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- Monday and Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

# Birthcare of Medina County

December 2017

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976



With Thanksgiving behind us, Birthcare would like to pause and extend a sincere thank you to all those who support our agency:

- donors, both material and monetary, who sustain our mission
- our 620 Corporation landlord who generously provides us a great space for our work
- our faithful volunteers who staff our office and are our face to the community
- our clients and their families who inspire us
- our board of directors who encourage and guide us

(Dough art pin above courtesy of longtime volunteer, artist and art teacher Mary Krosse)

## A View of Those We Assist....

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 health issues
- a single mom of a toddler, soon giving birth, and needing a carseat she cannot afford due

to being a student with only part-time employment income

- a recently separated mom with a one-year old in need of diapers, wipes, and clothing due to no income
- a grandmother who is unemployed and caring for a one-year old grandson
- a married couple, spouse recently lost job, in need of diapers /clothing for toddler

## How You Can Help ....

**Adopt** our client families for Christmas. We are aiding 24 children and 12 adults in 8 families. One group has offered to adopt a family with four children.



**Collect** baby necessities 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.



**Knit/Crochet** soft baby blankets that we give to newborns and young children. Or craft a fleece blanket!

**Like** Birthcare on Facebook!

**Remember** us in your estate plans.

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

## Current Needs

- Baby cereals
- Baby food dinners
- Baby food fruits & vegetables
- Carseat infant neck supports
- Crib mattress pads
- Diaper rash ointment
- Dreft detergent
- Receiving blankets
- Towels & washcloths
- Winter clothing & coats, 2T-4T



## Board Member News



We would like to thank **Pam Shank**, Medina County WIC director, who has been a member of our board of directors since 2015, for being such an energetic asset to our organization with her insight, knowledge and creative ideas which have shaped and enriched our organization and its ability to better serve clients. Pam and her husband are moving to a suburb just north of Cincinnati, Ohio to be closer to two grandchildren, Natalie (10) and Henry (7) as she retires officially on January 3 from her WIC position. We wish her well as she leaves our area!

**Michelle Fusillo**, who will assume Pam's WIC position, has been approved by the

Birthcare Board of Directors to be Pam's replacement on our board, to continue the relationship that provides so many current resources to assist in our mission. She will join us as of January 1.

We also thank **Sabrina Cochran**, Huntington Bank, for her service as a board member since 2013, and are currently seeking her replacement.

## Client Report

Through 11 months, we served 276 client families on 1,044 office visits. We have met:

- 795 requests for infant clothing
- 195 requests for infant formula
- 122 requests for baby food
- 1,365 requests for diapers
- 18 requests for car seats
- 15 requests for cribs, 15 mattresses
- We have also prepared 24 layette packages for newborns.

There is a 13.5% decrease in clients and a 12% decrease in client visits over 2016 figures. However, we are seeing a 31% increase in formula requests and a 9% increase in diaper requests in 2017. Material donations, both used and new came in from 220 kind donors.

## Grant News



In late November we were informed our Millennium Fund for Children grant was approved by the Akron Community Foundation Board. Our award of \$500 will allow us to purchase "bathtime to bedtime" transition

items: baby wash, towels, washcloths and toddler size pajamas. We are grateful to the fund board for their confidence in our organization!

## Birthcare Chosen to Benefit From 2018 Golf Outing

Dave Taylor, commander of the American Legion Post 202 in Medina, informed us in October that their group is planning a major golf outing in 2018 and has selected three recipients of the proceeds. Birthcare has been chosen to as one of those three. We look forward to the exposure the outing will give our organization and will share any details about the event as they are passed on to us.

## Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, September-November

- Amazon Smiles
- Catholic Charities
- Daniel/Denise Daugherty
- Nancy Markovich
- Medina County Right to Life Society
- Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Rosemary Mihacevich
- John Muller
- Network for Good
- St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Ministry
- Dominic/Mary Pat Salomone
- Truist
- United Way of Greater Cleveland
- United Way of Summit County
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff

## Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, September-November

- Reno Alessio
- B.A.S.I.C. Food Pantry of Remsen Christian Church
- Nancy Bayher
- Erin Becker
- Ken Bittner
- Kylee Bogner
- Amy Brown
- Mark Bugner
- Paul/Pam Bugner

