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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. - Noon

Birthcare of Medina County

June 2016

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

Thank you, Volunteers!

We thank our dedicated volunteers who compassionately serve our clients, meeting material needs and sometimes emotional needs! Most volunteers feel they get more out of the volunteering experience, including new friendships, than they ever thought possible.

Volunteer **Mary Zolkowski** says she "looks forward to Birthcare nights, not only because I love helping the clients and know how grateful they are...but also because I get to see Cathy (the other gal she volunteers with) and we get to catch up from the previous month. Sometimes on slow nights we laugh until our sides hurt from the life stories we share!"

Current Adult Volunteers

Mary Louise Arango	Ann Marie Krynock
Terri Baisden	Francine Lacovic
Denise Barczyk	Stephanie Langusch
Sandy Bevec	Tammy Larsen
Carol Bianchi	Patty Meyers
Lynne Bixler	Suzie Milam
Mary Lou Cavanaugh	Michelle Miller
Marie Charek	Kristen Milvet
Terri Clark	Penny Norris
Alecia Dailide	Carol Prentice
Susan Faecking	Lisa Rice
Lynne Foradori	Ruth Rodgers
Judy Fox	Patty Schuck
Monica Gorman	Sue Simmons
Marilyn Griffin	Nicole Smerek
Karen Haverdill	Lisa Smith
Marga Hill	Jayne Thompson
Jessica Johnson	Carol Walling
Elinor Judson	Michelle Wedlake
Mary Kase	Joanne Weiler
Jennifer Kmitt	Cathy Wills
Danielle Kocurkovic	Janet Wilson
Mary Krosse	Mary Zolkowski

Current Teen Volunteers:

Ethan Bauer	Mason Kleinhenz
Allyson Brahler	Kelly O'Mara
Kathryn Brahler	Tyler Peters
Michael Brody	Lily Risser
Nichole Charnigo	Mallorie Rohrbach
Shea Heath	Sophia Szeles
Rebecca Kerr	Zachary Yurich

Birthcare's 2016 Volunteers of the Year

We are very pleased to honor a team of volunteers who monthly work together, **Cathy Wills** and **Mary Zolkowski**, as our 2016 Volunteers of the Year!



Cathy and Mary joined Birthcare in the spring of 2009, and met while serving the same shift together that year. They immediately hit it off and still faithfully work together staffing Tuesday evenings month after month.

Mary and **Dan Zolkowski** have two children (Ryan, 10 and Caleb, 8) and are St. Francis Xavier parishioners. She is the intervention specialist at Padua Franciscan High School and teaches English and Math. In addition, she is a

Eucharistic minister, sacristan and vacation bible school teacher. At Padua she and a co-worker were chosen to participate in a pilgrimage to Italy this summer.

Cathy and **Dan Wills** are the parents of three children: Alex and Katie (both students at Kent State University) and Jack (who just finished sophomore year at Hoban High School). They are members of St. Francis Xavier Parish, too. Cathy is a clinical dietitian at Akron Children's Hospital. Cathy loves kids and finds that Birthcare is an avenue to "give back". She says "it makes me feel good to know that some of the needs of the kids whose parents utilize Birthcare will be met and that lives might be made a little bit easier."

Client Report

In five months of 2016, we served 240 clients during 527 visits. That is a 20.6% rise in client count and a 28.8% increase in office visits compared to this time last year. We have met in 2016:

- 378 requests for clothing
- 142 requests for formula
- 59 requests for baby food
- 532 requests for diapers
- 7 requests for car seats
- 7 requests for cribs
- 5 requests for mattresses

Clothing requests are up 18% and diaper requests up 38.5%. This is why we seem to always need those larger size diapers and toddler clothing!

Community Support



St. Francis Xavier Parish Day of Service May 28 publicized Birthcare's need for larger size toddler clothing, socks and underwear

and collected a large amount of items to meet our needs. Parish volunteers sorted, folded and organized donations and even delivered! Another group of parishioners (from toddlers to seniors) brought their own fleece material and hand tied 25 children's blankets!

Seniors at the Medina Community Rec Center were excited to donate baby blankets created recently. Some members are pictured working below.



Kids Helping Kids, a service project for PSR students at St. Francis Xavier Parish, collected 65 pairs of socks, 1 dress and 38 underpants for Birthcare families.



Medina Moms Club East donated clothing, diapers, and food during a May collection specifically aimed to help with our needs.

Special Thanks to:

Ed Bugner, CPA, for preparing our annual financial statements, reviewing our Form 990 and monthly reports and answering financial questions as our accountant for 32 years.

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, February – May

Michael Baumgartner
Gretchen Buchanan
BWX Technologies
Catholic Charities
Thomas Chester

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United Way of Medina County,
Greater Cleveland and Summit
County positive designations
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(Appeal gifts noted on page 3)

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, February – May

Bear Den Pack 3411
Charlotte Bicker
Brie Bittner
Beth Bugner
Mark Bugner
Paul & Pam Bugner
Terri Clark
John Coke
Connie Daum
Katie Gibson
Gingerbread House
Sandy Gorfido
Monica Gorman
Mark & Christy Hallman
Chris Huddleston
Rachel Ivanov
Sheila Jacobsen
Missy Kase
Charise Kasper
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Material Girls Quilt Club
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Vivian Wiley
Mr. & Mrs. Wolny
Yarn Buddies of Western Reserve
Masonic Community
Eileen Young

Jacqueline Meyers, daughter of volunteer Patty Meyers and niece of director Barb McCoy, plans to suggest to her fellow Student Leadership Team at Claggett Middle School this fall a drive for Birthcare needs. In addition, her passion for assisting Birthcare came through in a language arts assignment "Reaching Out to Others". She wrote:



If I had a million dollars I would give it to an organization called Birthcare. My aunt helps run this organization for women who don't have enough money to buy items for their kids. People come here to get clothing, food, and anything else they need. Everyone doesn't have enough money to raise a kid. If I gave the money to Birthcare they would most likely use the money to buy more items for the women....I believe that if I gave Birthcare a million dollars, they would use it for a good cause."

Volunteer Notes

Many thanks go out to volunteers **Carol Prentice** and **Danielle Kocurkovic** for staffing our table at the annual Family-A-Fair in April with Director **Barb McCoy**. Also we appreciate **Mary Kase**, **Sister Sandy Bevec**, **Suzie Milam** and **10-year old son Chris Milam** for assisting Barb with seasonal bin change in April.

Happy high school graduation to Birthcare teen volunteers **Michael Brody** (Walsh Jesuit HS) heading to John Carroll University; **Shea Heath** (Medina HS) heading to University of Dayton; **Allyson Brahler** (Walsh Jesuit HS) heading to John Carroll University; and **Rebecca Kerr** (Walsh Jesuit HS) heading to The Ohio State University.

Thank You for Your Generous Support of Our Mother's Day Appeal!

Appeal Total Received as of 5/31/2016 : 58 donors - \$7,060

In Memory of

- William Manning** from Meg Benninger
- Mary Bugner and Patricia Steele** from Ed & Diane Bugner
- Peg Carey** from Marge Normile
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- Catherine Damm** from Annie Damm
- Ann M. Edmonds Omland & Jess Edmonds** from Dave & Marie Edmonds
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- Wonderful Wife and Mother Sandra Freeman** from Christopher Freeman
- Jessica Johnson** from Rob Michaels
- Barbara Lindenschmidt** from The Milam Family
- Lee Kasmarek** from Ken & Gayle Pickering



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Important Dates

Birthcare Scholarship Deadline
Monday, June 27, 2016

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Volunteer Recommitment
Response due by June 22, 2016

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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