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- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Birthcare of Medina County

June 2021

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

Congratulations Volunteer of the Year Marga Hill



We are excited to announce **Marga Hill** as our 2021 Volunteer of the Year! She normally volunteers in summer and fall in recent years and spends winter and spring in Florida. However, the pandemic forced her to stay in Medina this whole past year and she was able to offer Birthcare much needed help in staffing many shifts per month.

Marga has served Birthcare clients with compassion since 2001. So, 2021 is her twentieth year of service! Marga is kind-hearted, patient and has a loving nature, all talents she shares with those in need.

"I think Diane Bugner told me about Birthcare and it seemed like such a great idea. It is fun meeting new people and the children are so precious!"

Marga and her husband Bob have lived in Medina 45 years and been married for 52 years. They are the parents of four children: Jennifer, Brian, Patrick and Melissa. They also have 7 grandchildren. In her Florida parish, Marga volunteers at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and thrift shop and knits prayer shawls for the sick. Here in her Medina parish, St. Francis

Xavier, she is a Eucharistic minister and visits nursing homes.

Our Heroic Volunteers

We are honored to have the services of the following adults and teens:

Gina Betti	Mary Krosse
Sandy Bevec	Ann Marie Krynock
Marie Charek	Carolyn Lesiak
Terri Clark	Nancy Mesavage
Kim Clouse	Mary Meyer
Christina Collins	Patty Meyers
Amy Cooper	Suzie Milam
Mary Corall	Michelle Miller
Alecia Dailide	Raquel O'Connell
Jennifer Davis	Carol Prentice
Susan Faecking	Marge Raese
Krista Feldhouse	Carol Reichling
Renee Felix	Janice Rihm
Diane Fisher	Judy Sack
Lynne Foradori	Patty Schuck
Debbie Garofalo	Nicole Smerek
Monica Gorman	Lisa Smith
Cheryl Gressler	Sue Taylor
Jackie Gulling	Jayne Thompson
Allison Hallman	April Tighe
Karen Haverdill	Carol Walling
Maryjo Hecker	Joanne Weiler
Marga Hill	Bev Wetherill
Jessica Johnson	Cathy Wills
Elinor Judson	Janet Wilson
Mary Kase	Mary Zolkowski
Kris Kesler	Ryan Zolkowski

It is interesting to note the longevity of several staff and volunteers. Asst. director Diane Bugner, board member and past director Sally Pap and volunteer Mary Krosse have served Birthcare 33 years (since 1988). Next is Sue Faecking, 32 years. Director Barb McCoy began as a volunteer in 1991 – 30 year tenure. Patty Schuck has served 27 years and Marie Charek, Ann Marie Krynock and Jennifer Kmitt are marking 22 years. Birthcare inspires loyalty.

The Pandemic Impact

We continue to use pandemic protocols to serve basic needs of clients. Currently, no clients enter our facility. Now that the pandemic is spiraling downward, the staff, board and volunteers are collaborating to see what protocols can be relaxed and edge ourselves closer to pre-Covid normalcy.

Pajama Program Update

A surprise gift of medium-weight pajamas, one 50 count box for girls and one 50 count box for boys, was shipped to Birthcare via the national Pajama Program in March. Most of the



pajamas came from Carter's. We shared 20 of the larger sizes with The Children's Center, Medina. We are grateful to this program which has provided us with nearly 1,300 pajamas since 2015.

Client Stats - Five Months

As of May 31, 2021, we served 90 clients during 186 visits. We have met:

- 123 requests for clothing
- 26 requests for formula
- 14 requests for baby food
- 213 requests for diapers
- 178 requests for wipes
- 1 request for car seat
- 1 request for crib/mattress
- 5 requests for newborn layette packs

Seville Kiwanis Invitation

Director Barb McCoy spoke to a May 12 breakfast meeting of the Seville Kiwanis Club at the Hawthorn Suites, Wadsworth. Barb answered many questions about our

work during the pandemic and shared our current needs.

