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Birthcare of Medina County

December 2016

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

100+ Women Who Care Medina Awards Birthcare An Amazing Gift



At its quarterly October meeting, 100+ Women Who Care Medina voted, after a dynamic presentation by Mary Kase, Birthcare board president; Sister Sandy Bevec, Birthcare board member, and Joanne Weiler, Birthcare board secretary, to award us with checks from its members. The award must be specifically targeted for diapers, pullups and infant formula - items most in demand by clients. This money will be spent over the next year or so, until the amount is exhausted. What an awesome gift that will impact and improve the lives of so many children whose parents rely on Birthcare for basic necessities!

Thank you to all who made this gift possible!

On behalf of 100+ Women Who Care Medina, Sue Simmons, right, presents the check to (left to right) Mary Kase, Diane Bugner, Sister Sandy Bevec, Barb McCoy, and Joanne Weiler. Claudia Cihlar, Sandy Naples and Lisa Rice were also at the presentation representing 100+ Women Who Care Medina. (Photo courtesy of Larry Pantages, The Medina Gazette)

40th Anniversary Year



It came to our attention, during a presentation to a Brownie troop on a November evening, that Birthcare has been in existence 40 years! A second grader asked how long Birthcare has been around. So we did the math aloud! It was founded in 1976 by two nurses, Collette Krantz and Celestia Gaudreault, who saw a need to help pregnant young women and families with young children. Past directors of the agency include Palma Horsley, June

Kaspar, Susan Mayes, Sally Pap and Marita Tulisiak. Our current site is the third location in the agency's history. A working board was instituted in 2007. Current director, Barbara McCoy, began volunteering back in 1990 with Birthcare and was hired as executive director in January, 2010. Current asst. director/treasurer Diane Bugner assumed her role in Spring, 1988. We are grateful to those who made our progress as an organization possible.

Who Turns to Birthcare?

Each week Birthcare is privileged to help families caring for young children.

Who turns to Birthcare for daily survival assistance?

- a single mom of twins unable to work because she must stay home to care for one twin with cancer
- a grandparent given custody of two grandchildren whose mother is in jail due to drugs
- a young pregnant teen, kicked out of her home by parent, has no job, no means of support
- three Amish families: one family of 11 children (four with special needs); another family of 7 children; and one family of six children. Volunteer Sue

Faeking visits them monthly to bring diapers, formula, baby food, books, clothing, shampoo and blankets.

- a single mom whose ex-husband stopped paying child support

How You Can Help...

Adopt one of our client families for Christmas. So far we are aiding 26 children and 11 adults in eight families.



Collect baby/toddler necessities for Birthcare within your church, school or community group.

Contribute to our General Fund which helps us purchase basic needs.

Donate stock to our T.D. Ameritrade brokerage account which benefits Birthcare and provides tax advantages.

Like Birthcare on Facebook!

Remember us in your estate plans.

Volunteer at our office serving the diverse needs of our clients.

Our Needs

- Winter clothing & coats, 2T-4T
- Fleece pajamas, 3T-4T
- Dreft detergent
- Socks, underwear
- Towels, washcloths



Client Report

Through 11 months, we served 319 client families on 1,186 office visits (16% increase in visits over 2015! We met:

- 851 requests for infant clothing
- 302 requests for infant formula
- 93 requests for baby food
- 1,252 requests for diapers
- 24 requests for car seats
- 26 requests for cribs / 24 requests for mattresses

Generous Grant

In November we were informed we are recipients of a grant from **The Kenneth and Barbara Wolff Foundation** which will allow us to purchase many new cribs and mattresses.

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, September-November

- Akron Children's Hospital Employee Foundation
- Amazon Smiles
- Anonymous Gift *in honor of Schriener Family and Marita Tulisiak*
- John/Kathy Batchelder
- Margaret Bottome Circle of Kings Daughters & Sons
- Catherine Connolly
- Catholic Charities
- Douglas/Stephanie Edwards
- Marian Getz
- Cheryl Gressler
- Richard/Irene Hill
- Anna Marie Kelly *in honor of Alex Kelly*
- John R. Martin
- Pam A. McAvinue
- Medina County Right to Life Ministry
- Medina Eagles Ladies Auxiliary
- Sally Neikerk *in memory of Joseph "Bud" Thompson*
- OEC Connections, LLC *in honor of Michael Wish, boss of the year*
- Patriotic Angels Hat Club
- Erin/Elaine Rankin
- St. Francis Xavier Respect Life
- Dominic/Mary Pat Salomone
- Trish Shaw
- Doug/Deb Stewart
- Rosanne Summerville
- Tower Tootsies Hat Club
- United Way of Gr. Cleveland
- United Way of Summit County
- 100+ Women Who Care Medina

