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

Birthcare of Medina County

February 2016

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

Stephenson Foundation

The local Stephenson Foundation awarded Birthcare a grant of \$1,500 in late January to provide us with funds for infant formula, baby foods and baby cereals. We are very grateful for this wonderful news as we begin the new year!

2015 Client Report

Our 51 adult and 17 teen volunteers compassionately served 332 client families during 1,128 visits in 2015. The client count is 15 less than served in 2014. Those families contained 664 children whose lives were improved by help from Birthcare. Medina City clients number 59% while 65% are age 29 or under and 73% are single, separated/divorced or widowed. A mere 27% are supported by a full-time job. 301 individuals and groups donated new and used items in 2015. We met 1,343 requests for diapers! (See full stats report on page 5.)

January Service Statistics

Volunteers have already met 101 clients on 101 visits in January with these needs:

- 80 requests for infant clothing
- 28 requests for infant formula
- 13 requests for baby food
- 95 requests for diapers
- 1 request for car seat
- 2 requests for crib/ mattress



In December we joined the national Pajama Program whose goal is delivering warm sleepwear and nurturing books to children in need. We found out about the program while using grant money to purchase winter pajamas at Carter's. We applied and were accepted quickly. We received our first shipment of 47 pajamas and 17 books within a week courtesy of the Eastern Ohio Chapter. We hope this affiliation will provide us with much needed pajamas for our clients' children. Carter's and Scholastic Books are corporate sponsors. Visit their website: www.pajamaprogram.org.

Christmas Gift Program

With the help of parishioners of **St. Francis Xavier Parish, Medina**, and their Giving Tree, Birthcare was able to provide abundant Christmas gifts for 10 Birthcare client families. The Christmas spirit touched the lives of 13 adults and 18 children. See page 3 for the many creative ways donors blessed us in the holiday season.



Valuation Process Complete

Volunteer **Suzie Milam** has again coordinated the demanding task of assigning values to all new donated material items given to Birthcare.

For 2015, her summary shows Birthcare was the recipient of 3,607 new items valued at \$23,956. We were recipients of \$8,161 worth of diapers/pull-ups, \$5,347 of clothing and pajamas, \$4,243 of baby food and formula and more than \$1,700 of wipes last year! Those gifts sustain us for many, many months! Thank you, Suzie, and all the volunteers who faithfully summarized new donations throughout the year!

Our Needs

- Baby wash/shampoo
- Blankets
- Socks
- Underwear

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, December - January

- Automation Tool & Die, Inc. *in honor of Bill Bennett and Randy Bennett*
- John/Kathy Batchelder
- William/Alice Batchelder
- Amie Baumgartner
- Judith Berarducci
- Agnes Bevec
- John/Michelle Bevec
- Kevin/Chris Carpenter
- Daniel/Connie Cevasco
- Catholic Charities
- Thomas M. Chester
- Gail Christensen
- Judy Daugherty
- Richard/Lora Dumpferth
- Dave/Marie Edmonds
- Doug/Stephanie Edwards

- Mike/Judy Fox
- Atty. Christopher Freeman
- Marianne Feuerstein
- Jim/Nancy Gowe
- Philip Heath
- John M. Hoty
- Therese Hudak
- Jeff/Mary Kase
- Patti Kornowski
- Catherine B. Lynch
- Medina County Antique Power Assn.
- Martha Jean Metevelis
- William/Carol Metzinger
- Millennium Fund for Children
- Joseph/Wanda Olexa
- Brian/Susan Orians
- Padua Franciscan High School Christmas for Others
- Positive designations from United Way of Summit County
- Paul/Joelle Rose
- Melody Ross
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Deborah Sekorky
- Norma Skiba
- Nancy Slisko
- Evelyn Stang
- Jon/Barb Steingass
- Stephenson Foundation
- Linda A. Sullivan
- Rosanne Summerville
- Mary Wallace
- Westfield Insurance Personal Lines Employees
- Robert/Joanne Weiler
- Howard Wolff
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff
- Ken Wolff
- Ted Wolff
- Wolff Bros. Supply Co. Board of Directors

Special Thanks To:

Sister Sandy Bevec for inputting our client statistics and **Joanne Weiler** for summarizing the client data.

