

# Cornerstone Among Women

## THE STATE OF THE CENTER

### A Call to "Notice"



A fresh year is upon us, and we as a ministry are at the half-way point of Care Net's "40 Days of Prayer" initiative, interceding for "Life" in our Nation and in our society. As many of you know, praying through is critical in order to overcome the distracting barriers of low faith and discouragement that often set in following a strong start. 2013 marks the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision and this is Cornerstone's theme for the year:

*"Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; Build up build up the highway! Take out the stones, lift up a banner for the peoples!"*

—Isaiah 62:10

With this charge from the Lord, Cornerstone will continue to penetrate the community with our Center Without Walls (CWW) programming, our mobile ultrasound unit, and with prayer. A word study reveals that in this Scripture, "prepare" has the meaning of turning one's face toward, looking, beholding, getting a panoramic view. Prayer warriors are lookers, beholders,... watchers. When we watch, we notice and when we notice, we see what God wants us to see.

Mark Batterson presents an interesting explanation from a neurological perspective in his book, *Primal*:

"At the base of our brainstem lies a cluster of nerve cells called the reticular activating system (RAS) which monitors our environment. We are constantly bombarded by countless stimuli vying for our attention, and it is the job of the RAS to determine what gets noticed and what goes unnoticed." Example given: "So you download a new ringtone on your phone ... but after downloading it, it seems like everybody else has the same ringtone...it's the simple fact that when you downloaded the ringtone, it created a category in your RAS. The ringtone went unnoticed before you downloaded it, because it wasn't important to you. Once you downloaded the ringtone, the RAS recognized it as relevant."<sup>1</sup>

When we pray for something in particular, it creates a category in our RAS causing us to notice anything related to that prayer. We notice it, God sanctifies it. How critical it will be in the days ahead that we remain prayerful "noticers" as we remove the stones of apathy and lift up a banner for those who are following. Will you pray with us as we go through the gates in 2013? Oh, that these words would never be spoken of us:

*"You have seen many things, but you do not observe them; your ears are open, but none hears."*

—Isaiah 42:20

Sincerely in Him,

Carolyn Herbert, D.Min.  
Executive Director

1. Mark Batterson, *Primal* (Multnomah Books, 2009), 121.



### Teen MOPS at Cornerstone

There are just under 100 Teen MOPS groups in the United States and Canada that provide a faith-based, supportive, nonjudgmental environment where teen moms can come together for support and encouragement. In Teen MOPS, the teaching, activities and friendships are all focused on the very distinct needs of teenagers. Teen MOPS helps teen moms become more self-sufficient, confident, mature, giving and self-aware young women. Cornerstone Among Women is blessed to have a wonderful staff of ladies that faithfully give of their time to reach out to young mothers in our area. Other MOPS groups support Cornerstone's Teen MOPS with prayer, bringing food for the meetings, and an Adopt-a-Mom program, where older moms are paired with our teen moms for support and love.

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## WAYS TO GIVE TO CORNERSTONE AMONG WOMEN

### Electronically

- Visit [www.cornerstoneamongwomen.org](http://www.cornerstoneamongwomen.org) – Choose “Donate” link
- Donate via check, credit card, one time or monthly bank transfers
- Learn how to give via your credit/debit card from a bank account. Email Laurie at [lfuleki@cornerstoneamongwomen.org](mailto:lfuleki@cornerstoneamongwomen.org)

### Through Organizations

- Company “Matching Gift” Programs
- Company and Community “Charitable” Campaigns

### Non-cash Financial

- Gifts such as stock, securities, annuities

## IHS FOUNDATION PRESENTS: 5 LAWS OF GIVING

March 12, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Tri-C Campus – Westshore, Room 131  
(Westlake off I90)

An informative overview of why God wants us to give, along with an update on recent changes from Washington affecting you, your family, and the way you give. There are several tax smart ways you can give even more while it might cost you less.

Light refreshments will be available.  
R.S.V.P. 440-284-1010 or  
[aboll@cornerstoneamongwomen.org](mailto:aboll@cornerstoneamongwomen.org)

## CELL PHONES DONATIONS

We are still recycling old cell phones. Please donate them to the Among Other Things Resale Shop.

