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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 2018

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

We Honor Volunteer of the Year Elinor Judson



We are very pleased to honor a patient and caring volunteer who has battled cancer, survived and returned to continue her commitment serving families in need. We are excited to announce **Elinor Judson** as our 2018 Volunteer of the Year!

Elinor has been a volunteer since February, 2008 - more than 10 years now. After spending many years as a real estate agent, she found she missed meeting and helping others. Her daughter Barbara (our director pictured above with Elinor), suggested her mom connect with Birthcare. At the time, Barbara was also a long-time volunteer. Elinor says "working with these young people and their young children has been very satisfying!" Another daughter, Patty Meyers, is also a volunteer and often works alongside her mom.

Elinor and husband Jim moved to Medina in 1973. She is the mother of five children, and has 16 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. "They are all the love of my life. I hope I bring a little of this love to my Birthcare volunteering."

Thank You, Volunteers!

We love to recognize our dedicated volunteers who compassionately serve our clients. We applaud the efforts of:

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| Terri Baisden | Francine Lacovic |
| Gina Betti | Tammy Larsen |
| Sandy Bevec | Carolyn Lesiak |
| Carol Bianchi | Nancy Mesavage |
| Sue Brooks | Kim Metz |
| Mary Lou Cavanaugh | Patty Meyers |
| Marie Charek | Suzie Milam |
| Terri Clark | Michelle Miller |
| Alecia Dailide | Kristen Milvet |
| Jennifer Davis | Penny Norris |
| Susan Faeccking | Carol Prentice |
| Diane Fisher | Lisa Rice |
| Judy Fox | Janice Rihm |
| Lynne Foradori | Paulette Romito |
| Monica Gorman | Judy Sack |
| Cheryl Gressler | Patty Schuck |
| Marilyn Griffin | Sue Simmons |
| Jackie Hackley | Nicole Smerek |
| Karen Haverdill | Lisa Smith |
| Marga Hill | Jayne Thompson |
| Jessica Johnson | April Tighe |
| Elinor Judson | Carol Walling |
| Mary Kase | Michelle Wedlake |
| Jennifer Kmitt | Joanne Weiler |
| Danielle Kocurkovic | Cathy Willis |
| Mary Krosse | Janet Wilson |
| Ann Marie Krynock | Mary Zolkowski |

Teen Volunteers:

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| Alaina Alessio | Jared Metz |
| Katie Bachmann | Serena Olesinski |
| Emma Bauer | Tyler Peters |
| Haley Felber | Lillian Risser |
| Bryn Heath | Mallorie Rohrbach |
| Cassidy Korduba | |

New Board Member

We welcome Mary Corall to the Birthcare board of directors. She will attend her first meeting this month. Mary is the chief financial officer for Medina Creative Housing and has previously served as Project:LEARN board treasurer for seven years.

100 Catholic Men for Medina

Two charitable groups, Medina Creative Housing and Birthcare, were invited to attend the inaugural meeting of 100 Catholic Men for Medina in February. Representing Birthcare and giving her 7-minute pitch after a coin toss, director Barb McCoy, came away the winner of two-thirds of the evening's donations from 40 men who voted at their respective tables.

Grant Notifications

We are grateful to **Columbia Cares** who awarded Birthcare \$500 this Spring.



Birthcare applied for this charitable grant to replenish baby foods and cereals which we must buy monthly to keep up with demand.

The **Medina Noon Kiwanis** also informed us that we are one of three groups to receive grants soon from proceeds of their annual Sports Hall of Fame. Those funds will purchase toddler sized clothing. Our bins are always low on those sizes.

Ideas That Help Birthcare

Service groups and churches interested in helping Birthcare treat needy client families during Christmas time are invited to collect wrapped gifts for babies and young children. **Holy**

Martyrs Parish in Medina, for example, blessed us with a bundle of gifts back in December which were so appreciated by our clients. Whether your group is big or small, start planning now for what you can collect to make a difference in lives of Birthcare families.

Friends of board member and volunteer **Sister Sandy Bevec** (below) honored her on her recent birthday with gracious gifts for Birthcare at a lunch gathering at Buca de Beppo.



Seventh grade girls at **St. Francis Xavier School** (below) spent a morning in service to others. Under the supervision of teacher Tina Bresnahan and aide Patty Cathcart, students made soft fleece blankets for infant clients of Birthcare and prayer jars for a nursing home.



St. Francis Xavier parishioners, from toddler helpers to senior citizens, made 35 colorful fleece blankets during the Day of Caring in late May. The **Moms Club of Medina East** unloaded a car filled with new and gently used clothing and small toys and children's books collected by members in May. **Akron General Labor & Delivery** donated 20 onesies. **Salvation Army of Medina** gifted Birthcare with 10 boxes of new toys to bring joy to clients.

Two Clients Share News

Our wish in serving clients is that someday each will be self-sufficient. Recently a client happily announced to the volunteers helping her one evening that she "would not be needing our help anymore". She got a job at Akron Children's Hospital after completing her nursing program! She thanked the

volunteers for all Birthcare has done for her and said she plans on making donations to us from now on.