John and Ann Marie Krynock, for delivering items from the St. Martin Parish Christmas collection.

Sally Pap and Barb Harris, for coordinating the Christmas gift program, including picking up the gifts from St. Francis Xavier, sorting the gifts by families, and distributing to clients. They had help from **Mimi Thompson, Mary Riley, Mary Kase, Alice Patena and Sue Sturm**.

Sister Sandy Bevec, Diane Bugner, Mary Beth Esterburg, and Donna Lavelle for picking up, unloading and organizing the St. Francis Xavier School collection in December.

Ed Bugner, CPA, for preparing our financial statements and reviewing monthly financial reports plus quarterly payroll taxes.

Wolff Bros. Supply, Inc. for the standing offer of their delivery trucks and personnel for transporting our large orders.

Heartfelt Note from a Client



*Dear Birthcare,
Thank you for all the help given us. Eight years ago you helped with my daughter and now you help with my one-year old son. Thank you for all your time and for making your organization. May God bless you very much! Thank you again!*

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, December - January

- Francesca Abramczys
- Sharon Anderson
- Kristin Ashby
- Automation Tool & Die, Inc.
- Sandy Bethlenfalvy
- Mark Bugner
- Paul/Pam Bugner
- Terri Clark
- Alexis Conto
- Tracy Damicone
- Bea Demko
- Mary Dirk
- Bill Elligott
- Ann Germana

- Mary Frances Heller
- Shirley Horvath
- Jacqueline Jacob
- Danielle Kocurkovic
- Amy Kordek
- Sandy Kormos
- Sue Marolt
- Medina High School Boys' Basketball Team
- Medina Noon Kiwanis
- Craig Meldrum
- Amy Miller
- Matha Mootie
- Rose Mucci
- Sarah Murdock/Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Penny Norris
- Jenny Orehek
- Our Lady of Grace Parish
- Louise Raffin
- Leighann Reep
- Angie Reese
- Shira Rice
- Mr. Ridge
- Paul/Joelle Rose
- St. Francis Xavier Parish & School
- St. Martin of Tour Parish
- St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Francis Xavier Parish
- Helene Schnell
- Debbie Schuerger
- Kim Skaggs
- Karen Sorace-Thomas
- Michelle Stein
- Deb Stewart
- Leanne Stone
- Jayne Thompson
- Adam/Jackie Welder
- Traci Winkler and her Medina HS language arts students
- Anna Wise
- The Gingerbread House
- Westfield Insurance
- WIC, Medina County Health Dept.

New Volunteers

Welcome to two new volunteers trained in December: **Monica Gorman**, coordinator of the St. Francis Xavier Preschool Program, and **Michelle Wedlake**, who works for Automation Tool & Die, Inc.

Abundance of Gifts Showered on Birthcare During the Christmas Season

The season of giving is nowhere more evident than at Birthcare as we receive many gifts from so many caring donors! We are enormously grateful for the enthusiastic support we receive. Thank you everyone!



Medina High School boys basketball team and staff

Traci Winkler, language arts teacher at Medina High School, once again spearheaded a generous donation of baby items from students in her classes. Traci and her students are long-time supporters of Birthcare (since 1998) and this year Traci's heartfelt talk inspired senior basketball player **Matt McNaughton** to organize a community wide drive that took place at a basketball game in December. Large numbers of needed baby items were collected. This young man showed a spirit of community and giving inspired by a teacher who annually passes along her passion for helping others.

A local corporation, **Automation Tool & Die, Inc.**, collected a variety of needed baby items from employees, as well as monetary donations, in December, all in honor of their owners, Bill Bennett and Randy Bennett. Gifts were presented at their annual Christmas party. **Sue Whittaker**, (pictured below with Director **Barb McCoy**) controller, delivered the check and items to Birthcare.



Volunteer Jayne Thompson hosted her **Parma Book Club's** annual N.O.E.L. Christmas gathering and asked all members to bring supplies for Birthcare: diapers, wipes, lotions, baby food, shampoo, wash and books.

Twelve members of the **Ladies Investment Club of Medina** selected Birthcare as its annual charity. Each member made a donation delivered to us via Birthcare volunteer and board member **Mary Kase**, who is secretary of the group.

