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- Monday and Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.
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Birthcare of Medina County

December 2015

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

Spreading Christmas Cheer



The Christmas holiday season is always a busy time of year for Birthcare of Medina County. We identified 10 of our neediest families (including 13 adults and 18 children) who will receive Christmas help through the efforts of the St. Francis Xavier Parish Giving Tree and caring individuals who asked to adopt a client family.

Birthcare Impacts Lives of Young Children Each Day

Each week Birthcare is privileged to help families caring for young children. Most times, families just need day-to-day necessities such as diapers, wipes, baby food, formula and clothing. Sometimes our new car seats or cribs and mattresses make a difference in the young lives of our tiniest clients.

Who turns to Birthcare for daily survival assistance?

- a 36 year-old wife whose husband is unable to work due to an injury. Her newborn arrived earlier than expected and financially they were unprepared for child #7.
- a 33 year-old woman whose husband forced her to leave her home along with her four children (the youngest two under age two).
- a 45 year-old woman who just took over care of an 11

month old nephew whose mother was in jail.

- a 26 year-old single woman, who was evicted, had no belongings and had wallet stolen; has four children and only social security benefit income.
- a 42 year-old woman on maternity leave with no income and two children.
- a 21-year old single woman living in a homeless shelter with two young children.
- a 26 year-old woman with four children, also in a homeless shelter.
- a 28-year old mother of three who now has custody of her sister's two young children.

How You Can Help...

Adopt one of our client families for Christmas.

Collect basic baby necessities for Birthcare within your family, church, school or community group. Our greatest need is toddler clothing.

Contribute to our General Fund or our Endowed Scholarship Fund which enables us to purchase items for infants or give scholarships to our clients.

Donate stock to our T.D. Ameritrade brokerage account which benefits Birthcare as well as



providing a tax advantage to you.

Like Birthcare on Facebook! Watch for weekly news and updates.

Remember us in your estate plans.

Volunteer at our office serving needs of clients.

Our Needs

- Winter clothing & coats, 2T-5T
- Winter boots
- Blanket sleepers & pajamas, 2T-5T
- Baby foods & cereals
- Blankets
- Socks
- Towels, washcloths



Client Report

In eleven months, through November 30, 2015, volunteers served 321 client families in 1,025 office visits. We have met:

- 792 requests for infant clothing
- 274 requests for infant formula
- 136 requests for baby food
- 1,238 requests for diapers
- 30 requests for car seats
- 34 requests for cribs/32 requests for mattresses

Total material donations of needed items now number 271. Volunteer hours total 960 hours!

United Health Care Project

Several **United Health Care** employees (captained by **Rozanne Kennedy**) decided to work as a team helping Birthcare. They came one weekday in October and cleaned our offices, shelves, bins, and walls, from top to bottom. We are sincerely grateful for their energy and charitable spirit!

Generous Grants



We received Thanksgiving week notification that our grant request to purchase much needed blankets and warm pajamas in toddler sizes was accepted by the **Millennium Fund for Children**. Our award is \$1,000. The fund, managed by the Akron Community Foundation, benefits grassroots children's programs where even a small amount can make a big difference in the Akron Beacon Journal circulation area.

A second November foundation request was also honored. **The Kenneth and Barbara Wolff Foundation** is awarding Birthcare \$3,000 to purchase new cribs and mattresses. Our order is already placed with Walmart!

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, September-November

- Akron Children's Hospital Employee Foundation
- Catholic Charities
- Beatrice Demko
- Dave/Marie Edmonds
- Richard/Irene Hill

- Gloria Machor
In honor of all unborn children; in memory of Mary, Pete & Marie Fuizzotti, Al & Mary Machor
- Medina Council 4168 Knights of Columbus
- Sig and Rita Mikolajczyk
In honor of Ed & Diane Bugner's 40th wedding anniversary
- Adrienne Riggenbach
- Dominic/Mary Pat Salomone
- James/Lucie Sovey
- Anne Tindell
- Positive designations from United Way of Summit County
- Victor Urzycki
- David/Kelly Wetta
- Kenneth and Barbara Wolff Foundation
- Kenneth Wolff

