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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 2019

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

New Material Donations Values On The Rise

Volunteer **Suzie Milam** coordinated assigning fair market value to all new donated material/services given to Birthcare. For 2018, her summary shows Birthcare received 3,758 new items valued at \$31,553. That is a nice increase from our 2017 material donation total of \$28,654. In 2018 we were recipients of \$6,066 of diapers/pull-ups, \$12,740 of clothing and pajamas, \$3,781 of baby food and formula, \$939 of wipes, \$1,583 of washcloths, towels and blankets and \$861 in lotions, wash, soap products. 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 extremely thankful for these gifts from our community which help us provide for children.

2018 Client Report

Our 49 amazing adult and 8 energetic teen volunteers served 320 client families during 1,231 visits in 2018. The client visit count is 11% higher than 2017 and client count is 8% higher, too. Our client families contained 719 children whose lives were improved by help from Birthcare. Local Medina City clients number 62% while 64% of clients are age 29 or under and 76% are single, separated/divorced or widowed. Only 25% are supported by a full-time job. Three hundred twenty individuals/groups donated new and

used items in 2018. We received financial support from 110 different individuals, corporations and church, school or community groups. We met a whopping 1,500 requests for diapers and 1,248 requests for wipes! We spent \$15,968 on client needs.

(See full stats report on page 5)

January Service Statistics

Volunteers have met 103 clients on 106 visits in January with these needs:

- 95 requests for infant clothing
- 20 requests for infant formula
- 6 requests for baby food
- 135 requests for diapers
- 116 requests for wipes
- 3 requests for car seats
- 1 request for crib/ 1 for mattress



Birthcare has been a member of the national Pajama Program since 2015. One of their sponsors is Carter's. This past Christmas season we were lucky to receive 486 pajamas in varied sizes through the generosity of staff and shoppers at our local Carter's Outlet in Lodi.

Earlier in the year, they sent us 140 pajamas of assorted sizes. We treasure this association and thank Teri Dwyer, Eastern 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**, and the staff of **Drs. Benninger, Schween & Schmidt**, Birthcare provided abundant Christmas gifts for 8 Birthcare client families in need. The Christmas spirit touched the lives of 10 adults and 23 children.

Special thank you to **Sally Pap and Barb McCoy**, for coordinating the Christmas gift program. **Steve Pap and Barb Patton** helped Sally transport gifts from St. Francis Xavier to Birthcare. Then, **Mimi Thompson, Mary Kase, Pat Neuendorff, Sue Sturm and Carolyn Lesiak** (pictured below) assisted Sally in sorting the gifts by families. Barb called clients for gift lists and met them for gift pickup.



Christmas Elves at work!

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, December - January

- Akron Community Foundation
- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- William/Alice Batchelder
- Matt/Mary Becker
- John/Michelle Bevec
- Steven J. Brown
- Catholic Charities
- Kevin/Chris Carpenter
- Marie Charek
- Thomas M. Chester
- Charles/Jayne Coleman
- Stephanie Edwards
- First Energy Employee Program
- Lynne Foradori
- Christopher J. Freeman
In honor of Kathleen Freeman
- Lou/Carol Gala
- Gary/Holly Hallman
- Patricia Kornowski
- Nancy Markovich
- Medina County Antique Power Assn.
- William/Carol Metzinger
- Joe/Wanda Olexa
- Brian/Susan Orians
- Padua Franciscan High School
- Philip/Lisa Rice Family Fund
- Adrienne Rikkenbach
- Jon/Barb Steingass
- Ric/Sue Sturm
- Linda A. Sullivan
- Thirtyseven4 LLC
- United Church of Christ, Congregational
- United Ways of Summit County and Greater Cleveland positive designations
- Devonna Wenning
- Kenneth and Barbara Wolff Foundation
- Wolff Bros. Supply, Inc.
- 620 East Smith Rd. Inc.

Special Thanks To:

Sister Sandy Bevec, for patiently inputting client statistics and **Joanne Weiler** for summarizing the client data at year-end for our annual stats page results.

Ann Marie Krynock, Jayne and Gary Thompson, for picking up, loading and delivering many, many items from the St. Martin of Tours Parish Christmas collection.

Sister Sandy Bevec, Diane Bugner, Paul Bugner, Judy Sack, Judy Podrasky, Sue Brooks and Diane Fisher, for picking up, unloading, sorting, 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.

Patrick Harris, our webmaster, who manages all the updates and generously hosts our site.

