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- Thursdays: 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Birthcare of Medina County

June 2022

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

Congratulations Volunteer Of The Year Judy Sack



We are excited to present **Judy Sack** as our 2022 Volunteer of the Year! Judy has served Birthcare clients with her caring and patient attitude since 2016. After a career as an elementary school teacher and adult literacy teacher/director, Judy said "I found the need after my retirement to continue my interest and concern for adults who need a hand-up at certain points in their life. Birthcare seemed like a natural extension of my desire to make a difference in the lives of adults and children."

Judy's interest in Birthcare evolved when she read about Birthcare in her church bulletin and it seemed like the perfect opportunity to satisfy her need to do valuable volunteer work. "When I became a grandparent, I realized that basic needs like diapers, formula and clothing were very expensive and out of reach for many families. The assistance and support Birthcare provides families is so helpful. I am proud to be one of the

resources available to our clients when they make their monthly visits to our office! Judy and her husband Mike have lived in Medina 34 years and been married for 48 years. They are the parents of two children, Jeremy and Kristy and have three grandsons.

Applause For Our Volunteers

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

Marilee Allison	Carolyn Lesiak
Jacob Bauer	Debbie Liebler
Gina Betti	Nancy Mesavage
Sandy Bevec	Mary Meyer
Marie Charek	Patty Meyers
Christina Collins	Suzie Milam
Kevin Conyngham	Michelle Miller
Amy Cooper	Raquel O'Connell
Mary Corall	Carol Prentice
Sue Faecking	Marge Raese
Krista Feldhouse	Sally Rance
Renee Felix	Jan Retzer
Diane Fisher	Janice Rihm
Lynne Foradori	Judy Sack
Jackie Gulling	Patty Schuck
Karen Haverdill	Nicole Smerek
Maryjo Hecker	Lisa Smith
Marga Hill	Karen Stanziano
Becca Hobbs	Sue Taylor
Maureen Hoch	Jordan Thomas
Pamela Jeronis	Jayne Thompson
Jessica Johnson	Carol Walling
Elinor Judson	Joanne Weiler
Mary Kase	Bev Wetherill
Kris Kesler	Cathy Wills
Jennifer Kmitt	Jan Wilson
Mary Krosse	Mary Zolkowski
Ann Marie Krynock	Ryan Zolkowski

Volunteer Meeting At MCDL

For the first time in two years, Birthcare hosted its annual volunteer meeting face-to-face April 27 at Medina Library. About 25 volunteers came to learn of technology upgrades and meet staff.

Director Barb McCoy opened the meeting. Volunteer and board secretary Joanne Weiler explained the technology adjustments to jumpstart our client registration and service stats into the 21st century. She was assisted in upgrading the technology plan by our web host and web master, Pat Harris. Volunteers and staff began using Google Workspace and Google Forms in May. We are grateful to Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston for donating notepads and pens for the event!



Client Stats - Five Months

As of May 31, 2022, we served 87 clients during 180 visits. We have met:

- 136 requests for clothing**
- 23 requests for formula**
- 31 requests for baby food**
- 231 requests for diapers**
- 196 requests for wipes**
- 3 requests for car seat**
- 1 request for crib/mattress**
- 4 requests for newborn layette packs**
- 406 volunteer hours**
- 61 material donations**

Collections For Birthcare

Traci Winkler, Medina High School language arts teacher, usually has her classes collect necessities for Birthcare at Christmas time. For the second year in a row, students have collected in the Spring, too. Traci dropped off the large collection May 7.

In addition, Natalie Boothe, for the 8th year, is hosting Diapers for Medina, which kicks off July 1. Several collection sites, including Natalie's home and St. Francis Xavier rectory, will gather diapers and wipes. Find info on our Birthcare Facebook page or join the Diapers for Medina group on Facebook.

Pajamas And Books Arrive



Snuggle Up and Read is an annual event for Medina County District Library. Patrons and staff drop off new pajamas and new

books into collection bins at library branches during the winter. In January, all donations are sent to Buckeye Library where teen volunteers pair up the donations with age/gender and size choices. They package and label the bags. MCDL reps deliver the bags to community groups who serve children. This year Birthcare of Medina County was selected to receive 24 bags which were delivered by Tina Sabol, MCDL community engagement manager. In all, five non-profits received a total of 258 bags. Thank you, patrons and staff of the MCDL system!

Financial Gifts: Feb. – May

- Christopher/Jan Alaburda
In Memory of Jim Gowe
- Amazon Smile
- Ancient Order of Hibernians – Medina County
- John/Michelle Bevec
- Catholic Charities
- Catherine L. Connolly
- Elaine Davidson
- Patricia Kornowski
In Memory of Connie Smalley
- Catherine B. Lynch
- David/Laurel Maier
- Anthony Manley
- David/Ruth Ann Manley
- Medina County Right to Life
- Melissa Nemeth
In Memory of Connie Smalley
- Warren Raese
- Erin/Elaine Rankin

- Pat Riegelmayr
In Memory of Connie Smalley
- Adrienne Riggerbach
- Thomas/Judith Smith
In Memory of Jim Gowe
- Mark/Denise Tomecko
- United Way of Greater Cleveland
- United Way of Summit County
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff
(See appeal donor list - next page)

Thank You, Marie Edmonds

Marie Edmonds, a local attorney whose practice focuses on estate planning,



recently stepped down as a member of the Birthcare of Medina County board of directors. It has been a

pleasure to have the expertise and commitment of Marie since the board's formation in 2007. Marie was a valuable member of the board, and at one time was board president for many years. We thank her for her fifteen years of unselfish service and guidance!