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, September-November

- Amber Barbarotta
- Tom Barko
- Mallorie Bergstresser
- Kara Bethany
- Sister Sandy Bevec

- Mark Bugner
- Paul/Pam Bugner
- Mary Lou Cavanaugh
- Lauren Cecchi
- Terri Clark
- Cleveland Clinic Medina OB-GYN Staff
- Alexis Conto
- Patty Crescio
- Connie Daum
- Marilyn Diesk
- Neal/Sue Faldetta
- Lorie Fazekas
- Feeding Medina County
- Tammy Felber
- Martha Fousek and Western Reserve Ladies
- Courtney Holler
- Holy Martyrs Seniors Group
- Andrea Karecki
- Jessica Kelker
- Lisa Kolecki
- Amy Kordez
- Jessica Korman
- Tammy Larsen
- Lindsay Larson
- Medina Noon Kiwanis
- Kathy Metzger
- Amy Miller
- Michelle Miller
- Sydney Miller
- Kristen Milvet
- Kelly Pappas
- Daniel Passerell
- Tiffany Patterson
- Leslie Pratt
- Jennie Rihm
- Paul Rose
- Adrienne Roysden
- St. Ambrose Fill-A-Crib
- SFX Brownie Troop 91069
- SFX Respect Life Ministry
- SFX St. Vincent de Paul
- Judy Sack
- Pam Shank (WIC Office)
- Jennie Shanno
- Chris Strong
- The Gingerbread House
- Jeff Thien
- Kristen Thornton
- Charlcie Towne
- Jennie Walker
- Ashley Watts
- Ray Weaver
- Susan West

Birthcare has 47 adult and 9 teen volunteers. We need more dedicated and responsible volunteers. Please email if interested!

THANKFUL FOR STRONG COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Cleveland Clinic Medina OB-GYN Staff, for the second year in a row, coordinated a collection of 10,136 diapers during October, surpassing last year's collection by nearly 1,500! Office staffers Amy Johnson, Becki Gordon, Emily Kemp and Angie Young delivered the diapers and an nice 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.

The **Medina Noon Kiwanis** delivered \$650 worth of much needed formula, baby food, baby wash, diapers and wipes in November.

A group of Brownies from **St. Francis Xavier Parish, Troop #91069**,



recently visited us bearing gifts they collected and stayed to tour our office and find out what we do. Executive Director Barb McCoy and Asst. Director Diane Bugner hosted the 14 young ladies and their leaders, Beth Bugner, Kara Bethany and Natalie Boothe. Rounding out their visit, they tied together two fleece



blankets cut out by volunteer Sister Sandy Bevec. We loved their bubbly enthusiasm and willingness to help others! The **Medina Eagles Ladies Auxiliary** hosted a Quarter Auction this month and proceeds of \$500 were presented to



Birthcare. Executive Director Barb McCoy accepted the donation at the evening meeting and event.

Marian Getz, an eighth grader at St. Francis Xavier School, Medina, donated 10% of her pillow sales from a craft show. Her business is aptly named Sew Soft and Sweet. This is the second year she has taken the initiative in donating proceeds from sales in order to "help those in need of support or supplies."

Other significant donations included a diaper drive by **St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Ministry**; a **St. Ambrose Fill A Crib** program that collected money and needed diapers, clothing, pajamas, baby food, baby wash, bottles, sheets and towels totaling \$800. We were given several handmade crib blankets, hats, scarves and gloves

from the annual **Warm-Up Medina County** drive which produced more than 736 items distributed to more than a dozen county agencies.

Holy Martyrs Seniors Group, comprised of more than 60 members met before Thanksgiving, hand-tied 17 fleece blankets for Birthcare, collected new and many beautiful hand-made items at a baby shower for Birthcare which included winter clothing, diapers, fleece pajamas and jackets, mittens, gloves, hats, and then 20 came on a field trip to deliver their gifts. Board secretary and volunteer Joanne Weiler met the seniors, hosted a tour and helped them unload their donations which covered two six-foot tables and lots of floor space!



Birthcare of Medina County Board of Directors

Mary S. Kase, President, **Joanne Weiler**, Secretary
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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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