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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

February 2017

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

Material Donations Valuations Are Sky-High

Volunteer **Suzie Milam** has tirelessly coordinated the demanding task of assigning values to all new donated material items given to Birthcare. For 2016, her summary shows Birthcare received 4,511 new items valued at \$32,103. That is a huge increase from our 2015 material donation total of \$23,956. We were recipients of \$7,518 worth of diapers/pull-ups, \$12,677 of clothing and pajamas, \$4,137 of baby food and formula and \$1,287 of wipes last year. Those gifts sustain us for four to six months. Thank you, Suzie, and all the volunteers who faithfully summarized new donations throughout the year! It is a demanding project and shows how much community help we receive to provide for needs of families.

2016 Client Report

Our 47 amazing adult and 9 energetic teen volunteers served 345 client families during 1,275 visits in 2016. The client visit count is 13% higher than 2015. Our client families contained 748 children whose lives were improved by help from Birthcare. Local Medina City clients number 61% while 61% of clients are age 29 or under and 76% are single, separated/divorced or widowed. Only 26% are supported by a full-time job. Three hundred forty-five individuals and groups donated new and used items in 2016. We received financial support from 136

different individuals, corporations and church, school or community groups. We met a whopping 1,362 requests for diapers and pullups!

(See full stats report on page 5.)

January Service Statistics

Volunteers have already met 96 clients on 101 visits in January with these needs:

- 82 requests for infant clothing
- 26 requests for infant formula
- 15 requests for baby food
- 134 requests for diapers
- 102 requests for wipes
- 1 request for crib/ 1 for mattress



Birthcare has been a member of the national Pajama Program for one year now. In that time, we received a number of shipments of winter and summer pajamas. One of their sponsors is Carter's. Visit their website: www.pajamaprogram.org to learn of their ambitious program.

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 8 Birthcare client families. The Christmas spirit touched the lives of 11 adults and 26 children. See



page 3 for the many creative ways donors blessed us in the holiday season.

Current Needs

- Blankets
- Clothing, size 4T
- Pullups, sizes 4-5
- Socks
- Washcloths, towels
- Underwear, sizes 2-4

Generous Grant

The **Kenneth & Barbara Wolff Foundation** awarded Birthcare a grant for cribs and mattresses. We are so appreciative of their unwavering loyalty to our needs!

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, December - January

- 620 Corporation
- John/Kathy Batchelder
- William/Alice Batchelder
- Ric/Meg Benninger
- John/Michelle Bevec
- Steven J. Brown Co. L.P.A.
- Joseph J. Buchtinec
- Rev. Ronald Bryda
- Catholic Charities
- Kevin/Chris Carpenter
- Daniel/Connie Cevasco
- Thomas M. Chester
- Adam Davis/Margan Keramati
- Richard/Lora Dumperth
- Dave/Marie Edmonds
- Doug/Stephanie Edwards
- Alexandra Evanko

- Christopher J. Freeman, Attorney at Law
- Florence Gulling
- Philip C. Heath
- Hinckley Ladies Book Club
- Paul/Judith Hlavna
- Holy Martyrs Parish Seniors
- Jeff/Mary Kase
- Patricia Kornowski
- Joseph/Syliva Mazak
- Medina County Antique Power Assn.
- William/Carol Metzinger
- Joseph/Wanda Olexa
- Faisal A. Quereshy, MD FACS
- Padua Franciscan High School Christmas for Others
- Philip/Lisa Rice
- Adrienne Riggerbach
- Paul/Joelle Rose
- Thomas Schmidt
- Jeff/Sue Simmons
- Dick/Connie Smalley
- Jon/Barb Steingass
- Sue Sturm
- Mike/Susan Sweet
- United Way of Summit County positive designations
- Linda Weigel
- Kenneth & Barbara Wolff Foundation
- Wolff Bros. Supply Co. Board of Directors

Special Thanks To:



Sister Sandy Bevec, for tenaciously inputting our client statistics throughout the year and **Joanne Weiler** for summarizing the client data at year-end.