- Carter's Outlet, Lodi
- Patsy Chesbro
- Molly Conger
- Connie Daum
- Cathy DeAngelis
- Joanne Elkuizth
- Barb Evans
- Angie Gecewich
- Gifts from the Heart Circle (Lorene Scherer)
- Girls Leadership Club, Medina HS
- Marilyn Griffin
- Janice Grove
- William Herman
- Becky Hunyadi
- Kelly Inglett
- Mrs. Janitz
- Jessica Kelker
- Jessica Korman
- Helen Kuse
- Renee LaGuardia
- Judi Linden
- Jennifer Lucas
- Gail Martonicz
- Medina Early Childhood PTA
- Medina Noon Kiwanis
- Luke Melrose
- Leslie Messmer
- Maureen Oblander
- Personal Care Pantry
- Ella Pfeister
- Shannon Pickina
- Al/Judy Podrasky
- Dashanna Price
- St. Ambrose Fill-A-Crib
- St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Ministry
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul
- Michael Sidman
- Nicole Smerek
- Rebecca Smith
- Joanne Steirer
- Deb Stewart
- Leanne Stone
- Susan Stull
- Danielle Tenvilliger
- Warm Up Medina County Project of Medina District Library
- Western Reserve Masonic Community Yarn Buddies
- WIC, Medina County Health Dept.

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## THANKFUL AND BLESSED



In November and December, shoppers at the **Lodi Outlet Carter's Store** are able to donate new pajamas to Birthcare. Already, the program, sponsored by the national Pajama Program, has yielded 57 pajamas accumulated in the donation box. Please support this program when shopping this month. Each time the box is filled up, we are given a call for pick-up. These items go directly into bins offered to clients. The pajamas are a mix of summer and winter.

Birthcare was very lucky to be chosen to receive gate proceeds from the November 17 **Medina County Girls' Basketball Preview** hosted by Medina High School. Thank you to Karen Kase, Medina HS Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach for that choice!



**The Medina Early Childhood PTA** collected a wide range of items for Birthcare during their September meeting. It is a very active group of young moms looking for ways to benefit the community and especially young children. Pictured dropping off their donation (right) are Becky Bauer and Jessica Moeller.

Other significant donations included a diaper and wipes drive by **St. Francis Xavier Respect Life Ministry**; the annual gatherings from the **St. Ambrose Fill A Crib** program that collected money and needed diapers, clothing, pajamas, baby food, baby wash, bottles, sheets and towels. **The Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority** collected monetary donations from employees opting for casual dress Fridays.



We were blessed with a variety of very colorful, handmade crib blankets, hats, scarves and gloves from the annual **Warm-Up Medina County**, coordinated by Medina County District Library, now in its 14th year of serving organizations in need. Hundreds of items were distributed in November to 14 county agencies. Handmade blankets were also crafted by **Gifts from the Heart Knitting and Crocheting Circle** and **Western Reserve Masonic Community Yarn Buddies**.



**Medina High School's Girls Leadership Club** collected 66 items for Birthcare in September and October. Heather Hascher is the advisor for the club which is designed to help young ladies become leaders and role models in the community. The student members, pictured left to right, are Emilie Thomas, Emma Semus, Claire Leupp, Claire Schmeller, Lila Kratsas, Deeya Rodrigues, Kaylee Zufra, Abi Raitano and Margaret Derrig.

**The Medina Noon Kiwanis** collected \$720 worth of diapers, wipes, infant formula, 12 cases of baby food, and 2 cases of yogurt desserts in November and dropped off their donations one recent evening. Their focus on children aids us several times a year with items we typically need. We look forward to receiving many donations later in December to replenish supplies. Four groups in the midst of collecting for us include **St. Martin - Valley City - Christmas collection**, **St. Francis Xavier - Medina - Giving Tree**, **Westfield Insurance Group** and **Mrs. Winkler's language arts classes at Medina High School**.

*See our website or email to ask what your group can do to help us meet the needs of our client families. We can always use books, small puzzles, coloring books, crayons and colored pencils to keep young children engaged.*

## Birthcare of Medina County Board of Directors

**Mary S. Kase**, President, **Joanne Weiler**, Secretary  
**Diane Bugner**, Treasurer, **Meg Benninger, RN**, **Sister Sandra Bevec**  
**Marie Mirro Edmonds, Esq.**, **Sally C. Pap**, **Pam Shank RD,LD, CLC**

## Birthcare of Medina County Staff

**Barbara M. McCoy**, Executive Director

**Diane M. Bugner**, Assistant Executive Director



*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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