Chris Carpenter, owner of CC Trans, Medina, annually donates profits from her candy sales. In her building, she has a snack box full of granola bars, candies and chocolates in the mail room which she constantly keeps replenished.

St. Martin of Tours Parish in Valley City traditionally collects items Birthcare needs during the month of December. They have carried out this project since 1990. Birthcare volunteer **Ann Marie Krynock** and husband **John** pack the donations in their vehicles and deliver them to our office as they accumulate during the month.

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Medina, also has a long-time commitment to Birthcare with their Christmas Giving Tree tradition. Tags on the tree contain items our 10 Christmas families requested for their families. **St. Francis Xavier School** Student Council annually in Advent has classrooms



collect basic supplies (baby foods, wipes, cereal, bottles, cups, socks, bibs, wash, shampoo, ointments and lotions).



Volunteer **Mary Zolkowski**, a teacher at Padua Franciscan High School, is always proud to convey a substantial check from the **Padua Franciscan High**

School Christmas for Others Program. Personal Lines Dept. members of **Westfield Insurance** collected stuffed animals, blankets and cash during December. Finally, January donations included \$800 worth of diapers, formula, wipes and baby food purchased by members of the **Medina Noon Kiwanis**.

Birthcare's Board of Directors

Sabrina Cochran Marshall, President
Joanne Weiler, Secretary
Diane Bugner, Treasurer
Meg Benninger, RN
Sister Sandra Bevec
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Important Date

Board of Directors Meeting
7pm Wednesday, March 09, 2016

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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Catholic Charities Health and Human Services
Diocese of Cleveland

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2015 Statistics

Client Family Total: 332

Visit Total: 1,128



Registered Client Profile

Residence

Medina	195	59%	Chippewa Lake	8	2%
Brunswick	44	13%	Homerville	5	1%
Wadsworth	26	8%	Other in County	10	3%
Lodi	25	8%	Outside County	6	1%
Seville	9	2%	Unknown	10	3%

Ages

14-19	27	8%	Single	210	63%
20-29	189	57%	Married	82	25%
30-39	80	24%	Sep/Div	33	10%
40-up	20	6%	Widowed	1	
Unknown	16	5%	Unknown	6	2%

Pregnant in Year

Race			
80	24%	Caucasian	257 77%
		Black	36 11%
		Hispanic	3 1%
		Other	14 4%
		Unknown	22 7%

Sources of Income

Full-Time Employment	89	27%
Part-Time Employment	81	24%
Family Help	28	8%
ADC	4	1%
Child Support	47	14%
Ohio Works First	15	4%
Unemployment	46	14%
Social Security	29	8%
Other	21	6%
No Support	11	3%

Receiving WIC Assistance: 218 (65%)

High School Diploma or GED: 218 (65%)

Currently Students (HS or College): 23 (7%)

# Visits/Client			Ages of Children	
1-4 visits	242	73%	0-2 yrs.	361
5-10 visits	79	24%	3-5 yrs.	150
11-18 visits	11	3%	6-12 yrs.	124
			13 & over	29
			Total	664

Service Units

Infant clothing requests	873
Formula requests	294
Baby food requests	141
Diaper requests	1,343
New cribs distributed	34
New mattresses distributed	32
New car seats distributed	33
Scholarships awarded	4
Christmas gifts provided for	10 families (13 adults/18 children)

Financial Donation Highlights

Church and Community	\$ 2,130
Grant Income	\$ 5,000
Annual Mother's Day Appeal	\$ 15,735
Positive designations (United Way)	\$ 2,911

Number of Donors: 136

Material Donations Count

Private individuals, church & community groups 301

New Donations - Fair Market Value

3,607 items \$23,956

Volunteer Activity in Year

Volunteer total at 12/31/2015	51 adults	17 teens
Volunteers trained in 2015	6 adults	10 teens
Total hours of volunteers	1080.75 hours	

Referrals Received From:

WIC Department, Job & Family Services, Help Me Grow, Battered Women's Shelter, Head Start, Medina County Health Dept., St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul Society, Oasis of Hope, 2-1-1, Salvation Army, Marian's Closet, caseworkers, churches, medical facilities, website, families and friends.