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

Sally Pap and Barb McCoy, for coordinating the Christmas gift program. Mike and Mimi Thompson and Barb Patton helped Sally transport gifts from St. Francis Xavier to Birthcare. Then, Mimi, Mary Kase, Sue Sturm and Jan Clark assisted Sally in sorting the gifts by

families. Barb called clients for gift lists and met them for gift pickup.

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

Ed Bugner, CPA, for preparing our financial statements, and reviewing monthly financial reports plus quarterly payroll taxes and 990 tax return.

Gary Nolan, our expert webmaster, who manages all the information stored there and updates it throughout the year.

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

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, December - January

- Rachel Alessio
- Reno Alessio
- Nancy Bayler
- Sue Brooks
- Mark Bugner
- Paul/Pam Bugner
- Deborah Carlson
- Claggett MS Leadership Club
- Elizabeth Cobb
- Leslie Coleman
- Sarah Cotton
- Drs. Benninger & Schween Staff
- Dr. Killian's Office Staff
- Bea/Phyllis Danko
- Mary Dunham
- Holy Martyrs Parish Ministry of Assistance
- Linnea Kaser
- Jessica Kelker
- Ericka Kott
- Lindsey Larson
- Megan Laughlin
- Victoria Leary
- Neil/Leslie McCoy
- Medina County Dental Society
- Our Lady of Grace Parish

- Christine Pilcavage
- Paul/Joelle Rose
- St. Francis Xavier Parish Giving Tree & St. Francis Xavier School
- St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry
- St. Martin of Tours Parish
- Sara Schramm
- Laura Search
- Kim Skaggs
- June Steirer
- Deb Stewart
- Mike/Susan Sweet
- thirty seven4
- Christine Venesile
- Traci Winkler and her Medina HS language arts students
- The Gingerbread House
- Natalie Votah
- Warm-Up Medina County
- Westfield Insurance
- WIC, Medina County Health Dept.
- Xi Lambda Lambda

Welcome New Volunteers!

We welcome two new adult volunteers trained in December: **Jennifer Davis**, Global Project Manager for A. Schulman and **Judy Sack**, retired teacher and adult literacy director. We also welcome teen **Jessica Rosco**, a junior attending Buckeye High School.

Our Thanks to 100+Women Who Care Medina

On January 9, executive director Barb McCoy spoke to members of 100+Women Who Care Medina at Weymouth County Club. Barb thanked the membership for their \$9,902 donation awarded to Birthcare recently. In noting the importance of their funds which are targeted for diapers and formula, Barb said: "Imagine that roughly 65 cans of powdered formula, or enough to not quite fill a grocery cart, costs about \$1,000. On a shopping trip to pick up this order, I was amazed at how little this really is. I realized what an overwhelming obstacle this is for our clients."

Abundance of Gifts Showered on Birthcare During the Christmas Season

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



Our director, **Barb McCoy**, was one of many nonprofit representatives (above) picking up handmade blankets, gloves, mittens and hats collected from **Warm-Up Medina County** sponsored by the Medina County District Library.



Traci Winkler, language arts teacher at Medina High School, once again spearheaded a generous donation of baby items (25 bags full - pictured, left) from students in her classes. Traci and her students have supported Birthcare since 1998.

In December, **St. Francis Xavier School** Student Council coordinated a drive for each classroom K-8 plus preschool. The items collected included a huge amount of basic supplies (baby foods, wipes, cereal, bottles, cups, socks, bibs, wash, shampoo, ointments and lotions) that sustain us for many months. They were presented in the Advent prayer service in 24 full baskets (pictured).



St. Martin of Tours Parish in Valley City traditionally collects items Birthcare needs during the month of December. The parish has 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 during December.

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

check from the **Padua Franciscan High School Christmas for Others Program**.



Padua students raised a total of \$36,000 which benefitted 25 different charitable groups.

Westfield Insurance Personal Lines Dept. members collected stuffed animals, blankets and cash during their Holiday Giving Donation Drive in December.