## Teen MOPS at Cornerstone continued from page 1

### Interview With Elizabeth

Elizabeth has been attending Teen MOPS for three years. Although she does not have transportation, she and her babies walk thirty minutes in any weather, rain, snow, or shine, to come to the meetings. She graciously allowed Cornerstone to interview her:

#### **How did you learn about Cornerstone Among Women and MOPS?**

My friend was pregnant at the same time I was and told me about the classes.

#### **Tell me a little about your story.**

I started coming about three years ago when I was pregnant with my daughter and MOPS has helped me a lot. I learned about parenting and I've made a lot of friends.

#### **How has MOPS helped you?**

MOPS has helped me open up and be able to make new friends. It has helped me adjust to being a parent of two children. It has also taught me a lot about being my own person instead of just a mom all the time.

#### **What is your favorite thing about MOPS?**

My favorite thing about MOPS is that it's a safe and welcoming place, not only for me but for my children as well.

#### **If you were inviting a friend to MOPS, what would you tell them to encourage them to come?**

I would tell them that MOPS is a good place to be. It's fun and everyone is super nice. And you can learn a lot about yourself.

#### **Has your relationship with the Lord changed since attending MOPS?**

Yes. I feel like I'm a lot closer to God now. I pray a lot more. I'm hoping to start going back to church.

## MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING MOVED

Join us at 8:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the center each month as we intercede for Lorain County and Midway Mall area.

## AMONG OTHER THINGS RESALE SHOP

Among Other Things Resale Shop is located adjacent to our Cornerstone offices/ministry center. It is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The profits of Among Other Things are an income stream for the Cornerstone ministry and we invite you to be a part! You can donate gently used clothing, household items and furniture or offer your time and services as a volunteer.

We are currently in great need of volunteers with lifting/carrying capability to help us maneuver bagged donations and larger donated items. We are also seeking a volunteer with internet and computer skills who could assist us in selling donated items that are more appropriately sold online where the profit could potentially be greater.

If you are interested in volunteering at Among Other Things, please check page 7, where information on our next Volunteer Orientation is located. You may also contact our Director of Development, Angel Boll at 440.284.1010 or [aboll@cornerstoneamongwomen.org](mailto:aboll@cornerstoneamongwomen.org)

## SUPPORTING CHURCHES

Advent Episcopal Church, Westlake  
Amherst Foursquare Church  
Ascension Lutheran Church,  
North Olmsted  
Bay Presbyterian Church, Bay Village  
Bethany Lutheran Church, Wellington  
Calvary Baptist Church, Avon Lake  
Christ The King, North Olmsted  
Church Of The Open Door, Elyria  
Church On The North Coast, Lorain  
Church On The Rise, Westlake  
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Avon Lake  
Community United Methodist Church,  
Elyria  
Cornerstone Community Church  
Assembly of God, South Amherst  
Cross Community Church, Elyria  
Elyria Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Harvest Christian Church, Elyria  
Harvest Ridge Assembly of God,  
North Ridgeville  
Hope Christian Church, Avon  
House of Praise International Church,  
Lorain  
Isabella Guild of Father Ragan, Avon Lake  
Journey Community Church,  
Fairview Park  
Kipton Community Church  
Lakeview Freewill Baptist Church, Grafton  
Midway Baptist Church, Elyria  
New Haven Baptist Church, Sheffield Lake  
North Eaton Christian Church  
Old Stone United Methodist Church,  
Amherst  
Penfield Community Church, Wellington  
St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Elyria  
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Strongsville  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Westlake  
Trinity Evangelical Free, Amherst  
United Church of Huntington, Wellington  
Vermilion Evangelical & Reformed Church  
Westlake Bible Fellowship

## BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS CAMPAIGN PARTICIPANTS

4H Pitchfork Pals, Oberlin  
Abbe Road Baptist Church, Elyria  
Abundant Life Church, Elyria  
Amherst Church of the Nazarene  
Amherst Congregational United Church  
of Christ  
Ascension Lutheran, North Olmsted  
Avon United Methodist Church  
Beth-el Baptist Church, Elyria  
Broadway Assembly, Lorain  
Camden Baptist Church, Wellington

Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Elyria  
Christ Church Westshore, Bay Village  
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Avon Lake  
Christ The King, North Olmsted  
Christian Heritage Assembly of God, Avon  
Church Of The Open Door, Elyria  
Church On The North Coast, Lorain  
Church On The Rise, Westlake  
College Heights Baptist Church, Elyria  
Community United Methodist Church,  
Elyria  
Cross Community Church, Elyria  
Cross Point Church, Lakewood  
Crosspointe Community Church,  
Westlake  
CrossRoads Baptist Church, Bay Village  
Elyria Baptist Church  
Elyria Catholic High School  
Elyria Community Church of the Nazarene  
Elyria Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria  
Faith Lutheran Church, Avon  
Fields United Methodist Church,  
North Ridgeville  
First Baptist Church, Elyria  
First Baptist Church, Sheffield Lake  
Freedom House Church, Amherst  
Grace Baptist, Tiffin  
Grace Church of North Olmsted  
Grace Community Church, Grafton  
Grace Lutheran Church, Elyria  
Grafton United Methodist Church  
Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Avon Lake  
Holy Trinity Church, Avon  
Hosanna Lutheran Church,  
Columbia Station  
Journey Community Church,  
Fairview Park  
Lagrange United Methodist Church  
Lakeview Baptist Church, Vermilion  
Lorain Baptist Church  
Midway Baptist, Elyria  
Murray Ridge Church of God, Elyria  
New Haven Baptist Church,  
Sheffield Lake  
New Life Baptist Church, Elyria  
North Eaton Baptist Church, Grafton  
North Eaton Christian Church, Grafton  
North Olmsted Assembly of God  
Northridge Christian Life,  
North Ridgeville  
Old Stone United Methodist Church,  
Amherst  
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Grafton  
Penfield Community Church  
Pittsfield Community Church, Wellington  
Rocky River United Methodist Church  
Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain  
Shepherd Of The Ridge Lutheran,  
North Ridgeville

St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Westlake  
St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Elyria  
St. Joseph Catholic, Amherst  
St. Mary Church, Vermilion  
St. Mary Church, Elyria  
St. Matthew Lutheran, Vermilion  
St. Paul Lutheran, Westlake  
St. Peter Catholic Church, Lorain  
St. Richard Church, North Olmsted  
St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Rocky River  
St. Thomas the Apostle, Sheffield Lake  
Sts. Peter & Paul Lutheran, Lorain  
Templo Emmanuel Assembly of God,  
Lorain  
The Sanctuary, South Amherst  
Trinity Lutheran, Grafton  
Westlake Baptist Church  
Zion Lutheran Church, Lorain

## TIMELESS TRIBUTES

This year \$2,985 was donated.

### IN HONOR OF:

**Mr. and Mrs. F. Farr** from Gayle  
Schoerverth

### IN MEMORY OF:

**Joanne M. Anderson** from Joanne  
Abdulla, Linda Poggiali, Jeff and  
Michelle Russell and Susan Ziegan

**Jacqueline Coots** from Carol Ann Todd

**Frances Ehman** from Richard and  
Cindy Gorman

**Richard Luecke** from Jim and  
Linda Potter

**Joyce P. Merleno** from Toni Autumn  
Merleno and Linda Potter

**Carol Ott** from Joseph and Kimberly  
Antz, Carole Bowers, John and Patricia  
Eiwen, Monica Ferrazza, John and  
Judith Fry, Stefan Haas, Erik Haugen,  
Jack and Patsy Hoag, Mark Keirle,  
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Group, Kevin Luckhaupt, Sharie  
McNamee, Stephen Messner, Eric  
Mues, Michael and Barbara O'Malley,  
William Ott, Jeff and Nancy Phan, Jim  
and Linda Potter, Frank Rauscher,  
Henry and Shirley Scheuermann, and  
Richard and Joanne Stagneth

**Rev. Fred Porter** from Susan Ziegan

**Carrie Wolan** from William and Holly  
Ramsey

# Annual Report 2012 – LOOKING BACK

## MISSION

Share Christ, Save Lives and Transform Hearts

## VISION

The Vision of Cornerstone Among Women is to create and display a “life-affirming community” throughout Lorain and Western Cuyahoga Counties through a visible presence and relevant service to women of all economic strata with the purpose of fulfilling our mission.

