2012 graduate of Benedictine High School and will be attending Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in the fall.

Padua High School Junior **Rachel Rymont** organized a baby bottle campaign for Womankind and she and her fellow students raised over \$3,400 to help us provide free prenatal care and support services to pregnant women in need. The project was organized for her junior year service hours with the approval and support of theology teacher and campus minister Bob DiRocco. Rachel distributed average size baby bottles to any student who signed up to take one home for a month and fill it with loose change.



Rachel Rymont has been inducted into the National Honor Society, is a member of the art club, and works part-time at the Richfield Art Studio. She hopes to pursue a degree in fine art. In addition, Rachel is a member of Hooked on Fencing, a fencing club in North Royalton. Rachel is the daughter of **Beth Rymont**, administrative volunteer for Womankind. Rachel lives in North Royalton.

## Paula Walsh, from page 1

"At Womankind, we can take time to assess the health of the pregnancy and also the whole person-coping skills, support systems...it's very different to be able to have the time and take the time."

Paula graduated from Holy Name High School and received her BSN from Kent State University. She and her husband John live in North Royalton with their two dogs. In her spare time, Paula enjoys walking, cooking, crafts, yard work, and travel (she's been to Ireland twice!) Please join us in welcoming Paula to the Womankind family!

# Volunteers-the hearts and hands of *Womankind*

Ask any one of our volunteers and they will tell you how special it is to volunteer at Womankind. Whether you are answering our phones and welcoming people at the front desk, or meeting one on one with a Monday night clinic patient, you as a volunteer can have a significant impact on the women and families we serve.

Womankind has only a small paid staff; volunteers are involved in every aspect of our care. And we need you!

**Right now, we are greatly in need of medical volunteers including physicians, certified nurse midwives, certified nurse practitioners, RNs and LPNs, and phlebotomists.**

If you can give a few hours once a week or once a month, we would be so grateful. Volunteer applications can be downloaded from our website, or contact Dianna Ulatowski, Volunteer Coordinator, for an application packet.



## Current Location, from page 1

We first explored the option of purchasing a building. We looked at the financial advantages of not paying monthly rent and what it would mean financially and administratively to own rather than rent. As part of our discernment process, we looked at 6 or 7 buildings in various locations. Each building had distinct pluses and minuses and by discussing them, our direction became clear. The best buildings seemed to be a lateral move where we recreate exactly what we had here. They brought no new possibilities in terms of services we could provide or extra benefits for clients and their locations were less accessible than our ideal location on Transportation Boulevard. We found them one by one to be too big, too small, too hard to find, etc....

Our next step was to find out whether or not it was possible to stay in our current location. The construction behind us had stalled, but

we had been hearing rumors of potential new developers taking over. Would renewing our lease be negated by construction behind us? Would we renew and in a year or two be unable to remain? There were some concerns about the amount of rent we would be paying, the age of our HVAC system and that we would need some assurance that if construction behind us necessitated a move, we would have recourse. All those issues were addressed and **our lease has been renewed for 5 years.**

Now that the decision has been made, we are working on providing our space with a much-needed facelift. Some of the items include new carpeting, new furnishings, and a fresh coat of paint. We want our environment to be clean, bright, fresh, and welcoming not only for our clients, but also for all those who walk through our doors. (If you would like to contribute to this effort, please contact us at Womankind).

## WHAT'S UP AT *Womankind*



**Mary Sawyer** gives a client a welcome makeover during childbirth classes.



**Dads-to-be** attend "Daddy Boot Camp" at Womankind.



**Joan Ianni**, instructor at ATS Institute of Technology, talks with her students as they prepare to observe a Monday evening clinic.



**KeyBank** employees Alex, Evan, Jacqui, Candice and Darlene give their time as part of "Neighbors Make a Difference" Day.