In November, the **Student Leadership Team at Claggett Middle School** targeted our needs. Director Barb McCoy visited the students and collected their donations. They had raffled off gift baskets at the annual Students VS Staff Challenge night and shopped for supplies with proceeds. The team (in photo below) includes Lily Sency, Wyatt Kayser, Zariah Todd, Mia Henning, Kaitlyn Horner, Jackie Meyers, Jenna Malloy, Alysen Dwyer, Justin Swindell, Bradon Timms, Ava Notarianni and Maddie Todorovich .



Chris Carpenter, owner of CC Trans, Medina, annually donates profits from her candy sales. In her office building, she has a box full of granola bars, assorted snacks and candy bars in the building's first-floor mail room.

The Medina County Dental Society delivered checks from members as well as a beautiful array of clothing, diapers and other needs. **The Holy Martyrs Ministry of Assistance** heard of our need for size 4T clothing and also gave funds to purchase a crib and car seat. **Our Lady of Grace Parish** delivered new toys, stuffed animals, winter pajamas, diapers, gloves, clothing, sheets and towels.

The Medina Rec Center sewing group blessed us with many handmade blankets. The **office staff of Drs. Benninger, Schween & Schmidt** annually buys a large collection of wonderful gifts and necessities for Birthcare during the holidays. And finally, **Xi Lambda Lamba**, a service sorority, gathered gifts at their January meeting: diaper rash cream, towels, wash cloths, and many other basic needs to care for babies and young children.

Birthcare's Board of Directors

Mary S. Kase, President
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Important Date

Board of Directors Meeting
7pm Wednesday, March 15, 2017

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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2016 Statistics

Client Family Total: 345

Visit Total: 1,275



Registered Client Profile

Residence

Medina	211	61%	Chippewa Lake	10	3%
Brunswick	33	10%	Litchfield	6	1%
Wadsworth	33	10%	Other in County	14	4%
Lodi	20	6%	Outside County	8	2%
Seville	10	3%			

Ages

14-19	20	6%	Single	223	65%
20-29	190	55%	Married	70	20%
30-39	91	21%	Sep/Div	36	11%
40-up	22	6%	Widowed	3	
Unknown	22	6%	Unknown	13	4%

Marital Status

Pregnant in Year

71	21%	Caucasian	266	77%
		Black	37	11%
		Hispanic	1	
		Other	19	6%
		Unknown	22	6%

Race

Sources of Income

Full-Time Employment	89	26%
Part-Time Employment	94	27%
Family Help	36	11%
ADC	2	
Child Support	34	10%
Ohio Works First	23	6%
Unemployment	31	9%
Social Security	28	8%
Other	27	8%
No Support	15	4%

Receiving WIC Assistance: 203 (59%)

High School Diploma or GED: 213 (62%)

Currently Students (HS or College): 32 (9%)

Visits/Client

1-4 visits	246	71%
5-10 visits	82	24%
11-18 visits	17	5%

Ages of Children

0-2 yrs.	364
3-5 yrs.	169
6-12 yrs.	149
13 & over	29
Unknown	37
Total	748

Service Units

Infant clothing requests	929
Formula requests	311
Baby food requests	99
Diaper requests	1,362
Layettes prepared for newborns	24
New cribs distributed	29
New mattresses distributed	27
New car seats distributed	27
Scholarships awarded	4
Christmas gifts provided for	8 families (11 adults/26 children)

Financial Donation Highlights

Church and Community	\$ 14,082
Grant Income	\$ 10,000
Annual Mother's Day Appeal	\$ 7,405
Positive designations (United Way)	\$ 3,646

Number of Donors: 136

Material Donations Count

Private individuals, church & community groups 345

New Donations - Fair Market Value

4,511 items \$32,103

Volunteer Activity in Year

Volunteer total at 12/31/2016	47 adults	9 teens
Volunteers trained in 2016	3 adults	5 teens
Total hours of volunteers	1051.75 hrs.	

Referrals Received From:

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