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Open Hours:

- Monday and Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Birthcare of Medina County

November 2020

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

#GIVINGTUESDAY Tuesday, December 1, 2020

On December 1, join Birthcare of Medina County board, staff and volunteers as we recognize #GIVINGTUESDAY

Whether it's your time, a monetary donation, or a donation of new material goods that will help us "provide for little ones what love cannot buy", this special day is about coming together to help non-profits grow and succeed through the support of our local community.

It's a simple idea. Find a way to give back, to make a difference for others who may need a little help at this particular time of the year. For 44 years, Birthcare has been serving young families all over Medina County. Your donation can provide critical help as we head into the holiday season and winter months.

Donations, monetary or new material items, can be mailed to 620 E Smith Rd, Unit E-5A, Medina, Ohio 44256, or dropped off during our regular office hours. We also accept PayPal donations through our website.



#GIVINGTUESDAY

Medina High School Lacrosse Sponsoring Drive December 5



Jackie Meyers, Medina High School senior and member of the lacrosse team, is coordinating a team collection drive benefitting Birthcare. The collection will be from 1pm to 4pm Saturday, December 5, at Jackie's home, 408 E. Liberty St., Medina. Jackie is the daughter of volunteer Patty Meyers and niece of Birthcare director, Barb McCoy.

The drive invites donations of formula, gift cards for Target and Walmart, towels, washcloths, diapers, baby food, toddler clothing, hats, mittens, hygiene products, cereal, toddler pajamas, snowsuits, and jackets.

Birthcare Brings Hope & Help

Birthcare's mission is to help families with young children with basic needs. We are thankful for those of you who give us the funds or the material gifts to meet those pressing needs.

Our clients, on the other hand, are grasping to get through each day, wondering how to afford baby food, wondering where the next diaper will come from, wondering where the baby's next bottle of formula can be found, wondering how to afford a crib for their newborn or secure a car seat to replace a broken one or find clothing in the next size up for the winter season. How will they get a warm jacket, or a heavy blanket to combat the cold? They

can't think of being thankful when they are scraping to get by hour by hour.

Times are tough for us all, but tougher on those who have little. Think of our clients who have lost jobs due to Covid-19, who have more expenses than income, who have bills to pay, who have been laid off, who are unemployed, who can't find a job, who are ready to welcome a new baby, who need a place to live, who are homeless, who are fleeing an abusive relationship, and grandparents suddenly with custody because their daughter is a drug user.

How You Can Help

Adopt one of our needy client families for Christmas.

Collect items to meet our current needs within your business, church, school or community group.

Contribute to our General Fund to help us purchase basic care items.

Create soft baby blankets to comfort newborns and young children.

Donate stock to our T.D. Ameritrade brokerage account and get a tax deduction.

Like Birthcare on Facebook!

Remember us in your year-end giving. Go to our website and use PayPal.

Use Amazon Smiles to donate to Birthcare when doing your holiday online shopping.

Volunteer at our office helping client families secure basic needs.

Limited Donations Resume

In late October Birthcare resumed material donations with limitations. We will accept the following during the pandemic, new and gently used:

- Clothing-Toddler 2-3-4
- Pajamas - Toddler 2-3-4
- Socks
- Snowsuits, jackets
- Infant formula
- Diapers, pullups
- Baby food and cereal
- Hygiene products
- Towels, washcloths

**NO SHOES-NO BOOTS-NO BOOKS
NO TOYS-NO STUFFED ANIMALS**



New donations may be dropped off on any open day, however gently used donations, limited to the above-named items, can only be dropped off during our Saturday morning hours, 10am-Noon. In the interest of being safe, volunteers will launder any used items before they are given to clients. We continue contactless service to meet client needs.

Current Needs

- **Baby cereals and baby foods**
- **Baby wash, baby shampoo**
- **Diaper rash cream**
- **Mittens, hats, scarves**
- **Pullups, 4T-5T**
- **Towels & washcloths**
- **Winter clothing & coats, 2T 3T 4T**



With grateful hearts, we extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who support our agency:

- our supportive donors
- our 620 Corporation landlord
- our faithful volunteers
- our clients
- our board of directors

We Appreciate

We are grateful to volunteer, **Gina Betti**, for representing Birthcare in the Hope and Healing Virtual Resource Fair in late October. Twenty-seven agencies in Medina and Summit counties were given three minutes each to present key facts and needs about the organization. It was well attended and exposed our agency to a variety of attendees looking for ways to help in our community.

We also thank board president and volunteer **Mary Kase** for training our newest volunteer candidates. Mary also prepares layette packages for clients with newborns throughout the year.

We applaud our strong men, **Ed Bugner** and grandsons **Zach and Andrew Bugner**, who orchestrated our seasonal bin change in record time in September.