Financial Gifts: Feb. – May

- All Ohio eMedina Club
- Amazon Smiles
- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Benevity Community Impact Fund
- Catholic Charities
- Mary Corall
- Elizabeth Daubner
In Memory of William Daubner
- Thomas Ebner
- Phyllis Flaugh
- Monica Goetz
- Kiwanis Club of Medina
- Laurel Maier
- David/Ruth Ann Manley
- Medina County Right to Life
- Medina County Women Helping Women
- Medina Kiwanis Breakfast Club
- Minuteman Press
- Erin/Elaine Rankin
- Renaissance Char. Foundation
- Adrienne Riggerbach
- Brian/Laurie Russell
- Bonnie Schriener
In Honor of Arlene Kempe
In Memory of Kate Biley
- James/Lucie Sovey
- Thomas Tech LLC
- Oralee Winslow
- United Way of Greater Cleveland
- United Way of Summit County
- Howard E. Wolff Family Charitable Fund
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff

(See appeal donor list - next page)

Material Gifts: Feb. - May

- Marge Berish
- Gina Betti
- Aiden Bugner
- Patsy Chesbro
- Julie Condit
- Kevin Conyngnam
- Katrina Fieldhouse
- Phyllis Flaugh
- Reagan Flynn
- Cindy Gages
- Lindsay Gondek
- Pat/Amanda Harris
- Holy Martrys Parish
- Liam Meade

- Medina Kiwanis Clubs
- Medina United Methodist Church
Elizabeth Circle
- Becky Milewski
- Brian O’Connell
- Pajama Program
- Rainbow Quilters (Strongsville)
- Mary Raitano
- Sue Taylor
- Thomas Tech LLC
- Danielle Theodore
- Kent VonDervellen
- Traci Winkler’s Medina HS Language Arts classes
- Emily Wuensch
- Yarn Buddies (Western Reserve Masonic Community)

Mrs. Winkler’s Classes Collect



Traci Winkler, Medina High School language arts teacher, usually has her classes collect necessities for Birthcare at Christmas time. Well, they added another collection effort to this year! Two of her students (above), Jose Gonzalez and Corey Tripp, graciously dropped off the large collection May 15.

Kiwanis Generosity



Medina Kiwanis Breakfast Club, the Kiwanis Club of Medina, and the All Ohio-eMedina Club met jointly April 29 at Williams on the Lake

for their Fifth Thursday Social, a time for different clubs to get together to mix and mingle, in person this time. The evening was dedicated to ‘Young Children Priority One’. Members were encouraged to bring an item or monetary donation. Besides a very nice monetary donation, two bags of wipes, diapers, baby food and formula were collected. Thank you, Kiwanis Club members for your generous spirit!

On a Mission to Help Area Amish Families



Long-time Birthcare volunteer Sue Faecking has served the needs of Medina County’s Amish families for decades. “Susan” is a favorite visitor at the homes of four Amish families. They have special permission to use disposable diapers for some of the disabled children in the family. Recently, Sue and director Barb McCoy took pizza and ice cream to a family of 13! They enjoyed a lively supper with the family. Sue is pictured above unpacking the special treats.

Help for a Special Family

Birthcare was pleased to have the resources to lighten the burden of a Medina family with four young children. The oldest daughter is battling cancer and has had a multitude of radiation treatments. While the family deals with untold expenses, including gas, to meet her care, they also have a new baby. At a volunteer’s suggestion, It was decided to surprise the family with diapers, wipes, baby wash, blankets and \$100 gift card for Giant Eagle and \$100 gift card for Target.

Charity Beer Run Support

The Ancient Order of Hibernians annually host a Charity Beer Run and Birthcare of Medina County is one of the recipients of the proceeds that support programs focused on young children and mothers. We thank the Hibernians for their continued trust in our work with needy families of young children.



Mother's Day Appeal Donor Report

Appeal donations will be accepted through December 31, 2021. Thank you to 66 donors contributing \$11,615!

