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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 2019

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

## We Honor Our 2019 Volunteer of the Year Janice Rihm



We are pleased to honor a patient and caring volunteer who is diligent in serving not only one shift, but often generously working two shifts per month. We are excited to announce **Janice Rihm** as our 2019 Volunteer of the Year!

Janice joined Birthcare in July, 2016. After having her last child, James, in 2015, she was looking for a place to donate baby and children's items and discovered Birthcare. She says, "It has been a good match!"

Janice enjoys helping others and giving back to the community. She works part-time as an RN at Southwest General Health Center. She also volunteers with a monthly food pantry at her church, Blessed Trinity, in Cleveland. Janice loves animals and envisions volunteering with them in some capacity in the near future. Janice and husband Chuck live in Medina. Between them, they have five children ranging in age from four to 29.

## Thank You, Volunteers!

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

Terri Baisden	Mary Krosse
Gina Betti	Ann Marie Krynock
Sandy Bevec	Melissa Kudley
Sue Brooks	Carolyn Lesiak
Mary Lou Cavanaugh	Nancy Mesavage
Marie Charek	Kim Metz
Terri Clark	Patty Meyers
Carolyn Constance	Suzie Milam
Alecia Dailide	Penny Norris
Jennifer Davis	Karen Petros
Susan Faecking	Carol Prentice
Diane Fisher	Lisa Rice
Lynne Foradori	Janice Rihm
Judy Fox	Judy Sack
Debbie Garofalo	Patty Schuck
Monica Gorman	Nicole Smerek
Cheryl Gressler	Lisa Smith
Marilyn Griffin	Susan Taylor
Allison Hallman	Danielle Terwilliger
Karen Haverdill	Jayne Thompson
Marga Hill	April Tighe
Jessica Johnson	Carol Walling
Elinor Judson	Michelle Wedlake
Mary Kase	Joanne Weiler
Anna Marie Kelly	Cathy Wills
Jennifer Kmitt	Janet Wilson
Danielle Kocurkovic	Mary Zolkowski

### Teen Volunteers:

Alaina Alessio	Cassidy Korduba
Emma Bauer	Serena Olesinski
Ben Davis	Sarah Salek
Haley Felber	

## Donors' Creative Gifts

Nearly 50 St. Francis Xavier parishioners, from toddler helpers to senior citizens, made 30 colorful fleece blankets during the Day of Caring in late May.



Madison Makim and her mom Joy show off their finished blanket during the Day of Caring project at St. Francis Xavier.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians hosted a Charitable Beer Run Saturday, March 23. The bus visited several breweries and gathered for dinner at Foster's Tavern, Hinckley. Proceeds from 50-50, basket drawings, and poker run were directed to Birthcare.

The NEO Broverlanders, an off-road group, hosted a meet June 1 at Salt Fork State Park. All proceeds from the raffle will be directed to Birthcare, and participants were asked to donate diapers.

Angela Wish hosted a first birthday party in March for her daughter and collected five and a half bags brimming with clothing, basic needs, diapers and wipes.

Girl Scout Troop 91147 donated four hand-tied fleece blankets that the troop worked on together. St. Francis Xavier Daisy Troop 90929 donated 30 small knotted fleece car seat blankets in cute designs in blues, pinks and yellows.

Medina High School Girls Leaders Club donated books, baby formula, clothing, diapers and so many other needs.

Volunteer April Tighe facilitated the donation of 30 onesies shirts with safe

sleep instructions attached from the **Akron General Labor & Delivery Unit.**

**Heart and Soul Gift Boutique**, Medina, donated substantial funds from sales of Chavez bracelets. The store donates monthly to area charities.



The **Patriotic Angels** and **Tower Tootsies**, two Red Hat groups, gathered clothing, wipes, lotion, shampoo, ointments, Q-Tips, bottles, food, diapers and pullups, and blankets to stock our shelves for client needs. Kathy Jones delivered the gifts in May.

**Tanya Flight** delivered diapers, formula, food, blankets, towels and washcloths, etc. in two large baskets in May from the **Infant Room of Akron Shaw Jewish Community Center.**

**Cloverleaf Middle School teacher Megan McGreer** had students bring in baby foods, wipes, clothing, hand-tied fleece blankets and so much more. She delivered gifts twice in May.

Hand-made blankets have been lovingly created by **Patsy Chesbro** and **Western Reserve Masonic Knitting Group.**

### Client Stats - Five Months

At May 31, 2019, we served 201 clients during 460 visits. We have met:

- 369 requests for clothing
- 75 requests for formula
- 42 requests for baby food
- 588 requests for diapers
- 439 requests for wipes
- 11 requests for car seats
- 6 requests for cribs
- 6 requests for crib mattresses

### Financial Gifts: February – May

- Amazon Smiles
- America's Charities

- Ancient Order of Hibernians, Medina
  - Catholic Charities
  - Charity on Top Foundation
  - Julie Marie Chavez Corporation
  - Catherine Connolly
  - First Energy Employee Giving
  - Heart and Soul Gift Boutique
  - Infant of Prague Guild, St. Martin of Tours Parish
  - Kiwanis Club of Medina
  - Kiwanis Club of Seville
  - Adrienne Rigggenbach
  - Algirdas/Janice Skrinska
  - Truist
  - United Way of Greater Cleveland
  - United Way of Summit County
  - United Way of Wayne & Holmes County
  - A. Wazzan
  - Jeff/Jackie Wolff
- (See appeal donor list - next page.)

