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- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Birthcare of Medina County

February 2018

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

New Material Donations Values Sustain Us

Volunteer **Suzie Milam** has again coordinated assigning fair market value to all new donated material/services given to Birthcare. For 2017, her summary shows Birthcare received 4,187 new items valued at \$28,654. That is a small decrease from our 2016 material donations of \$32,103. In 2017 we were recipients of \$5,756 of diapers/pull-ups, \$9,721 of clothing and pajamas, \$3,603 of baby food and formula, \$1,075 of wipes and \$2,214 of crib and bed blankets. These gifts sustain us for four to six months. Thank you, Suzie, and all the volunteers who methodically inventoried new donations as they came in! We are so thankful for these gifts from our community which help us provide for children.

2017 Client Report

Our 51 amazing adult and 10 energetic teen volunteers served 288 client families during 1,138 visits in 2017. The client visit count is 17% lower than 2016. Our client families contained 569 children whose lives were improved by help from Birthcare. Local Medina City clients number 64% while 64% of clients are age 29 or under and 80% are single, separated/divorced or widowed. Only 26% are supported by a full-time job. Two hundred fifty-nine 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 1,498 requests for diapers and pullups and 1,247 requests for wipes!

(See full stats report on page 5.)

January Service Statistics

Volunteers have already met 103 clients on 112 visits in January with these needs :

- 90 requests for infant clothing
- 19 requests for infant formula
- 8 requests for baby food
- 133 requests for diapers
- 107 requests for wipes
- 4 requests for carseats
- 1 request for crib/ 1 for mattress



Birthcare has been a member of the national Pajama Program for two years. We receive several annual shipments of pajamas. One of their sponsors is Carter's. This past Christmas season we were lucky to receive 67 pajamas through the generosity of staff and shoppers at our local Carter's Outlet in Lodi.

Since our December 2015 membership, we have received 658 pajamas and 77 Scholastic books. We treasure this association and thank Teri Dwyer, Easter Ohio Chapter President, for coordinating the program locally. The program's goal is that children "can rest a little

easier in warm sleepwear, reading nurturing books, knowing that someone cares about them."

Christmas Gift Program

With the help of parishioners of **St. Francis Xavier Parish Giving Tree, Medina**, Birthcare provided abundant Christmas gifts for 8 Birthcare client families in need. The Christmas spirit touched the lives of 12 adults and 24 children.



Current Needs

- Baby foods (fruits, vegetables and dinner combinations)
- Clothing, size 2T-4T
- Towels and washcloths

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, December - January

- William/Alice Batchelder
- John/Michelle Bevec
- Steven J. Brown
- Catholic Charities
- Kevin/Chris Carpenter
- Dan/Connie Cevasco
- **In Memory of Robert Cevasco**
- Marie Charek
- Thomas M. Chester

- Tom Ebner
- Dave/Marie Edmonds
- Stephanie Edwards
- Estate Gift - Anonymous
- Gary/Holly Hallman
- Patricia Kornowski
- Barry/Lynette Kroeger
In Honor of Eric & Lisa Smith
- Joseph/Sylvia Mazak
- Bonnie Meadows
- Medina Athletic Booster Club
- Medina County Antique Power Assn.
- William/Carol Metzinger
- Millennium Fund for Children
- Modern Telecom Consulting LLC
- Joseph/Wanda Olexa
- Brian/Susan Orians
- Padua Franciscan High School
- Philip/Lisa Rice
- Marcia Rohde
In Honor of Baby Rohde
In Memory of Baby Rohde
- Paul/Joelle Rose
- Jeff/Sue Simmons
- Connie Smalley
In Memory of Dick Smalley
- Jon/Barbara Steingass
- Stock Gift - Anonymous
- Ric/Sue Sturm
- Linda A. Sullivan
- Rosanne Summerville
- Thirtyseven4 LLC
- Truist
- United Church of Christ, Congregational
- United Ways of Summit County & Greater Cleveland positive designations
- Bob/Joanne Weiler
In Memory of Joyce Weiler and Florence Hotujac
- Kenneth & Barbara Wolff Foundation
- Wolff Bros. Supply Co. Board of Directors

