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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 2018

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976



With grateful hearts, we would like to pause and extend a sincere thank you to all who support our agency:

- our loyal donors who sustain our mission
- our 620 Corporation landlord who generously provides a great space for our work
- our faithful volunteers who staff our office competently
- our clients who inspire us
- our board of directors who ably guide us

We Are Privileged to Help....

Birthcare helps families with young children. Who turns to us for daily survival assistance?

- Two Guatemalan families encompassing three adults and five children visit monthly. Therefore to enhance communication, asst. director Diane Bugner created a bilingual English/Spanish chart of questions to help volunteers serve them capably.
- A mother of three, currently going through a divorce, works the night shift while her mom babysits the children overnight.

- A single mom with one child, who is due to deliver another child this month, was evicted from her home and is now living with a relative.

Current Needs

- Baby cereals and foods
- Carseat infant neck supports
- Crib mattress pads & sheets
- Toddler underwear
- Towels & washcloths
- Winter clothing & coats, 3T-4T

How You Can Help

Adopt our most needy client families for Christmas. We are aiding 23 children and 10 adults in 8 families. One family, adopted by Drs. Benninger, Schween and Schmidt, includes a mom and three children. A fourth child is due in January and the husband recently left the family due to a restraining order.

Collect baby necessities within your business, church, school or community group.

Contribute to our General Fund to help us purchase basic need items.

Create soft baby blankets that we give to newborns and young children.

Donate stock to our T.D. Ameritrade brokerage account.

Like Birthcare on Facebook!

Remember us in your estate plans.

Volunteer at our office serving the diverse needs of clients.

Client Report

Through 11 months, we served 313 client families on 1,130 office visits. We have met:

- 874 requests for infant clothing
- 198 requests for infant formula
- 108 requests for baby food
- 1,374 requests for diapers
- 24 requests for car seats
- 18 requests for cribs, 15 mattresses
- We have also prepared 20 layette packages for newborns.

There is a 13.4% increase in clients and a 8.2% increase in client visits over 2017 figures. Material donations, both used and new, came from 284 kind donors.

Grant Updates



Director Barb McCoy attended the Medina Breakfast Kiwanis annual meeting in early October to accept a \$1,000 grant award which is targeted for toddler clothing. Barb immediately visited Carter's Outlet in Lodi and purchased warm winter tops, pants, socks, and underwear. Barb is pictured above right along with other grant

recipients. The grants were from proceeds of the Medina County Sports Hall of Fame Program.



We thank the board of **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Ohio** for awarding us a \$500 grant to use for baby foods in late

September. Just this week we received notification that the **Millennium Fund for Children** is awarding us a \$500 grant for diapers. 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.

American Legion Golf Outing Yields Wonderful Donation



From left, Dave Taylor, Post commander, Diane Bugner, Mary Kase, Chad Gibson - Bunker Hill, Barb McCoy and Jim Hoessle, Post treasurer.

Saturday, September 8, the rains were relentless but golfers are hearty folks and with their support, profits from the outing produced an impressive \$4,000 check donation which will go a long way in helping us buy needed diapers, baby food, formula, baby wash, wipes, and other necessities.

The day began early with 18 holes of golf by 54 golfers and ended with food and fellowship, a ball drop, gift basket raffle, door prizes, and 50-50 drawing.

Sincere thank you to Dave Taylor, Post 202 commander, Chad Gibson, of Bunker Hill, and Jim Hoessle, Post 202 treasurer.

On hand to accept the check were Diane Bugner, Birthcare treasurer; Mary Kase, Birthcare board president and Barb McCoy, Birthcare executive director. Also volunteering at the event were Donna Lavelle and board members Joanne Weiler, Mary Corall, and Sister Sandy Bevec.

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, September-November

- Akron Children's Hospital Employee Giving
- Amazon Smiles
- American Legion Post 202
- America's Charities
- Richard /Joyce Bonitz
- Lynn N. Carr
- Catholic Charities
- Thomas M. Chester
- First Energy Employee Giving
- Marga Hill
- Bonnie Meadows
- Medina Breakfast Club of Medina
- Medina County Right to Life
- Medina Noon Kiwanis Club
- Network for Good
- Adrienne Riggenbach
- St. Ambrose Fill The Crib Project
- St. Francis Xavier Life Teen
- James/Lucy Sovey
- Jennifer Sulzbach
- Rosanne Summerville
- Robert Thompson
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of NE Ohio
- Truist
- United Way of Greater Cleveland
- United Way of Summit County
- David/Kelly Wetta
- **In Memory of John Krynock** by Joan Weigel
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, September-November