In Memory of:

- **Ann and Larry Benninger, Bill and Helen Manning** from Ric and Meg Benninger
- **Mary Prusak, Mary Bevec, Bobbi Reither** from Sister Sandy Bevec
- **Emily Bontempo** from Deborah Bontempo
- **Pam McDonnell** from Will and Karen Brahler
- **Mrs. Joan Post** from Jan Coleman
- **Joyce Ebner** from Tom Ebner
- **Cecelia Mirro and Patricia Edmonds** from Dave and Marie Edmonds
- **Helen and Gert** from Jeff and MaryBeth Esterburg
- **Marguerite Ryan** from John and Cheryl Gressler
- **Marian Cummings** from Marga Hill
- **Dolores F. Stephenson** from Jeff and Mary Kase
- **Marita Tulisiak and Marguerite Winslow** from Marguerite Krahe
- **Lee Lance** from Neil and Fran Lance
- **Georgia Burrelli** from Sue Mayes
- **Norma B. Summerville** from Karen L. McDonald
- **Marita Tulisiak** from Sandy Naples, Lisa Rice, Sue Simmons, Linda Lovelace, Claudia Cihlar
- **Elizabeth Thom** from Carol Prentice
- **William Arthur Schuck (infant)** from Patty Schuck
- **Catherine Slaby** from Dr. Denis and Lori Slaby
- **Dick Smalley** from Connie Smalley
- **Norma B. Summerville** from Rosanne Summerville
- **Julia Storage, Mae Petrigala, Alvira Pollock, Ruth Thompson** from Jayne Thompson
- **Florence Finn** from John and Anne Tindell
- **Audrey Keller** from Faye F. Verner
- **Ronald Gates** from Carol Walling
- **Florence Hotujac and Joyce Weiler** from Robert and Joanne Weiler
- **Josephine Singler** from Margaret M. Wolfe



St. Francis Xavier seventh graders, Aiden Bugner (above) and cousin Liam Meade worked separately to produce this tied fleece blanket they presented to Birthcare to earn service hours.

In Honor of:

- **Agnes Bevec, Phyllis Brandt, Michelle Bevec and Linda Bevec** from Sister Sandy Bevec
- **Carolyn D. Brown** from Steve Brown
- **Sarah Edwards** from Stephanie Edwards
- **Ann Omland, Jess Edmonds, Lauren Edmonds** from Dave and Marie Edmonds
- **All Mothers and Grandmothers** from Renee Felix
- **Helen Govern** from Diane Gay
- **Baby Charlotte** from Maryjo Hecker
- **David Muha** from Catherine B. Lynch
- **Kendra Scherer** from Sue Simmons
- **Kathleen Freeman** from Christopher Freeman
- **Marguerite Ryan** from John and Cheryl Gressler
- **Alice Maloney** from Neil and Fran Lance
- **All Moms** from Jeff and Suzie Milam
- **Lucille Philipps** from Dr. Denis and Lori Slaby

General Donations:

Tracy Bayer
Matthew/Mary Becker
Rita Brown
Patsy Chesbro
Catherine L. Connolly
M. Demsey
Judy Gainard
Donna Horton
John M. Hoty
Kiwanis Club of Seville

Mary Krosse
Ted/Carolyn Lesiak
Nancy Markovich
James/Leslie Messmer
William/Carol Metzinger
Maureen Niese
Dick/Mary Noll
The Offenbergers
Mrs. Wanda Olexa
Adrienne Riggenschach

Ruth M. Rodgers
Brian Russell
Paula Steed
Dave Steirer
The Patriotic Angels, A Senior Hat Club
Terry Tulisiak
Robert W. Thompson
United Church of Christ, Congregational
Alice Williams

Board of Directors

Mary S. Kase, *President*
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Diane Bugner, *Treasurer*
Meg Benninger, *RN*
Sister Sandy Bevec
Mary Corall
Marie Mirro Edmonds, *Esq.*
Michele Fusillo, *RD, LD, CLC*
Sally C. Pap

Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Volunteer Annual Recommitment
Email response by June 15, 2021

Scholarship Application Deadline
Monday, June 28, 2021

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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