Special Thanks To:

Sister Sandy Bevec, for inputting 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. **Jeff and Mary Kase; Mike, Mimi and Patrick Thompson and Sue Sturm** helped Sally transport gifts from St. Francis Xavier to Birthcare. Then, **Mimi Thompson, Mary Kase, Pat Neuendorff and Carolyn Lesiak** 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, Paul Bugner, Mary Beth Esterburg, Mary Ann Mayer, Sue Brooks and Donna Lavelle, for picking up, unloading, organizing and inventorying the large St. Francis Xavier School Advent collection in mid-December.

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

Gary Nolan, our expert webmaster, who not only created our website back in 2009, but also managed all the updates and generously hosted our site. We are grateful beyond words for his dedicated service to Birthcare. **Patrick Harris**, son of director Barb McCoy, is our new webmaster.

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

- Barbara Alvarez
- BASIC Food Pantry
- Charlotte Becker
- Kara Bethany
- Sherri Birch
- Kylee Bogner

- Mark Bugner
- Paul/Pam Bugner
- Drs. Benninger & Schween Staff
- Ken Bittner
- Terri Clark
- Kathleen Clere
- Chastity Drnak
- Janna Elbeirzth
- Becky Hallock
- Mike Hawkes
- Jacqueline Jacob
- Kellie Johns
- Jennifer Kellerman
- Cindy Keogh
- Peggy Koontz
- Kaitlyn Kubiak
- Nick Lott
- Laurel Maier
- Timothy Maynard
- Neil/Leslie McCoy
- Medina High School Choirs
- Medina Rec Center Knitters
- Medina Personal Care Pantry
- Sarah Nemes
- Ella Pfesiter
- Jaclyn Resnik
- Paul/Joelle Rose
- St. Francis Xavier Parish Giving Tree & St. Francis Xavier School
- St. Martin of Tours Parish
- Sarah Nemes
- Paul/Joelle Rose
- Jennie Shanno
- Michael Sidman
- Deb Stewart
- Thirty seven4 LLC
- Kristin Thornton
- Rita Todd
- Shannon Torres
- Natalie Volaw
- Jennifer Webb
- Traci Winkler and her Medina HS Language Arts students

Training Coordinators

Two board members, **Mary Kase** and **Sister Sandy Bevec**, have offered to train new volunteers. We thank **Denise Barczyk** who has managed this important aspect since 2011. Any adults interested in being trained should contact us via email: birthcaremedina@aol.com.

Abundance of Gifts Showered on Birthcare During the Christmas Season

The season of giving is nowhere more evident than at Birthcare as we received gifts from many caring and creative donors. We are very grateful for the loyal support of many generous members of our community!

Director Barb McCoy's Book Club, started 23 years ago, met in



December and members brought in toddler pajamas.

Pictured above are: Mimi Thompson,

Sue Schwab, Bonnie Lane, Carolyn Grenfell, Meg Benninger, and Linda Ginesi. Other members (not pictured) are Jane Andersen, Claudia Cihlar, Lisa Gregg, Barb McCoy, Marcy Hunt, Sandy Naples and Lauren Space.

supports several charities with her proceeds.



In December, **St. Francis Xavier School** Student Council coordinated a drive in each classroom K-8 plus preschool. The items included a large 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 (pictured above). Student Ryan Zolkowski arranges the baskets as Deacon Joe Loutzenhiser watches.

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 on several trips in December.

Volunteer Mary Zolkowski, a teacher at **Padua Franciscan High School**, accepted a substantial check from the **Padua Franciscan High School Christmas for Others Program** on



behalf of Birthcare in December. Padua students and staff raised \$30,500 which benefitted 25 charities. In addition, they collected canned goods, books, coats and toys. Birthcare was the recipient of a

mountain of toys from this program which will be used for clients who need birthday gifts for their children.