### Material Gifts: February – May

- Akron General Hospital Labor & Delivery
- Reno/Rachel Alessio
- S. Bekascke
- Rachel Bietenbacker
- Ken Bittner
- Mike Bricker
- Mark Bugner
- Paul/Pam Bugner
- Anthony Capezio
- Patty Chesbro
- Terri Clark
- Daisy Troop 90929
- Diocese of Cleveland Youth and Young Adult Ministries
- Kathy DeAngelis
- Becky Weiler Dionisio
- Carole Drake
- Mary Beth Esterburg
- Nikki Esterburg
- Susan Fishbach
- Girl Scout Troop 91147
- Jessica Green
- Angie Gicurich
- Jennifer Hendershot
- Gloria Hering
- D. Hoole
- Emily Janitz
- Jamie Johnson
- Linda Kramer
- Hope Krueger
- Cindy Krogh
- Jane Langol
- Medina HS Girls Leaders Club
- Medina Noon Kiwanis
- Patty Meyers
- Donna Nowosielski

- Linda Oblander
- Patriotic Angels
- Chris Racz
- Pat/Jane Ryan
- Kim Schultz
- Tinetta Serdinak
- Shaw JCC Infant Room - Akron
- Michael Sidman
- Jennifer Sinka
- Deb Stewart
- Leona Sturgill
- Adam/Amy Sublett
- Lisa Thiergartner
- Tower Tootsies
- Western Reserve Masonic Community Knitting Group
- Angela Wish
- Angie Yetzer
- Casey Young

### Student Essay Winner Selects Birthcare to Receive Funds



**Joanne Weiler** accepts Kiwanis donation from **Barbara Woodard**, Kiwanis representative.

**Timothy Gildea**, a sixth grade student at A.I. Root Middle School, participated in the Kiwanis Club of Medina's annual Macy Hallock Essay Contest, whose goal is to highlight the impact of local non-profits on families. Charities of winners received \$100 donations from Kiwanis. Tim's essay was one of five receiving an award. Tim wrote about Birthcare and how it helped his family. He ended his essay with this advice: *"The organization helps tons of kids and families that are not privileged like some of us, and that needs to change. I know that you'll give back because you don't want a child or a family with a child to go hungry or cold. So, come down to Birthcare of Medina County to donate some money to help a child in need."* Thank you, Tim, for your kind words!

# Mother's Day Annual Appeal Donor List at 5/31/2019

Appeal donations will be accepted through December 31, 2019. Thank you to 50 donors contributing \$8,851!

## In Memory of:

- **Bill and Helen Manning** from Meg Benninger
- **Mary Bugner and Patt Steele** from Ed and Diane Bugner
- **Anna Buettner** from Annie Damm
- **Cecelia Mirro and Patricia Edmonds** from Dave and Marie Edmonds
- **Irene Gressler** from Cheryl Gressler
- **Eleanor K. Santa** from Marge Henderson
- **Dolores Stephenson** from Jeff and Mary Kase
- **Marguerite Winslow and Marita Tulisiak** from Marguerite Krahe
- **Alice Maloney and Lee Lance** from Neil and Fran Lance
- **Norma B. Summerville** from Karen L. McDonald
- **Patricia Suchan** from Tim and Ellyn Morgan
- **Betty Rice, Helen Reker, Mildred Klekamp** from Philip and Lisa Rice
- **Catherine O'Brien Fay and Brenda Fay** from Kathleen Richards
- **Richard Smalley** from Connie Smalley
- **Norma B. Summerville** from Rosanne Summerville
- **Michael David Taylor** from David and Susan Taylor
- **Amarigo and Julia Storace, Steve and Mae Petrigala, Alvira Pollock** from Gary and Jayne Thompson
- **Marita Tulisiak** from Tom and Judy Tulisiak
- **Florence Hotujac and Joyce Weiler** from Robert and Joanne Weiler
- **Jeanette Polk and Lillian Wolff** from George and Donna Wolff

## In Honor of:

- **Catherine Damm** from Annie Damm
- **Sarah Edwards** from Stephanie Edwards
- **Marguerite Ryan** from Cheryl Gressler
- **All Moms** from The Jeff and Suzie Milam Family
- **Janet Modisett** from Philip and Lisa Rice
- **Mother's Day** from Adrienne Riggenbach



St. Francis Xavier Daisy Troop 90929 show off car seat blankets they made.

## General Donations from:

Matt and Mary Becker

Steve Brown

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Catherine Connolly

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Gary and Holly Hallman

David and Ruth Ann Manley

Nancy Markovich

Medina Council 4168 Knights of Columbus

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United Church of Christ

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## Important Dates

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019

**Volunteer Annual Recommitment**  
Response due by June 15, 2019

**Scholarship Application Deadline**  
Monday, June 24, 2019

## 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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