## VOLUNTEER IMPACT

This ministry could not operate on staff members alone. Numerous volunteers sacrificially give of themselves in all aspects of the ministry to save babies and souls. Last year approximately 1,598 Client Service volunteer hours were recorded both in the center and on the Mobile Unit. In addition, nearly 400 professional volunteer hours were also recorded. 611 Baby Bucks were redeemed for diapers, formula, wipes and baby clothing and furnishings.

*“I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me...”*

Habakkuk 2:1



Enhancing Trust



## Ministry Report

STATS	ELYRIA CENTER	MOBILE ULTRASOUND UNIT	TOTAL
New Clients	402	157	559
Pregnancy Tests	316	155	471
Ultrasound Visits	75	67	142
Known Babies Born	93	8	101
Known Abortions	3	0	3
Love of Christ Shared with all clients	yes	yes	yes
Gospel Shared	123	123	246
Spiritual Discussions	337	127	464
Christ Received	17	52	69
Follow Up Visits	580	15	595
Days in Use	N/A	144	N/A

## AGES

Under 15	2	0	2
15-19	104	32	136
20-24	171	55	226
25-29	59	31	90
30+	63	41	104
Unknown	3	1	4

## RACE

African American	85	46	131
Caucasian	207	57	264
Hispanic	70	37	107
Other	40	15	55
Unknown	0	5	5

## STATUS

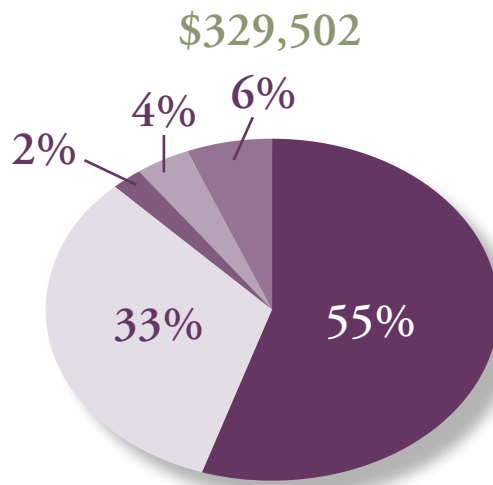
Single	351	128	479
Married	85	28	113



# Finances

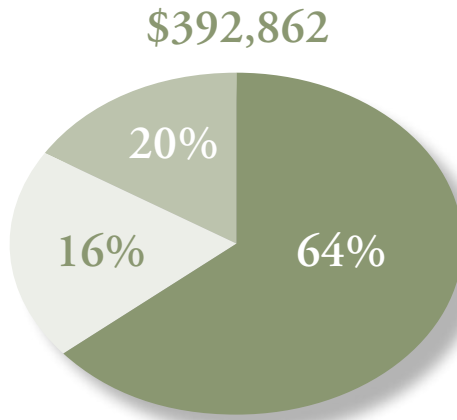
## TOTAL INCOME FOR 2012

- General Contributions 55%
- Special Events 33%
- Special Projects 2%
- Grants and Corporate Matches 4%
- Other Income 6%



## TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 2012

- Client Services 64%
- Fundraising 20%
- Administration 16%



**TOTAL NET ASSETS 12/31/12**  
\$1,292,863

Grant funding was provided for programming and operations by American Family Ministry and In His Steps Foundation.