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, September-November

- Courtney Armstrong
- Penny Avon
- Charlotte Becker
- Rachael Biedenback
- Meg Benninger and St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Ken Bittner
- Paul/Pamela Bugner
- Chris Carpenter
- Bill Charnigo
- Terri Clark
- Chris Cunningham
- Debbie D'Errico and St. Francis Xavier Gr. 8 Girl Scouts
- Early Childhood PTA
- Rita Fafrak
- Tammy Felber
- Colleen Fenske
- Judy Fisher
- Foundations / Lisa Haid
- Angie Gecewich
- Lauren Hako
- Help Me Grow
- Mike Hemery
- Mary Frances Hever
- Kristen Huston
- Steven Johnson
- Cathy Jones
- Jessica Korman
- Alicia Lambert

- Nancy Markovich
- Dee Martin
- Neil/Leslie McCoy
- Becky Meade
- Medina Hospital and Medical Center Nursing and Staff
- Helen Molnar
- Sarah Murdock
- Kristen Nehrenz
- Tiffany Patterson
- Carol Prentice
- Laura Rice
- Vicki Rice
- St. Ambrose Fill the Crib Project
- Salvation Army Baby Project
- Laura Searen
- Jenne Shanno
- Janice Steirer
- Amanda Steyer
- Kelly Stepnowsky
- Deb Stewart
- Rick/LeAnn Stow
- Sarah Sundermeier
- The Gingerbread House
- Erin Waugh
- Adam/Jacqueline Welder
- Barb Whiteman
- Mary Zolkowski

Volunteer Notes

Welcome to two new adult volunteers **Patty Meyers and Kristen Milvet** and a strong contingent of nine new teen volunteers: **Lillian Risser, Nichole Charnigo, Kathryn Brahler, Michael Brody, Mallorie Rohrbach, Mason Kleinhenz, Tyler Peters, Ethan Bauer and Zach Yurich**. All are students at Walsh Jesuit High School.

We love our volunteers and wish each one a very merry Christmas!

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OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS STRONGER THAN EVER!

The local **Salvation Army** coordinated The Baby Project this Fall. It yielded 31 colorful large vinyl bags filled with infant necessities that we will share with families of newborns. In addition they collected many packages of diapers and wipes. Shown in the picture to the left are: Jeremy Jones, Kristy Jones, Armando Duenas, Miriam Phillips, Debora Krause, Flower Medley, Estella Hutchinson and Joanne Walker.

Medina County OB-GYN group spearheaded a collection of 8,661 diapers this Fall with a goal to collect even more next year! Office staffers Amy Johnson, Becki Gordon and Angie Young delivered the diapers and an enormous supply of wipes courtesy of a truck owned by Caitlin Johnson, daughter of Amy. The collection was in response to National Diaper Need Awareness Week.



Other significant collections of items included: 66 new stuffed animals from **St. Vincent de Paul Society**; a diaper drive by **St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Committee**; a **St. Ambrose Fill the Crib** program that collected money and items totaling nearly \$550; 4 bags of items collected at **Jude Steyer's** 4th birthday party; Halloween costumes collected by **St. Francis Xavier Gr. 8 Girl Scouts**; new blankets from **Kitten Crazy** and **Foundations**; a collection of baby items by the **Patriotic Angels Red Hat Society**; 33 handmade crib blankets from the annual **Warm-Up Medina County** drive which produced more than 1,000 items

distributed to more than 2 dozen county agencies; and lovely clothing donations, as always, from **The Gingerbread House** in Medina.



Please consider a donation to Birthcare. Be our partner in providing important resources for little ones to grow and thrive! Your help enables us to do so much for others!

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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All donations are tax-deductible. THANK YOU!

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Birthcare's mission is to provide assistance and sympathetic support to families with young children to help assure their safety, warmth and health.

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