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

Current Needs

- **Baby foods & cereals**
- **Clothing, size 2T-4T**
- **Diapers, sizes 5-6**
- **Pullups, all sizes**
- **Underwear, toddler sizes**

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, December - January

- Kristi Ahee
- Allyson Alber
- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Michelle Bargs
- Mark Bugner
- Drs. Benninger, Schween & Schmidt Staff
- Alex Conto
- Nicole Dehr

- Karli Demell
- Brenda Disbrow
- Lauren Elgin
- Carol Epperson
- Penny Fabich
- Mickie Getz
- Gary/Holly Hallman
- Mark/Christy Hallman
- Karen Heichel
- Holy Martyrs Parish
- Kathy Jones
- David Manley
- Nancy Markovich
- David/Sally Neikirk
- Our Lady of Grace Parish
- Padua Franciscan High School
- Joan Rundle
- St. Francis Xavier Parish
- St. Francis Xavier School Families
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul Society
- St. Martin of Tours Parish
- Mary Jane Semivar
- Jennifer Sinhe
- Dolores Smiley
- George Smiley
- Deb Stewart
- Terry/Leona Sturgill
- Lisa Thiergartner
- Thirtyseven4 LLC
- Mark Tomecko
- Sara Sundermeier
- Irene Vasko
- Tower Tootsies
- Craig Webb
- Patti Weimer
- Westfield Companies
- Eileen Williston
- Traci Winkler and her Medina HS Language Arts students

Welcome New Volunteers

Three new volunteers were trained in January: Carolyn Constance, Buckeye High School language arts teacher; Melissa Kudley, Chubb Insurance underwriter, and Debbie Garofalo, nursing clinical instructor at Walsh University. We welcome teens and adults interested in helping us serve Medina County families in need.

Grateful, Thankful and Blessed By So Many Generous Donors!

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!



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 have supported Birthcare since 1998.

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 supports several charities with her annual 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.

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 with the aid of volunteer Jayne Thompson and husband, Gary, packed the donations in their vehicles and delivered them to our office on several trips in December. Our sympathy goes out to Ann Marie, whose husband John died recently. John always helped Ann Marie do this annual work of mercy.

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 basic needs to fill our shelves.

Our Lady of Grace parishioners in Hinckley decided to gather items most needed by families of Birthcare, including clothing, with a holiday collection.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Medina chapter, collected both money and necessities for Birthcare this year.

As they do each year, parishioners of **Holy Martyrs Parish**, Medina, gathered a large amount of items to make our client families smile at Christmas time.

The **office staff of Drs. Benninger, Schween & Schmidt** adopted a family for Christmas again this year.

In January, using money collected from half court shot contests at half-time of basketball games, the **Cloverleaf HS Cheerleading Team** went shopping and purchased supplies Birthcare needs most, diapers, socks and foods (pictured below).



Finally, thank you to the **Hear His Voice Men's Renewal Team at St. Francis Xavier Parish**, who issued a challenge to its 100 Catholic Men for Medina members on January 22, the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision, inviting them to show their support for "women who made the brave and loving choice to give birth" by bringing financial or material donations to Birthcare.



Birthcare's Board of Directors

Mary S. Kase, President
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Diane Bugner, Treasurer
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Important Date

Board of Directors Meeting
7pm Wednesday, March 13, 2019

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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2018 Statistics

Client Family Total: 320

Visit Total: 1,231



Registered Client Profile

Residence					
Medina	197	62%	Seville	7	2%
Brunswick	35	11%	Spencer	7	2%
Wadsworth	28	9%	Other in County	7	2%
Lodi	20	6%	Outside County	2	
Chippewa Lake	11	3%	Unknown	4	

Ages			Marital Status		
14-19	13	4%	Single	218	68%
20-29	191	60%	Married	59	19%
30-39	78	24%	Sep/Div	26	8%
40-up	30	10%	Unknown	17	5%
Unknown	8	2%			

Pregnant in Year		Race		
		Caucasian	214	67%
53	17%	Black	49	15%
		Hispanic	15	5%
		Other	14	4%
		Unknown	28	9%

Sources of Income		
Full-Time Employment	81	25%
Part-Time Employment	64	20%
Family Help	36	11%
Child Support	37	11%
Ohio Works First	16	5%
Unemployment	29	9%
Social Security	31	9%
Other	19	6%
No Support	31	9%

Receiving WIC Assistance: 190 (60%)

High School Diploma or GED: 211 (66%)

Currently Students (HS or College): 28 (9%)

# Visits/Client			Ages of Children	
1-4 visits	214	67%	0-2 yrs.	323
5-10 visits	86	27%	3-5 yrs.	181
11-18 visits	20	6%	6-12 yrs.	169
			13 & over	46
			Total	719

Service Units		
Infant clothing requests		955
Formula requests		215
Baby food requests		81
Diaper requests		1,500
Wipes requests		1,248
Layettes prepared for newborns		20
New cribs distributed		19
New mattresses distributed		16
New car seats distributed		25
Scholarships awarded		6
Christmas gifts provided for		8 families
		(10 adults/23 children)

Financial Donation Highlights		
Private		\$ 25,059
Church & Community		\$ 10,314
Annual Mother's Day Appeal		\$ 7,220
Grant Income		\$ 2,500
Number of Donors		110

Material Donations Count	
Individuals, businesses, church & community groups	320

New Donations - Fair Market Value	
3,758 items	\$31,553

Volunteer Activity in Year		
Volunteer total at 12/31/2018	49 adults	8 teen
Volunteers trained in 2018	9 adults	3 teens
Total hours of volunteers	1,243 hours	

Referrals Received From:
 WIC Department, Job & Family Services, Help Me Grow, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, Community Action, Head Start, Medina County Health Dept., Medina Career Center, Oasis of Hope, Alternative Paths, Operation Homes, Metropolitan Housing, St. Vincent de Paul Society, caseworkers, churches, medical facilities, schools, website, families and friends