## 2012 AFFILIATIONS AND COLLABORATIONS

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| Better Business Bureau                                 | Lorain County Maternal Depression Task Force         |
| Care Net   | Maternal Health Planning Committee for Lorain County |
| Christian Leadership Alliance                          | NARTS (The Association of Resale Professionals)      |
| ECFA (Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability) | NIFLA (National Institute of Family Life Advocates)  |
| Heartbeat International                                | Northeast Ohio Pregnancy Resource Centers            |
| Lorain County Chamber of Commerce                      |  |
| Lorain County JVS Grads Program                        |  |

# 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

- Expansion of the Mobile Ultrasound Unit into Lorain County, putting Cornerstone on the road 4 days each week
- Initiation and development of “Men at the Center” program for encouraging heads of men’s ministries at Ohio Centers
- Initiation of “Dad’s Dollars” and of Dad’s e-tips for participants of “Daddy Boot Camps”
- Commitment to monthly open prayer meetings for Lorain County and Midway Mall area
- Creation of Director of Development position
- Change of Walk for Life location to Lorain County Community College

# 2013 LOOKING AHEAD

## 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Chairperson**  
Minister Linda Gaines, MA, PCC  
*Master of Arts*  
*Professional Clinical Counselor*  
*Adjunct Professor*  
*Ashland Theological Seminary*

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*CWOC Nurse Cleveland Clinic*  
*Home Health Care Services*

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Joe Flinner  
*Financial Advisor*  
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**Secretary**  
Susan Knauff  
*President of True Blessings Ministries*  
*Author and Minister*

**Board Member**  
Joe Spagnola, J.D. SPHR  
*Director – HR & Employee Relations, Moen*

## 2013 STAFF MEMBERS

**Executive Director**  
Carolyn Herbert, D.Min.

**Director of Finance & Operational Services**  
Carmen Grondin

**Director of Center Services**  
Sue Marie Wilhelm

**Director of Medical Services**  
Cynthia Carter-Smallwood, RN, BSN, MBA

**Director of Development**  
Angel Boll, MS Nonprofit Mgmt

**Resale Shop Manager**  
Irene Hollo

**Executive Administrative Assistant**  
Laurie Fuleki

**Client Services Administrative Assistant**  
Adelaida Tellado

**Diagnostic Medical Sonographers**  
Patsy Leo, RDMS  
Leeann Pavkov, RDMS

**Advanced Program Coordinator**  
Lee Strouse, MA, PC, RN, MSN

**Resale Shop Assistants**  
Cheryl Biegacki  
Barb Einfalt  
Sue Ziegan

**Receptionist**  
Patsy Hoag

Staff is equivalent of 9 full-time employees.

*Cornerstone extends a final tribute and fond farewell  
to long-time volunteers, Carol Ott and Sylvia Zilch,  
who went Home to be with the Lord in 2012.*

***"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live." John 11:25***

## Volunteers

### MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Joseph Spirnak, MD

### AMONG OTHER THINGS

Kathy Allison

Ken and Bonnie Babet

Carole Bluhm

Linda Davis

Patti Eschweiler

Kurt and Coreen Joviak

Carol Matlus

Kathleen Morris

Karen Pycraft

Joyce Wahl

Bob and Pat Wash

Susan Webb

Heather Weed

Mark and Peggy Wyar

Gene Zimmerman

### CENTER CLEANING CREWS

Jeff and Danielle Barricklow and family

Joe and Cary Berthold and family

Tabitha Sweene and Kylie

Bob and Tracie Kerr and family

### CLIENT SERVICES

Kathi Bangham, RN

Kristen Barta

Jill Bleisath

Amanda Boose

Lara Busold

Barbara Centanni

Heather Croucher

Dolly Daso

Brenda DiBacco

Sarah Hedrick

Wendy Hildebrandt, RN

Connie Horneck, RN

Joey Jones

Lu Keressi

Marsha King

Carmen Leibas

Debbie Lysaght

Alex Marks

Lisa Marshall

Alyssa Melendez

Lynnea Melendez

Christi Miller

Dawn Molnar

Kathleen Morris

Barb Parsh

Eva Prosowski

Latrice Ralston

Amy Spiegelberg, RN

Carol Stringer

Ilona Taylor

Donna Volchko

Susan Webb

Judy Zimmerman, RN

### CORPORATE OFFICE

John Keressi

Pam Madalone

Toni Merleno

William Moench, CPA

Charissa Schalk, EA

Keith Vanderburg, JD

John Webb

### FACILITY

Dick Gorman

Dave Meyer

Jack Parker

David Schalk

Zachary Schalk

### MOBILE UNIT

Theresa Carter, RN

Mary Elaine Karoly

Connie Horneck, RN

Robin Jankowski

Bernadette McClain

Diane Pellerite, RN

Sandy Pfeiler

Sue Richenberg, RN

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Save the Date: Friday, July 26, 5:00 p.m.