Another client, **Jozette Mehota RN, BSN**, who benefitted from a 2017 Birthcare scholarship, reports that her award allowed her to complete her graduate level stats class and excel with an A- final grade. She is on her way to her goal of being a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

Client Stats - Five Months

In five months of 2018, we served 208 clients during 479 visits. In five months, we have met:

- 373 requests for clothing
- 99 requests for formula
- 40 requests for baby food
- 565 requests for diapers
- 469 requests for wipes
- 13 requests for car seats
- 10 requests for cribs
- 8 requests for crib mattresses

Financial Gifts: February – May

- 100 Catholic Men for Medina
 - Amazon Smiles
 - America's Charities
 - Catholic Charities
 - Catherine Connolly
 - Columbia Cares
 - Daniel Durkin
 - First Energy Employee Giving
 - Amanda Helinski
 - John M. Hoty
 - Mary Kase
 - Ella Pfeister
 - Adrienne Riggenbach
 - Ruth Rodgers
 - Mike/Sue Sweet
 - Truist
 - United Way of Greater Cleveland
 - United Way of Summit County
 - Jeff/Jackie Wolff
- (See appeal donor list - page 3.)

Material Gifts: February – May

- Akron General Hospital Labor & Delivery
- Ami Amburgy
- Erin Becker
- Meg Benninger
- Rachel Biedirbula
- Ken Bittner
- Natalie Boothe
- Mark Bugner

- Paul/Pam Bugner
- Lauren Checci
- Ashelle Church
- Terri Clark
- Mary Beth Esterburg
- Janna Elkevizteh
- Neal Faldetta
- Gilbert Family
- Janel Harvey
- Rachelle Helton
- Chuck Homolka
- Carri Horton
- Theresa Kalka
- Jessica Kelker
- Chris Kozarik
- Kelly Kriak
- Cindy Krogh
- Jean Kumor
- Janet Labus
- Angela Latchney
- Donna Lavelle
- Mrs. Lewarchik
- Allen/Brittany Maier
- Mary Marty
- Kelly McCourt
- Leslie Messmer
- Lisa Messmer
- Patty Meyers
- Moms Club of Medina East
- Sarah Oaks
- Al/Judy Podrasky
- Ginny Pracek
- Project: LEARN Bookshelf
- Radecki Family
- Kate Randquist
- Leighann Reep
- Gail Reynolds
- Laura Rice
- Tony Rossi
- Danielle Rutledge
- St. Francis Xavier Gr. 5 Class
- St. Francis Xavier School Gr. 7 Girls
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul
- Salvation Army of Medina
- Gia Sorge
- Bethany Speck
- Janice Steirer
- Mike Sweet
- Rita Todd
- Dzana Ubiparipovic
- Sherry VanDyke
- Betty Wayne
- Western Reserve Masonic C. Knitters
- Angela White
- WIC - Medina County
- Barb Wszelaki
- Zoey Vallery
- Angie Yetzer
- Katie Ziese

Mother's Day Annual Appeal Donor List at 5/31/2018

Appeal donations will be accepted through December 31, 2018. Thank you to 45 donors contributing \$6,120!

In Memory of:

- **Peg Schriener and Rita Mikolay** from Anonymous Donor
- **Mary Bugner and Patricia Steele** from Ed and Diane Bugner
- **Anna Buettner** from Annie Damm
- **Joyce Ebner** from Tom Ebner
- **Patricia Edmonds and Cecelia Mirro** from Dave and Marie Edmonds
- **Joann Mercuri** from Stephanie Edwards
- **Joseph L. Gainard** from Judy Gainard
- **Eleanor Santa** from Marge Henderson
- **Dolores Stephenson** from Jeff and Mary Kase
- **Marguerite Winslow and Marita Tulisak** from Marguerite Krahe
- **Evie Kriak and Claire McDevitt** from Sean and Kelly Kriak
- **Alice Maloney and Lee Lance** from Neil and Fran Lance
- **Georgia Burrelli** from Sue Mayes
- **Norma B. Summerville** from Karen McDonald
- **Marita Tulisak** from Bonnie Meadows
- **All Moms** from The Milam Family
- **Dick Smalley** from Connie Smalley
- **Joe Gainard** from Dave Steirer
- **Norma B. Summerville** from Rosanne Summerville
- **Michael David Taylor, Germaine Lynch, Martha Taylor** from Dave and Susan Taylor
- **Amarigo and Julia Storace and Mae Petrigala** from Jayne E. Thompson
- **Florence Finn** from John and Ann Tindell
- **Florence Hotujac and Joyce Weiler** from Robert and Joanne Weiler

In Honor of:

- **Agnes Bevec** from Sister Sandy Bevec
- **Beverly Ann Alessio and Mary Amy Biedenbach** from Reno, Rachel and Alaina Alessio
- **Catherine Damm** from Anne Damm
- **Kathleen Freeman** from Chris Freeman
- **Husband James Messmer** from Leslie Messmer

General Donations from:

Bob and Linda Bux
Catherine Connolly
Marilyn Griffin
Gary and Holly Hallman
John M. Hoty
Kiwanis Club of Seville

Lila Lehrer
Catherine Lynch
Medina Council Knights of Columbus
Maureen Niese
Serena Olesinski
Adrienne Riggerbach

Brian and Laurie Russell
Dominic and Mary Pat Salomone
Denis and Lori Slaby
Tower Tootsies
Charlcie Towne
Terrence Tulisak



The American Legion Post 202 is hosting a golf outing for Saturday, September 8, at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Birthcare will be a primary recipient of proceeds. You can help by volunteering at the event, getting a foursome together to golf, providing monetary support as a sponsor, or donating gift baskets, gifts or gift cards for the golf day raffle. The day begins with 6:30am breakfast, 7:30am shotgun start and concludes with 1pm steak dinner. To offer help of any nature, contact Dave Taylor, Commander, American Legion Post 202: dave.taylor@zoominternet.net (330-321-3370).

Board of Directors

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Mary Corall
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Important Dates

Birthcare Scholarship Deadline
Monday, June 25, 2018

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Volunteer Recommitment
Response due by June 15, 2018

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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