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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 2022

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

## A Message From Our Director

Happy New Year to all our Birthcare volunteers, supporters and clients. We are looking forward to serving families in need here in our own Medina County community.

This year we are embarking on a venture that will add technology to our office and streamline our daily operations.

We had planned to hold our annual volunteer meeting in February to roll out the plan, but due to Covid concerns and scheduling we will be scheduling a get-together sometime in April.

Board member Joanne Weiler has agreed to assist us in getting the ball rolling with Google Suite. We will all be working the learning curve together with the goal of making scheduling, client information storage and data gathering easier and more streamlined.

We are excited to embark on this venture and will be purchasing Chromebooks for the office. We will keep you updated as the project rolls out. Spring is around the corner!

## Gift Cards Surprise Clients

With the help of parishioners of **St. Francis Xavier Parish Giving Tree, Medina**, Birthcare received gift cards totaling \$6,900. Cards were primarily for Target, Walmart and Giant Eagle. Beginning in late December and continuing still, random clients receive an envelope containing approximately \$100 in gift cards. The surprise gifts have brought tears to

the eyes of both the recipients and volunteers. One client even asked if she could give volunteers a hug!

## Creative Works of Art



14 diaper bags sewn by Marge Berish



Winter hats created by Jill Schubert



Caps crafted by Patty Cathcart

## 2021 Client Report

Our 55 dedicated adult and teen volunteers served 133 client families during 455 visits in 2021. The client

visit count is 23.5% lower than 2020 and client count is 27.7% lower – all due to the pandemic. Our client families contained 301 children whose lives were improved by help from Birthcare. Local Medina City clients number 59% while 62% of clients are age 29 or under and 69% are single, separated/divorced or widowed. Only 24% are supported by a full-time job and 2 clients admitted the pandemic forced them to be laid off from work. 166 individuals/groups donated new and used material items in 2021. We received financial support from 139 different individuals, corporations and church, school, or community groups. We met 554 requests for diapers and 486 requests for wipes. We gave 3 new cribs to needy families.

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 the best way possible until the pandemic is suppressed.

*(See full stats report on last page)*

## 2021 Material Valuations

Volunteer **Suzie Milam** assigned fair market value to all new donated materials/services given to Birthcare in 2021. Her summary showed Birthcare received 3,532 new items valued at \$30,465.80. In 2021 we were recipients of \$6,842 of diapers/pull-ups, \$9,494 of clothing and pajamas, \$1,601 of baby food and formula, \$679 of wipes, and

\$6,900 of gift cards to give clients and use for necessary client-related supplies. These gifts save us thousands of dollars in expense providing for the needs of children in our community.

### January Service Statistics

Volunteers met 40 clients on 40 visits in January with the following needs:

- 29 requests for infant clothing
- 2 requests for infant formula
- 2 requests for baby food
- 51 requests for diapers
- 42 requests for wipes
- 1 request for car seat
- 1 request for crib & mattress
- 1 request for newborn layette

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

- Amazon Smile
- John/Kathy Batchelder
- Alice Batchelder
- Michael/Amie Baumgartner
- John/Michelle Bevec
- Kevin/Chris Carpenter
- Catholic Charities
- Thomas Chester
- Tad/Jan Coleman
- Catherine L. Connolly
- Connie Dickson
- Doug/Stephanie Edwards
- Marie Mirro Edmonds
- Ronald/Penelope Fabich
- Lynne Foradori
- Monica Goetz
- John M. Hoty
- Doug/Jill Hurst
- Mary Kase
- Bill Laux
- Catherine B. Lynch
- Anthony Manley
- David/Ruth Ann Manley
- Patricia A. Marvin
- Medina County Right to Life
- William/Carol Metzinger
- Charles/Marie Miller

- John/Loretta Oleska
- Brian/Susan Orians
- Kurt/Patricia Ostrander
- Our Lady of Grace Parish
- Padua Franciscan High School
- Adam/Dawn Prokop
- Erin/Elaine Rankin
- Philip/Lisa Rice
- Adrienne Riggerbach
- Rachelle Skidmore
- William A. Smith
- Jon/Barb Steingass
- Susan M. Sturm
- Linda A. Sullivan
- Rosanne Summerville
- United Way of Summit County
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff
- Kenneth & Barbara Wolff Foundation

### Special Thanks To:



**Joanne Weiler** for her dedicated input and year-end summation of all the client data for our annual stats document.

**Paul Bugner and Mike Bethany** for picking up and unloading the St. Francis Xavier School Advent collection on a cold December morning. Thank you, too, to **Sister Sandy Bevec, Mary Ann Mayer, Janet Grimm, and Donna Lavelle** for processing those thousands of items. Special thanks to **Christina Collins, Sister Sandy Bevec and Diane Bugner** for inventorying the large December collections.