The **Medina Rec Center Knitting Group** delivered a colorful supply of handmade mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and booties to warm up our clients and their children.

The **office staff of Drs. Benninger, Schween & Schmidt** annually gathers a large collection of wonderful gifts and necessities for Birthcare during the holidays.



Traci Winkler, Language Arts teacher at Medina High School, once again spearheaded a generous donation of baby items (25 bags full - pictured above) from students in her classes. Traci and her students have supported Birthcare since 1998. Another Medina High School group, members of the six assorted musical choirs, generously collected many items needed by clients to survive.

Westfield Insurance Personal Lines Dept. members collected clothing, towels, washcloths, detergent, rash creams, wipes, formula and other basic needs during their Holiday Giving Donation Drive in December.

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. She

Birthcare's Board of Directors

Mary S. Kase, President
Joanne Weiler, Secretary
Diane Bugner, Treasurer
Meg Benninger, RN
Sister Sandra Bevec
Marie Mirro Edmonds, Esq.
Michele Fusillo
Sally C. Pap

Important Date

Board of Directors Meeting
7pm Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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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2017 Statistics

Client Family Total: 288

Visit Total: 1,138



Registered Client Profile

Residence					
Medina	185	64%	Chippewa Lake	9	3%
Brunswick	34	12%	Homeless	3	1%
Wadsworth	23	8%	Other in County	8	3%
Lodi	11	4%	Outside County	6	2%
Seville	9	3%			

Ages			Marital Status		
14-19	14	5%	Single	203	71%
20-29	171	59%	Married	47	16%
30-39	72	25%	Sep/Div	26	9%
40-up	19	7%	Unknown	12	4%
Unknown	12	4%			

Pregnant in Year		Race	
		Caucasian	201 70%
53	18%	Black	35 12%
		Hispanic	8 3%
		Other	16 5%
		Unknown	28 10%

Sources of Income		
Full-Time Employment	74	26%
Part-Time Employment	55	19%
Family Help	34	12%
Child Support	35	12%
Ohio Works First	24	8%
Unemployment	30	10%
Social Security	27	9%
Other	22	7%
No Support	9	3%

Receiving WIC Assistance: 176 (61%)

High School Diploma or GED: 182 (63%)

Currently Students (HS or College): 30 (10%)

# Visits/Client			Ages of Children	
1-4 visits	190	66%	0-2 yrs.	320
5-10 visits	83	29%	3-5 yrs.	146
11-18 visits	15	5%	6-12 yrs.	91
			13 & over	12
			Total	569

Service Units		
Infant clothing requests		862
Formula requests		208
Baby food requests		130
Diaper requests		1,498
Wipes requests		1,247
Layettes prepared for newborns		24
New cribs distributed		15
New mattresses distributed		15
New car seats distributed		18
Scholarships awarded		6
Christmas gifts provided for		8 families
		(12 adults/24 children)

Financial Donation Highlights		
Church and Community		\$ 4,927
Grant Income		\$ 1,000
Annual Mother's Day Appeal		\$ 8,985
Positive designations (United Way)		\$ 3,664
Number of Donors:		135

Material Donations Count	
Private individuals, church & community groups	259

New Donations - Fair Market Value	
4,187 items	\$28,654

Volunteer Activity in Year		
Volunteer total at 12/31/2017	51 adults	10 teens
Volunteers trained in 2016	5 adults	7 teens
Total hours of volunteers	974.25 hrs.	

Referrals Received From:
 WIC, Job & Family Services, Help Me Grow, Early Intervention, Catholic Charities, Community Action, Head Start, Medina County Health Dept., Love, Inc., Oasis of Hope, The Oaks, Operation Homes, caseworkers, churches, doctors, schools, website, families and friends