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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 2021

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

## Minuteman Press Makes Big Impact with January Gift



Minuteman Press staff decided to support some local charities and Birthcare was lucky to be one of them! Recently, owner Dave Wyatt contacted director Barb McCoy to share that they had collected a grand total of \$1,807. They hope to help other charities during the year. Dave's employees include Mary Cameron (customer support rep) Sierra Snipes (graphic designer) and Eric Lunsford (productions specialist). All are pictured above. Thank you, Minuteman Press, for your confidence in our mission!

## New Material Donation Values Fall in Pandemic

Volunteer **Suzie Milam** coordinated assigning fair market value to all new donated materials/services given to Birthcare in 2020. Her summary showed Birthcare received 2,024 new items valued at \$22,874. That is much lower than our 2019 inventory of 4,319 items valued at \$38,720. The pandemic definitely was a factor. In 2020 we were recipients of \$5,391 of

diapers/pull-ups, \$3,574 of clothing and pajamas, \$911 of baby food and formula, \$809 of wipes, and \$7,985 of gift cards to give clients and use for client supplies. These gifts sustain us throughout the year and save us thousands of dollars in expense providing for the needs of children in our community.

## 2020 Client Report

Our 54 dedicated adult and teen volunteers served 184 client families during 595 visits in 2020. The client visit count is 47% lower than 2019 and client count is 36% lower – all due to the pandemic. Our client families contained 441 children whose lives were improved by help from Birthcare. Local Medina City clients number 59% while 54% of clients are age 29 or under and 70% are single, separated/divorced or widowed. Only 28% are supported by a full-time job and 3% admitted the pandemic forced them to be laid off from work. One hundred forty-three individuals/groups donated new and used items in 2020. We received financial support from 130 different individuals, corporations and church, school or community groups. We met 624 requests for diapers (down 54% from 2019) and 528 requests for wipes (down 48% over the prior year)! We still gave out 12 cribs to needy families (down 45% from 2019).

It seems that clients are still reluctant to leave their homes for items to support their young children. But, our volunteers, our heroes, will still be there to help in our “contactless

service” routine until the pandemic is suppressed.

*(See full stats report on page 5)*

## Gift Cards Surprise Clients

With the help of parishioners of **St. Francis Xavier Parish Giving Tree, Medina**, Birthcare received 189 gift cards totaling \$7,970. Cards were mainly for Target, Walmart and Giant Eagle. Due to the pandemic the parish did not engage in its usual program where parishioners bought gifts specifically for our neediest of client families. However, beginning in late December and continuing still, random clients receive envelopes with approximately \$75 each in gift cards. The surprise gifts have brought tears to the eyes of both the recipients and the volunteers!

## Virtual Volunteer Meet Feb. 10



Please RSVP by Monday, Feb. 8, to attend our virtual volunteer meeting at 7pm Wednesday, February 10. **Atty. Marie Edmonds**, a member of our board, will lead us in a presentation about writing your memoirs. Marie is a local estate planning and elder care attorney. There will be a door prize. You won't want to miss this gathering. Once you RSVP, you will be given a link to the meeting by host Joanne Weiler. We will also discuss ongoing COVID-19 protocols and how volunteers can stay involved without working during office hours.

## January Service Statistics

Volunteers met 43 clients on 43 visits in January with the following needs:

- 24 requests for infant clothing
- 7 requests for infant formula
- 4 requests for baby food
- 41 requests for diapers
- 34 requests for wipes
- 1 request for car seats
- 2 requests for newborn layettes

## Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, Nov. 15 - Jan. 31

- John Batchelder
- William/Alice Batchelder
- John/Michelle Bevec
- CAF America
- Catholic Charities
- Kevin/Chris Carpenter
- Tom/Deborah Chester
- Tom/Claudia Cihlar  
*The Cihlars donated in honor of their daughter Amanda's baby shower. Amanda was a Birthcare teen volunteer in high school.*
- Jayne Coleman
- Brigitte Dade
- Marilyn Demsey
- Mr/Mrs Stephen Draga
- **In Memory of William Daubner:**  
Scott/Pamela Benson  
Roger H. Carlson  
Alice Hinkel  
Donald Hultzman  
David/Cherie Kalal  
Christopher Kaspar  
Kyle Moir  
John/Anne Molnar  
Kevin M. Payne  
Patrick Sullivan  
Matthew Zimmerman
- Stephanie Edwards
- Marie Edmonds
- John/Jennifer Graham
- Victoria Hayes
- Irene F. Hill
- Mary Kase
- Kristina Kesler

