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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 2020

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 materials or services given to Birthcare. For 2019, her summary showed Birthcare received 4,319 new items valued at \$38,720. That is a large increase from our 2018 material donation total of \$31,553. In 2019 we were recipients of \$10,984 of diapers/pull-ups, \$10,206 of clothing and pajamas, \$3,985 of baby food and formula, \$2389 of wipes, and \$1,210 of blankets. These gifts sustain us for four to six months and save us thousands of dollars in expense providing for the needs of children in our community. Thank you, Suzie, and all the volunteers who religiously inventoried new donations as they arrived!

2019 Client Report

Our 62 amazing adult and teen volunteers served 289 client families during 1,127 visits in 2019. The client visit count is 8% lower than 2018 and client count is 10% lower. Our client families contained 669 children whose lives were improved by help from Birthcare. Local Medina City clients number 62% while 55% of clients are age 29 or under and 76% are single, separated/divorced or widowed. Only 27% are supported by a full-time job. Three hundred twenty nine individuals/groups donated new and used items in 2019. We received financial support

from 110 different individuals, corporations and church, school or community groups. We met a whopping 1,362 requests for diapers and 1,027 requests for wipes!

(See full stats report on page 5)



Birthcare has been a member of the national Pajama Program since 2015. One of their sponsors is Carter's. In 2019 they sent us 122 pajamas in assorted sizes in two shipments. Each pajama also had a companion Scholastic book tied to it. 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**, Birthcare provided abundant Christmas gifts for 8

Birthcare client families in need. The Christmas spirit touched the lives of 11 adults and 25 children.

Special thank you to **Sally Pap and Barb McCoy**, for coordinating the Christmas gift program. Sally's staff included her husband **Steve and friends, Jan Clark, Sue Sturm, Pat Neuendorff and Carolyn Lesiak**. Her group transported the gifts to our office, sorted them into family groups and bagged the items for pickup by the families. Barb called clients for gift lists and met them for gift pickup.

Two Grant Awards

Birthcare is pleased to announce receipt of two awards in late December. **Meaden & Moore CPA firm** accepted our application for \$1,000 for the purchase of diapers as part of their centennial celebration Greater Good Campaign. Next, the **Willard Stephenson Foundation** accepted our request of \$1003.86 to aid in purchasing infant formula. We are grateful to the boards of these organizations for their trust in our mission.

January Service Statistics

Volunteers have met 90 clients on 92 visits in January with the following needs:

- 72 requests for infant clothing
- 19 requests for infant formula
- 7 requests for baby food

- 98 requests for diapers
- 79 requests for wipes
- 4 requests for car seats
- 2 requests for cribs & mattresses

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, December - January

- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- John Batchelder
- William/Alice Batchelder
- John/Michelle Bevec
- Catholic Charities
- Kevin/Chris Carpenter
- Thomas M. Chester
- Charles/Jayne Coleman
- Stephanie Edwards
- First Energy Employee Program
- Patricia Kornowski
- Nancy Markovich
- Meaden & Moore
- Medina County Antique Power Assn.
- William/Carol Metzinger
- Joe/Wanda Olexa
- Brian/Susan Orians
- Padua Franciscan High School
- Warren/Marge Raese
- Adrienne Riggerbach
- Jon/Barb Steingass
- Willard Stephenson Foundation
- Linda A. Sullivan
- United Ways of Summit County and Greater Cleveland positive designations
- Kenneth and Barbara Wolff Foundation
- Wolff Bros. Supply, Inc.
- 620 East Smith Rd. Inc.

Special Thanks To:

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

Ann Marie Krynock and Mary Meyer, for picking up, loading and delivering many, many items from

the St. Martin of Tours Parish Christmas collection.

Sister Sandy Bevec, Paul Bugner, Kara Bethany, Annie Wolny, Janet Grimm, Janice Holderead, Donna Lavelle and Linda Oblander for picking up, unloading, sorting, organizing and inventorying the large St. Francis Xavier School Advent collection in mid-December.



Thank you, too, to the **St. Francis Xavier School Student Council members** who braved the frigid morning temps to help load the donations.

Molly Rose, for transporting larger size children's clothing and adult clothing donations to the May Dugan Center in Cleveland.

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**
- **Clothing, size 2T-4T**
- **Diapers, sizes 5-6**
- **Pull-ups, 4T-5T**

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, Nov. 15 - January 31

- Allison Augaitis
- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Margaret Bennett
- Dave/Marge Berisit
- Buckeye Library Staff
- Mark Bugner
- Breinn Buehner
- Terri Clark

- Cloverleaf Preschool
- Jean Copeland
- Barbara Fidel
- First Christian Church, Wadsworth, Preschool Sunday School Class
- Donna Foradori
- Judy Gainard
- Debbie Green
- Gary/Holly Hallman
- Sarah Hamlin
- Karen Heichel
- Mary Henderson
- Holy Martyrs Parish
- Linda Innocenti
- Internationals Soccer Team U-13
- Angela Latchney
- John Latchney
- Carolyn Lesiak
- Laura Majkrzak
- David Manley
- Mrs. Mansor
- Nancy Markovich
- Medina Dental Society
- Mr. Neidenthal
- Oaks Family Care Center
- Linda Oblander
- Patty Ostrander
- Our Lady of Grace Parish
- Padua Franciscan High School
- Pajama Program
- Gayle Pickering
- Kathy Richards
- St. Francis Xavier Parish Giving Tree
- St. Francis Xavier School Advent Collection
- St. Martin of Tours Parish
- Julie Seguin
- Shaw JCC
- Deb Stewart
- Micaela Stewart
- Lorraine Teague
- Kari Toney
- Waite Elementary Gr. 3 Class of Mrs. Wilbur
- Carol Walling
- Jennifer Walter
- Western Reserve Masonic Community Yarn Buddies
- Traci Winkler and her Medina HS Language Arts students
- U13 Internationals Soccer Club
- Carol Zartfoos