Volunteer Appreciation Family Picnic (details to follow)



# ARE YOU THE MISSING PIECE TO OUR PUZZLE?

*Are you passionate about preserving life?*

*Has God been nudging you to find a place to serve?*

*Have you wondered how the training and talents you've acquired  
in your life could be used to serve the Kingdom of God?*

*Is God calling you to share the burden and blessing of those facing  
unplanned pregnancies, abortion and miscarriage grief, or sexual misuse?*



## **FEAR NOT! THOSE HE CALLS, HE EQUIPS!**

We have diverse opportunities to serve with various training, time, or commitment levels, including:

- Client Consultants
- Class Teachers
- Registered Sonographers
- Drivers (for the mobile unit)
- Child Care
- Among Other Things Resale Shop (urgent need for lifting/carrying ability and someone interested in overseeing online sales)

Our next **Volunteer Orientation** will be held **April 23, 2013 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Come find out more about Cornerstone Among Women and how **you might be the missing puzzle piece!**

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## **Cornerstone Among Women Fundraising Banquet Saturday, April 13 7:00 p.m. The Spitzer Center Lorain County Community College**

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**Invitations will be sent soon**

**Seating is limited due to the new venue**

**Reservations are essential to ensure your participation**

We are in need of underwriters who will cover the cost of a table (\$300). We are also in need of table hosts who will invite people from their sphere of influence who could be financial supporters of the Cornerstone mission.

Will you help us celebrate our victories and reach out to other potential partners? Please contact Angel Boll to learn more! [aboll@cornerstoneamongwomen.org](mailto:aboll@cornerstoneamongwomen.org) or 440.284.1010

# Cornerstone Among Women

A NORTHCOAST PREGNANCY HELP CENTER

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ELYRIA, OH  
PERMIT NO. 236

364 Griswold Road  
Elyria, OH 44035

#### ○ CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please help avoid unnecessary postal fees by noting any changes in your name and address at right. Or email changes to Laurie at [lfuleki@cornerstoneamongwomen.org](mailto:lfuleki@cornerstoneamongwomen.org).

#### ○ DUPLICATE MAILINGS

I am receiving duplicate mailings. Enclosed are the address labels from the duplicate mailings and I have indicated which one(s) should be removed from your list.



Scan this QR code with your smart phone and automatically be directed to our website.

## Cornerstone Among Women

364 Griswold Rd., Suite C, Elyria, Ohio 44035  
440-284-1010 / Fax: 440-324-5333

## Among Other Things Resale Shop

364 Griswold Rd., Suite B, Elyria, Ohio 44035  
440-324-5333

Carolyn Herbert, *Executive Director*

### NEWSLETTER STAFF

Laurie Fuleki, *Executive Administrative Assistant*



## Baby Bottle Blessings

Many thanks to all the churches, community groups, small groups, and individuals who participated in Baby Bottle Blessings last year!

If your church or group would like to become involved in the Baby Bottle Blessings campaign for 2013, either through donations or preparing bottles, please contact Angel Boll at [aboll@cornerstoneamongwomen.org](mailto:aboll@cornerstoneamongwomen.org).

## Services

### ALL FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

- Pregnancy screening test and verification
- Limited ultrasound
- Decision-making for pregnancy, parenting and adoption
- Prenatal education and support
- Material assistance incentive programs (Life Ed" U")
- Parenting education and support
- Early childhood development
- Grief support for pregnancy loss
- Men and Father's Support
- Sexual integrity/fertility awareness
- Postpartum depression screenings and support
- Teen MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers)
- Community Outreach Programs