NOTEWORTHY FACT

Due to the generosity of members of St. Francis Xavier Parish Giving Tree in December, Birthcare was able to award surprise packets of \$100 gift cards to either Target, Giant Eagle or Walmart to 71 clients in the winter months. Many clients were moved to tears. Volunteers reported feeling uplifted to make a difference in clients' lives.

Material Gifts: Feb. - May

- Abby Becker
- Gina Betti
- Sara Blaha
- Sandy Brown
- Mark Bugner
- Nancy Burbank
- Wendy Chasar
- Patsy Chesbro
- Kim Clark
- Evelyn Crowley
- Caitlyn Enick
- Donna Foradori

- Michele Fusillo
- Greco Family
- Becca Hobbs
- Maureen Hoch
- Katie Hyde
- Kathy J. Jones
- Eric Maykrzak
- Medina County District Library
- Leslie Messmer
- Lee Nichols
- Niedenthal Family
- Carol Pierce
- Meghan Raymey
- Paul/Joelle Rose
- JoAnn Sabol
- Tina Sabol
- Chelsea Sadinski
- Megan Santosuosso
- Tinetta Serdinak
- Stephanie Seward
- The Patriotic Angels
- Ashley Wayne
- Traci Winkler's Medina HS classes
- Michelle Youngquist

Sharing With Ukrainians



Since Birthcare had an abundance of material goods this winter, it made perfect sense to offer some of "our blessings" to aid the Ukrainian people. Director Barb McCoy read that one local church group, United Baptist Church, on Pearl Rd. in Medina, was being proactive and collecting supplies to fill a shipping container. Most of the Ukrainian people who are members of the United Baptist Church are from Mykolaiv. Barb, asst. director Diane Bugner and volunteer Sister Sandy Bevec combed through our inventory in March and filled Barb's SUV. Barb and husband Jim McCoy delivered clothing, diapers and wipes. Since then, volunteer Marie Charek delivered more basic clothing for the Ukrainian cause.

Mother's Day Appeal Donor Report

Appeal donations are accepted until December 31, 2022. Thank you to 55 donors contributing \$10,790 through May 31!

In Memory Of:

- Andy Truax and Dawn Skiffer** from Ric and Meg Benninger
- **Emily Bontempo** from Frank and Debbie Bontempo
- **Mary Bugner and Patt Steele** from Ed and Diane Bugner
- **Joyce Ebner** from Tom Ebner
- **Cecelia Mirro and Patricia Edmonds** from Dave and Marie Edmonds
- **Stella Reams** from Carolyn Foradori
- **Dolores F. Stephenson** from Dr. Jeff and Mary Kase
- **Marita Tulisiak and Marguerite Winslow** from Marguerite Krahe
- **Alice Maloney** from Fran Lance
- **The Lynch Family** from Catherine Lynch
- **All The Innocent Lives Lost** from Mr. and Mrs. Brian Orians
- **Lee Kasmarek** from Gayle Pickering
- **Elizabeth Thom** from Carol Prentice
- **William Arthur Schuck** from Patty Schuck
- **Catherine Slaby** from Denis and Lori Slaby
- **Norma B. Summerville** from Rosanne Summerville
- **Julia Storace, Mae Petrigala, Alvira Pollock, Ruth Thompson** from Gary and Jayne Thompson
- **Marita Tulisiak** from Tom and Judy Tulisiak
- **Mary Ann Biedenbach** from Wadsworth Eye Clinic, Dr. Rachel Biedenbach
- **Florence Hotujac and Joyce Weiler** from Robert and Joanne Weiler
- **Jill Schubert** from George and Donna Wolff

In Honor Of:

- **Lena Betti** from Gina Betti
- **Sarah Edwards** from Stephanie Edwards
- **Kathleen Freeman** from Chris Freeman
- **Camryn Grace Warnick** from Maryjo Hecker
- **Lee Lance** from Fran Lance
- **My Granddaughter, Taylor** from Leslie Messmer
- **Those Mothers Who Chose Life** from Mr. and Mrs. Brian Orians
- **The Schriener Family** from Bonnie Schriener
- **My Mom, Mary Lou Seger; My Daughter, Kendra Scherer** from Sue Simmons
- **Lucille Philipps** from Denis and Lori Slaby

General Donations:

Matt/Mary Becker
Steve Brown
John/Peggy Carey
Tad/Jan Coleman
Renee Felix
Judy Gainard
Gary/Holly Hallman
Donna Horton
John M. Hoty
Pamela Jeronis

Kiwanis Club of Seville
Carolyn Lesiak
Debbie Liebler
Nancy Markovich
Medina Eagles Auxiliary #2224
Maureen Niese
Mary Kay Noll
Sally Rance
Adrienne Riggerbach
Ruth Rodgers

Brian/Laurie Russell
Dave Steirer
Linda A. Sullivan
Charlcie Towne
Terry Tulisiak
Bev Wetherill
Howard/Kris Wolff

Come visit Birthcare's table at the annual Pizza Palooza at 9am-2pm, Saturday, June 18 on the Medina Square. The annual event highlights area non-profits while also offering chances to taste and judge pizzas of area restaurants.



Board of Directors

Mary S. Kase, *President*
Joanne Weiler, *Secretary*
Diane Bugner, *Treasurer*
Meg Benninger, *RN*
Sister Sandy Bevec
Mary Corall
Michele Fusillo, *RD, LD, CLC*
Sally C. Pap

Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2022

→ **Volunteer Annual Recommitment**
Email response by June 15, 2022

Scholarship Application Deadline
Monday, June 27, 2022

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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