- Patricia Kornowski
- William Laux
- David/Ruth Ann Manley
- Carol Margargee
- Joan McCourt
- John/Mary Meyer
- Mr/Mrs John Oleska
- Padua Franciscan High School
- Barb Patton
- Mr/Mrs Daniel Paul
- Warren Raese
- Mr/Mrs Joseph Raineri
- Erin/Elaine Rankin
- Phil/Lisa Rice
- Adrienne Riggenbach
- Marcia Rohde
- James/Lucie Sovey
- Jon/Barb Steingass
- Linda A. Sullivan
- Rosanne Summerville
- United Church of Christ, Congregational, Medina
- United Way of Summit County positive designations
- Mr/Mrs Donald Witkiewicz
- Paula Wolf
- George/Donna Wolff
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff
- Kenneth and Barbara Wolff Foundation
- Tina Zalewski



published an article about Birthcare in its February issue. Director Barb McCoy was interviewed by writer Kent Von der Vellen. The magazine is available to view online.

## Special Thanks To:



**Joanne Weiler and Sister Sandy Bevec**, for input of client statistics throughout the year and **Joanne Weiler** for finalizing and summarizing the client data at year-end for our annual stats document.

**Paul Bugner and Scott Sopata** for picking up and unloading the St. Francis Xavier School Advent collection on a cold December

morning. Thank you, too, to Sister Sandy Bevec, Barb McCoy and Diane Bugner for inventorying Christmas collections in December.

**Patrick Harris**, our webmaster, for managing the updates and generously hosting our internet website.

## Current Needs

### Toddler Clothing, 2T-4T

## Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, Nov. 15 – Jan. 31

- Bill Bennett
- Mark Bugner
- Bumblebee Village
- Gifts from the Heart
- Mark/Christy Hallman
- Dan/Nicole Harcar
- Mrs. Hasher
- Neil/Leslie McCoy
- Ms. McDermott
- Bev McGlamery
- Medina County District Library Warm Up Medina County
- Medina HS Girls Lacrosse Team
- Amy Neumeyer
- Patty Ostrander
- Our Lady of Grace Parish Giving Tree
- Padua Franciscan High School Christmas for Others
- Rainbow Quilters
- Laura Rice
- St. Francis Xavier Parish
- St. Francis Xavier School Families
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Joy Siewarchak
- Tyler/Melina Skidmore
- Sandra Smith Yahab Group
- Deb Stewart
- Sandy Thomas
- Sarah Walters
- Western Reserve Masonic Community Yarn Buddies
- Traci Winkler and her Medina HS Language Arts students
- Dona and Hallie Wolff



## Tis the Season to be Jolly and Help Others

**Traci Winkler**, Language Arts teacher at Medina High School, yet 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 22 years and counting. We applaud her perseverance during COVID times and not seeing her students face-to-face to make this collection happen!

**Chris Carpenter**, owner of CC Trans, Medina, annually donates profits from snack 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.

The tenants of **5000 Gateway Drive, Medina**, banded together under the coordination of Ed Bugner, CPA, and over several weeks brought in cartons of diapers, jackets clothing, cash gifts and other necessities for our clients. An easel in the foyer advised tenants and building guests of our most pressing needs.



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, and towels that fill our shelves.



Mary Zolkowski, one of our long-time volunteers and a teacher at Parma's **Padua Franciscan High School**, accepted a generous check from **Padua Franciscan High School Christmas for Others Program** on behalf of Birthcare in December. She also eloquently spoke of her involvement with Birthcare. Padua



students, faculty, staff and alumni annually collect items and money through creative activities. This year, \$15,578 in cash was collected. Items and monies are then distributed to needy families, nonprofits, inner-city schools, food pantries and animal shelters. Mary and sons Ryan and Caleb delivered a huge shipment of items earmarked for Birthcare on several trips despite cold and snowy weather conditions.