Thankful and Blessed by *Loyal, Generous Donors*



Traci Winkler, Language Arts teacher at Medina High School, once again spearheaded a very generous donation of baby/toddler items collected by students in her classes. Traci and her students have generously supported Birthcare's needs

for 21 years and counting. We applaud her efforts!

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 baby foods, wipes, cereals, bottles, cups, socks, underwear, bibs, wash, shampoo, ointments and lotions, washcloths, towels that sustain us for many months.

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 volunteers Ann Marie Krynock and Mary Meyer packed the donations in their vehicles and delivered 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 \$36,409 which benefitted many area charities. In addition, they collected other items for our clients.

In December **Our Lady of Grace** parishioners in Hinckley collected items most needed by families of Birthcare, including clothing. Items were delivered by parishioner Chris Staab.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Medina chapter, hosted their annual Christmas party and collected money, diapers and wipes for Birthcare this year.

As they do each year, parishioners of **Holy Martyrs Parish**, Medina, gathered 10 huge bags overflowing with beautifully wrapped gifts of clothing, mostly toddler sizes, a size range we always need.

Twelve teens, all members of the **U13 Internationals Soccer Club** in Medina, created 21 fleece blankets for our clients in mid-January. Pictured below are: Ella Baird, Cecelia Craig, Luisa Fragnoli, Reese Gallagher, Camille Hostettler, Phoenix Johnson, Sonia Lamarre, Selena Malave, Delaney Miller, Clara Santiago, Gabi Signorino (not in the photo, teammate Dylan Meech).



The preschool classes at **Cloverleaf Elementary School**, with the guidance of teacher Maura Gorman, collected new fleece winter pajamas for us. Due to their efforts, the



Pajama Program, a national organization, will send Birthcare a matching number of Scholastic children's books.

Waite Elementary School Grade 3 students of Mrs. Wilbur took time to personally design colorful burp cloths for clients. Students below share their artistry!



Our 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.
Michele Fusillo, RD,LD, CLC
Sally C. Pap

Important Dates

Volunteer Gathering
7:00 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 12

Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 pm, Wednesday, Mar. 25

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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2019 Statistics

Client Family Total: 289

Visit Total: 1,127



Registered Client Profile

Residence					
Medina	179	62%	Seville	6	2%
Brunswick	32	11%	Spencer	4	1%
Wadsworth	23	8%	Other in County	10	3%
Lodi	20	7%	Outside County	2	
Chippewa Lake	10	3%	Homeless	3	

Ages			Marital Status		
14-19	9	3%	Single	191	66%
20-29	150	52%	Married	65	23%
30-39	91	31%	Sep/Div/Wid	9	10%
40-up	31	11%	Unknown	4	1%
Unknown	8	3%			

Pregnant in Year		Race		
		Caucasian	189	65%
56	19%	Black	40	14%
		Hispanic	11	4%
		Other	23	8%
		Unknown	26	9%

Sources of Income		
Full-Time Employment	80	27%
Part-Time Employment	60	21%
Family Help	33	11%
Child Support	24	8%
Ohio Works First	16	6%
Unemployment	12	4%
Social Security	26	9%
Other	15	5%
No Support	49	17%

Receiving WIC Assistance: 177 (61%)

High School Diploma or GED: 214 (74%)

Currently Students (HS or College): 18 (6%)

# Visits/Client			Ages of Children	
1-4 visits	194	67%	0-2 yrs.	297
5-10 visits	74	26%	3-5 yrs.	182
11-18 visits	21	7%	6-12 yrs.	149
			13 & over	41
			Total	669

Service Units	
Infant clothing requests	884
Formula requests	293
Baby food requests	80
Diaper requests	1,362
Wipes requests	1,027
Layettes prepared for newborns	31
New cribs distributed	22
New mattresses distributed	20
New car seats distributed	24
Scholarships awarded	3
Christmas gifts provided for	8 families
	(11 adults/25 children)

Financial Donation Highlights	
Private	\$ 74,915
Church & Community	\$ 4,680
Annual Mother's Day Appeal	\$ 9,481
Grant Income	\$ 3,004
Number of Donors	110

Material Donations Count	
Individuals, businesses, church & community groups	329

New Donations - Fair Market Value	
4,319 items	\$38,720

Volunteer Activity in Year		
Volunteer total at 12/31/2019	60 adults	2 teens
Volunteers trained in 2019	20 adults	2 teens
Total hours of volunteers	976 hours	

Referrals Received From:
 WIC Department, Job & Family Services, Help Me Grow, Battered Women's Shelter, Operation HOMES, Akron Children's Hospital, Ohio Works First, Oasis of Hope, Alternative Paths, Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority, JOG Program, Medina CSB, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Amazing Wonders, Head Start, caseworkers, churches, medical facilities, schools, website, Facebook, families and friends