Client Report

Through 10 1/2 months, we have served 175 client families on 534 office visits. We have met:

- 365 requests for infant clothing
- 105 requests for infant formula
- 68 requests for baby food

- 551 requests for diapers
- 482 requests for wipes
- 19 requests for car seats
- 12 requests for cribs & mattresses
- 11 layette packages for newborns

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, September-November 15

- Akron Children's Hospital Employee Foundation
- Amazon Smiles
- Sandra E. Bevec
In Memory of Dorothy Bunevich and Betty Jane Bevec
- CAF America
- Catholic Charities
- Tom/Deb Chester
- Catherine Connolly
- Kiwanis Club of Seville
- Laurel Maier
- Miriam Pirnat
- Adrienne Rigggenbach
- St. Martin Infant of Prague Guild
- Sue Taylor
- United Way of Greater Cleveland
- United Way of Summit County
- George/Donna Wolff
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, September-November 15

- Erin Becker
- Roger Biada
- Mark Bugner
- Regina Coughlin
- Rebecca Cutlip
- Tyne Fields
- Hanna, Molly and Mary Goodrich
- Mark/Christy Hallman
- Dan Hunter
- Donna Lavelle
- Personal Care Pantry
- St. Ambrose Culture of Life
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul
- Lori Slaby
- Steven Sundermeier, thirtyseven4
- Western Reserve Masonic Knitting Group
- York United Methodist Church

KIND ACTS AND KIND PEOPLE BLESS BIRTHCARE



St. Ambrose Parish Culture of Life Group, Brunswick, annually hosts a **Fill The Crib Collection** for Birthcare. This year's project collected 161 items valued at \$1,336. Trish Shaw and her husband Marty delivered the items in two visits. The collection contained everything from blankets to socks, 22 boxes of diapers, 25 packages of wipes, clothing, baby food and cereals, pajamas, hygiene and safety products, towels, and washcloths. Trish Shaw coordinates the gathering, summarizes the donations and drops off the items to Birthcare. Parishioners literally "fill up a crib" set inside the church with new and gently used donations of needed material items and donations of money.



Warm-Up Medina County, sponsored by the Medina District Library, is including Birthcare in its distribution of handmade crib blankets, hats,

scarves, mittens and gloves, all lovingly crafted and donated by area residents.

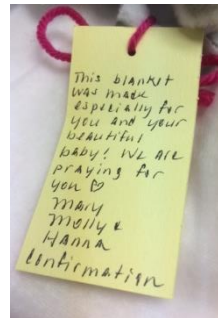
Two unsung heroes make Birthcare run smoothly.

Marie Charek has given Birthcare thousands of hours of service since 1999. She averages 5-10 hours each month in the main office and auxiliary unit replenishing bins with fresh inventory, carefully folding items, taking home items to launder, and recycling our cardboard boxes. She diligently keeps special bins for Christmas clothing, Halloween costumes and pretty dresses for special occasions. She works tirelessly and never wants special recognition. We think that Marie is an extra-special volunteer!



Sister Sandy Bevec is another volunteer who puts in many extra hours each week. We thank volunteer and board member, Sister Sandy, who goes above and beyond since 2014. She does so much extra to keep the office organized and well-stocked. She wraps most of the diaper packages that go to clients and is our shopper extraordinaire, recently concentrating on bolstering our toddler clothing supplies by visiting stores locally and near her Pennsylvania hometown of Canonsburg.

Two high school freshmen and their Mom made five fleece blankets for Birthcare as part of their Confirmation service requirement at St. Francis Xavier Parish. **Hanna and Molly Goodrich**, along with their Mom, **Mary**, crafted the soft, cozy and pastel-colored blankets. To each, they attached a touching message and bible quotation. Hanna and Molly are students at Walsh Jesuit High School.



Birthcare's neighbor in the 620 E. Smith Road, Medina complex, thirtyseven4, often surprises us with gifts. Recently owner **Steve Sundermeier** brought over six gigantic 100 count boxes of diapers. The **Western Reserve Masonic Knitting Group** makes sure we are never without crocheted blankets and hats in the winter.



Birthcare was notified that we will be the recipients of Christmas gifts to meet our most pressing needs via

parishioners of **Our Lady of Grace Parish, Hinckley.** From **St. Francis Xavier Parish, Medina**, their annual Giving Tree will collect gift cards from Walmart, Target and Giant Eagle which we can share with families seeking Christmas help. **The Eric and Ann Salek Family** has offered to adopt a needy family at Christmas and meet their wish list needs.

Birthcare of Medina County Board of Directors

Mary S. Kase, President; Joanne Weiler, Secretary;
Diane Bugner, Treasurer; Meg Benninger, RN; Sister Sandra Bevec;
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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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