## Baby bottle update

As of this newsletter, 25 groups, including churches, schools and organizations, have requested nearly 8,000 standard baby bottles and 85 large baby bottle banks to collect money for Womankind and raise awareness of Womankind's services through their campaigns. Womankind is so grateful to the many volunteers who help with prepping bottles, making phone calls, delivering and picking up bottles and our friends at KeyBank who count the thousands of pennies, nickels, dimes, etc.

To date, participants have generously given nearly \$40,000 to support the work of Womankind.

**THANK YOU!**

Would you like to add your group to the list? Need a project for the holidays?

The baby bottle fundraiser works for businesses, churches, and organizations of all types and sizes and can be modified to fit your specific needs.

We make it easy by providing the bottles and counting the change!

Contact Bernadette at 216-662-5700 for further information and to schedule your bottle delivery.

# How your planned gift benefits *Womankind*

- o Ensure we continue to be here for women and families in need.
- o Increase our endowment to provide ongoing support
- o A more secure income stream allows us to concentrate on our mission and services to meet the needs of clients
- o Sets an example for others to consider a planned gift
- o Benefits the community by providing support for vital services

*"As a long time volunteer, I've seen how Womankind has empowered pregnant women to endure and transcend challenging situations by supporting the "whole" person, non-judgmentally, by offering emotional, financial and medical support in an individualized way. (Tim and I) believe in the mission of Womankind and want to ensure that Womankind continues to make a difference even after we're no longer here."*

— Donna Panzica

This belief in the work of Womankind led **Donna and Tim Panzica** to make a charitable gift to us in their estate plan. Whether you consider yourself to be rich, poor, or somewhere in between, even a small legacy gift can have a significant impact over time.

One of the easiest ways to make a planned gift is through a bequest. **Bequests** are immensely important to the future of Womankind. They are a way to ensure that your generosity will live on for future generations of women and families who come to Womankind.

A bequest is simple to create as part of your will or living trust and can easily be added as a codicil to an existing will or as an amendment to a living trust. The following language is an example of how you might word a bequest for Womankind:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_ (your name), hereby give, devise, and bequeath ( \_\_\_ % of my estate) or ( \_\_\_ % of the remainder of my estate) or (the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) to Womankind a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of Ohio, its principal office being located at 5400 Transportation Boulevard, Suite 10, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125."

In addition to bequests, you also may want to consider naming Womankind as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, individual retirement accounts (IRA), or 401K. Which portion of your estate to donate may best be determined in a discussion with your advisor(s). If you have any questions about creating a bequest for Womankind, please contact Bernadette Boguski, Development Director at [development@womankindcleveland.com](mailto:development@womankindcleveland.com) or 216-662-5700. If you have already named Womankind in a bequest, please let us know so we may thank you and keep you informed of important developments.



# Gifts from the Heart

January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012

## IN HONOR OF:

### All Mothers

A friend of Womankind

### All the Mothers of Womankind

Michele Rogers

### Evelyn Burngasser

Holly Burngasser

### Expectant Mothers

Church of the Resurrection

### Helen Gielnicki

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#### (Birthday)

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### Audrey Stanziano

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### Fr. John Sullivan

A friend of Womankind

*Phyllis Tobbe "for all her support to Womankind and on the occasion of her birthday"*  
Mary Bookman

### Womankind volunteers

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Elish

### Kayla Elizabeth Jean's 1st Birthday

Lee and Carole Sattelmeyer (grandparents)

## IN MEMORY OF:

### Thomas Ackerman

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*'Gifts from the Heart' to Womankind may be made for any occasion and we are happy to send an acknowledgement to let the honoree or families of the deceased know of your thoughtfulness. No mention is ever made of the gift amount. Use the enclosed envelope or call Bernadette Boguski, Development Director, at 216-662-5700.*

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## **17TH ANNUAL HEARTS AND HANDS LUNCHEON**

**Saturday, September 15, 2012**  
**St. Michael's Woodside**

*Join us as we honor*  
*Sr. Mary Peter Slawinski, RN, SSSJ-TOSF*

*Invitations will be going out soon*

**SAVE THE DATE!**