In December **Our Lady of Grace** parishioners in Hinckley collected items most needed by families of Birthcare, including much needed toddler clothing to fill our near empty bins. Items were delivered by Chris Staab.

Jackie Meyers, a member of **the Medina High School Girls Lacrosse team**, asked her teammates and the public to support Birthcare of Medina County with a drive. The team hosted a drop-off of items on an early Saturday in December. Jackie is the niece of Birthcare director Barb McCoy. Jackie and teammates are pictured below braving cold temps as they awaited drop-off of donations.



**Dona Wolff and daughter Hallie Wolff** participated in a Reverse Advent Calendar collection of non-perishable foods. Each day, they added a food item from macaroni and



cheese to peanut butter, pasta, vegetables, and fruits. Once the various foods were collected, they decided Birthcare would be a worthy recipient. So, one December Saturday, two lucky random, yet very needy, clients visiting our

office were surprised with the boxes, neatly tied with bows. The volunteers on duty were so pleased to see the grateful reactions of the clients.

## 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 Virtual Gathering**  
7:00 pm, Wednesday, Feb. 10

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
6:30 pm, Wednesday, Mar. 10

## 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.*

*Birthcare of Medina County*

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# Birthcare of Medina County

## 2020 Pandemic Statistics

**Client Family Total: 184**  
**Visit Total: 595**



### Registered Client Profile

#### Residence

Medina	108	59%	Seville	5	3%
Brunswick	24	13%			
Wadsworth	16	9%	Other in County	10	6%
Lodi	12	7%	Outside County	1	
Chippewa Lake	3	2%			

#### Ages Marital Status

14-19	6	3%	Single	118	64%
20-29	94	51%	Married	46	24%
30-39	56	30%	Sep/Div/Wid	10	6%
40-up	17	9%	Unknown	10	6%
Unknown	11	6%			

#### Pregnant in Year Race

32	17%	Caucasian	126	68%
		Black	8	10%
		Hispanic	6	3%
		Other	8	4%
		Unknown	26	14%

#### Sources of Income

Full-Time Employment	52	28%
Part-Time Employment	32	17%
Family/Spouse Support	29	16%
Child Support	19	10%
Ohio Works First	7	4%
Unemployment	5	3%
Social Security	14	8%
Other	10	6%
No Support	29	16%

**Receiving WIC Assistance:** 107 (58%)

**High School Diploma or GED:** 125 (68%)

**Currently Students (HS or College):** 21 (11%)

**Affected By Pandemic Lay-off:** 6 (3%)

**Others With Custody of Children:** 9 (5%)

# Visits/Client			Ages of Children	
1-4 visits	140	76%	0-2 yrs.	213
5-10 visits	38	21%	3-5 yrs.	117
11-18 visits	5	3%	6-12 yrs.	84
			13 & over	27
			<b>Total</b>	<b>441</b>

### Service Units

Infant clothing requests	409
Formula requests	112
Baby food requests	74
Diaper requests	624
Wipes requests	528
Layettes for newborns	12 given 24 prepared
New cribs distributed	12
New mattresses distributed	11
New car seats distributed	21
Scholarships awarded	2

### Financial Donation Highlights

Private	\$ 54,318
Church & Community	\$ 4,875
Annual Mother's Day Appeal	\$ 8,356
Grant Income	\$ 1,500
Number of Donors	130

### Material Donations Count

Individuals/businesses/church/community groups	143
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### New Donations - Fair Market Value

2,024 items	\$22,874
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### Volunteer Activity in Year

Volunteer total at 12/31/2020	52 adults	2 teens
Volunteers trained in 2020	2 adults	2 teens
Total hours of volunteers	901.25 hours	

### Referrals Received From:

WIC Department, Medina County Job & Family Services, Battered Women's Shelter, Oasis of Hope, St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul Society, Live Inspired, Medina Moms, The Oaks Family Center, social service agencies, churches, medical facilities, website, Birthcare volunteers, hospital fair, WIC farmers' market, families and friends