- Advanced Health & Wellness
- Advanced Performance Crossfit
- Katherine Baddorf
- Charlotte Becker
- Julie Blakemore
- Mark Bugner
- Paul/Pam Bugner
- Kelly Cerio
- Laura Chomanics

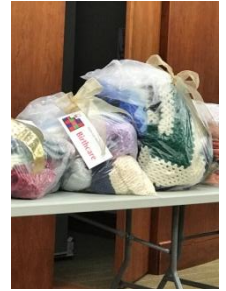
- Charlene Cockerell
- Compassion in Action
- Tara Cureton
- Connie Daum
- Kathleen DeAngelis
- Early Head Start
- Janna Elkevitzh
- Mary Beth Esterburg
- Bud/Jan Figola
- Susan Fishbach
- Cheryl Gressler
- Mark/Christy Hallman
- Sarah Hamlin
- Headstart
- Highland Community Support Network
- Mary Ann Hitzelberger
- Nikki Hummer
- Mrs. Kiesel
- Donna Kobak
- Lisa Kolecki
- Jessica Korman
- Chris Kozarik
- Angela Latchney
- MCRC: From the Heart Knit & Crochet
- Medina Noon Kiwanis
- Michelle Miller
- Motrunecs Family
- Colleen Nemetz
- Oaks Family Care Center/Brunswick
- Linda Oblander
- PetSmart
- Tammy Pryatel
- Tobias Roman
- St. Ambrose Fill the Crib Project
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul
- Michelle Goodwin Santiago
- Polly Scherer
- Mary Ann Semivan
- Robin Sessen
- Deb Stewart
- Susan Stoll
- Rick Stone
- Heather Straubhaar
- Lorraine Teague
- Diane Terwilliger
- Lisa Thiergartener
- Kari Tomey
- Kimmy Vidika
- Carol Walling
- Warm-Up Medina County
- Rosalind Watson
- Amy Wendt
- Western Reserve Masonic Ladies Knitters

**Welcome new volunteers:
Karen Petros, Susan Taylor,
and teen Sarah Salek.**

WE GIVE THANKS

A Sip and Shop event in mid-November at the **Advanced Health & Wellness and Advanced Performance Crossfit** in Wadsworth brought to Birthcare many items collected at the door from participants. The multi-vendor evening asked shoppers to bring an item to meet Birthcare's needs. The idea for the event came from Dawn Blue, a former Birthcare client now connected with Advanced Performance Crossfit, who wants to pay it forward!

Birthcare received a colorful collection of handmade crib blankets, hats, scarves and gloves from the **Warm-Up Medina County**, coordinated by Medina County District Library, now in its 15th year of serving organizations in need. Seven hundred fifty one items were distributed in November to 12 county agencies.



In November and December, shoppers at the **Lodi Outlet Carter's Store** will be able to donate new infant and children's pajamas to Birthcare. Already, the national Pajama Program event, has yielded 245 pajamas in the local donation box. Please support Carter's when shopping this month. Each time the box is filled up, we are given a call for pick-up.



Birthcare was chosen to receive a month's worth of collected items from a community group, **Compassion in Action**, in October. They help one pre-determined charity each month of the year. Compassion in Action members gifted us with socks, bibs, diapers, wipes, blankets, clothing, washcloths, books, formula, books, wipes and much more.

We are so fortunate to have received a check from **St. Francis Xavier Parish Life Teen** for \$1,986.69 in September, the result of donations from their Cardboard City project. Teens constructed shelters of cardboard and slept overnight on the parish grounds. Earlier in the day, they provided service to local parishioners with yard work, spent time with residents of Medina Meadows Nursing Home and collected monetary donations at Masses Saturday and Sunday.



Donna Kobak, Medina, won an \$800 shopping spree at Buehler's. She kindly used all her winnings to purchase 91 items for Birthcare: formula, juices, baby foods, baby creams, lotions, wash, shampoo, baby oil, small toys, diapers, pullups, wipes, cups and training pants.

Keep Collective sales rep Jennifer Sulzbach regularly chooses non-profits to benefit from sales earned during a jewelry party. Executive Director Barb McCoy hosted an online sale and invited Facebook friends to purchase items. Over the course of 10 days in September, Jennifer was able to donate \$175 to Birthcare from this effort.

The Medina Noon Kiwanis collected many items for us and dropped off their donations one recent evening along with a check for nearly \$500. Their focus on children aids us several times a year with items we typically need.

St. Ambrose annually hosts a **Fill the Crib Collection** for Birthcare. This year's project collected 108 items valued at \$555 and contained everything from blankets to booties, diapers to wipes, and even a Pack and Play.

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**;
Mary Corall; **Marie Mirro Edmonds, Esq.**; **Sally C. Pap** and **Michele Fusillo 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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