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

### Current Needs

**Toddler Clothing, 2T-4T  
More Clients**



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- Marge Berish
- Paige Bethany
- Jason Bittinger
- Mark Bugner
- Dan Calvin
- Patty Cathcart
- Celeste/Wendy Chasar
- Patsy Chesbro
- Connie Dickson
- Robert/Lisa Dowdell
- Fiorelli Construction Co. Employees
- Diane Fisher
- Donna Foradori
- Lynne Foradori
- Dana Galardi
- Tina Meyer Hawkes
- Maureen Hoch
- Katie Jackson
- Marcus Jones
- Tim Kerns
- Medina Rec Center Knitters
- Medina County District Library Warm Up Medina County
- Chris Mowery
- Our Lady of Grace Parish Giving Tree
- Padua Franciscan High School
- Marsha Rybacki
- St. Ambrose Parish Fill the Crib
- St. Francis Xavier Parish Giving Tree
- St. Francis Xavier School
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul Society
- St. Martin of Tours Parish
- Jill Schubert
- Theresa Steven
- Janice Steyer
- Callie Ware
- Kelly Welch
- Western Reserve Masonic Community Yarn Buddies
- Traci Winkler and her Medina HS Language Arts students
- Dona Wolff
- Hallie Wolff

## It Was a Very Good Year for Giving to Birthcare

**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 23 years and counting. Traci teaches more than academics; she is showing her students to have compassion and empathy for the poor.

**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.

In December, **St. Francis Xavier School** Student Council coordinated a drive in each classroom K-8 plus preschool.



The 1,420 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. In addition, there were 1,297 diapers and pullups!

Mary Zolkowski, one of our long-time volunteers and assistant principal at **Padua Franciscan High School, Parma** accepted a generous check from **Padua Franciscan High School Christmas for Others Program** on behalf of Birthcare in December. Items and monies are 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 during Christmas break. In addition, a substantial check was presented to us.



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

by Chris Staab. Likewise, **St. Ambrose** parishioners gathered diapers, wipes, towels, sheets, infant formula, and shampoo. It took volunteer Mary Meyer three trips to deliver all the items **St. Martin of Tours** parishioners gathered for Birthcare this December: winter jackets, hats, mitten, gloves, hats, baby food, diapers, clothing, and hygiene products.

The Comfort and Joy food boxes containing 24 items were a big hit for their inaugural year. **Dona Wolff and daughters Hallie Wolff and Katie Jackson** prepared three boxes. Volunteer Maureen Hoch and fellow employees of **Perram Electric (Wadsworth)** put



together two food boxes and another. An anonymous donor dropped off a seventh box. Seven random clients were given these overflowing food boxes during client visits. The volunteers on duty report many grateful clients were in tears as they accepted the food box bonus.



The employees of **Fiorelli Construction Co**, under the inspiration of Carolyn Aquino, collected and delivered layettes, wipes, gift cards and baby foods as a company holiday project.

Knitting and crocheting creations arrived via several individuals and organizations.

**Medina Rec Center Knitters** crafted hats, sweaters, and blankets. **Warm-Up Medina County's** annual project yielded four bags full of knitted and crocheted work.

**Marge Berish** dropped off 14 diaper bags she designed in a variety of bright and colorful designs. Each one also included a changing pad. **Patty Cathcart** used her extra yarn supply to create cute elf and pumpkin caps.

Finally, **Jill Schubert**, who suddenly passed away in January, used her talents during her time in a nursing home to fashion some awesome designs from patriotic to animal inspirations.

## 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

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 9

## 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

## 2021 Pandemic Statistics

**Client Family Total: 133**

**Visit Total: 455**



### Registered Client Profile

Residence					
Medina	79	59%	Spencer	4	3%
Brunswick	14	11%			
Wadsworth	10	8%	Other in County	11	6%
Lodi	6	5%	Outside County	5	3%
Homerville	4	3%	Unknown	10	8%

Ages			Marital Status		
14-19	6	5%	Single	84	63%
20-29	76	57%	Married	37	28%
30-39	37	28%	Sep/Div/Wid	8	6%
40-up	11	8%	Unknown	4	3%
Unknown	3	2%			

Pregnant in Year		Race	
		Caucasian	90 68%
26	20%	Black	21 15%
		Hispanic	6 5%
		Other	1
		Unknown	15 11%

Sources of Income		
Full-Time Employment	32	24%
Part-Time Employment	30	23%
Family/Spouse Support	21	16%
Child Support	14	11%
Ohio Works First	6	5%
Unemployment	12	9%
Social Security	8	6%
Other	4	3%
No Support	26	20%

**Receiving WIC Assistance:** 91 (68%)

**High School Diploma or GED:** 98 (74%)

**Currently Students (HS or College):** 26 (19%)

**Affected By Pandemic Lay-off:** 2

**Others With Custody of Children:** 6 (5%)

# Visits/Client			Ages of Children	
1-4 visits	94	71%	0-2 yrs.	141
5-10 visits	34	26%	3-5 yrs.	63
11-18 visits	1	3%	6-12 yrs.	70
			13 & over	19
			Unknown	8
			Total	301

Service Units		
Infant clothing requests		329
Formula requests		50
Baby food requests		42
Diaper requests		554
Wipes requests		486
Layettees for newborns	11 given	7 prepared
New cribs distributed		3
New mattresses distributed		2
New car seats distributed		2
Scholarships awarded		4

Financial Donation Highlights	
Private	\$ 63,186
Church & Community	\$ 3,745
Annual Mother's Day Appeal	\$ 12,815
Grant Income	\$ -
Number of Donors	139

Material Donations Count	
Individuals/businesses/church/community groups	166

New Donations - Fair Market Value	
3,532 items	\$30,466

Volunteer Activity in Year		
Volunteer total at 12/31/2021	53 adults	2 teens
Volunteers trained in 2021	12 adults	0 teens
Total hours of volunteers	952.50 hours	

### Referrals Received From:

WIC Department, Oasis of Hope, Operation: HOMES, Head Start, Medina County Health Dept., Help Me Grow, caseworkers, churches, medical facilities, website, Facebook page, Birthcare volunteers, family, and friends