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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. – 12 Noon

Birthcare of Medina County

November 2021

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

#GIVINGTUESDAY Tuesday, November 30, 2021

On November 30, 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 45 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

Food Box Collection

Last year, Dona Wolff and daughter Hallie Wolff participated in a non-perishable Reverse Advent Collection of food through their Valley City parish, St. Martin of Tours. They decided to give their two amply filled boxes of items to Birthcare. The boxes, awarded randomly to two needy families one Saturday afternoon, brought such smiles and heartwarming appreciation that we would like to extend that joy to other clients this year.



So, we invite you, our supporters, to take on this challenge, allowing us to "feed the hungry" families and surprise them with a box of pantry staples. You can do it as a family, make it a group project for several families, a class project, a community group effort or a business or department collection.

Fill the "Comfort and Joy" box per the suggestions listed from December 1 to December 24. (See list on page 5.) Then deliver the box to Birthcare or any other food pantry of your choice.

A Touching Note of Appreciation

Birthcare's mission is to help families with young children with basic needs. We know our clients are thankful, but it also helps when they are moved to write us a note. Here is one such note received recently:



"Thank you! Almost six years ago, I was told my niece was born. She was in custody of Children's Services and I took her into my home at two days old. I contacted Birthcare and you so generously offered me a brand-new crib and mattress. All this time later, I am now a licensed foster parent and still use this crib for several babies and toddlers and am so grateful for your generous donation to me all these years later. Thank you again for this wonderful gift!"

Quick Response for Help

Volunteer **Sister Sandy Bevec** responded on November 10 to a call at the office. She was there packing diapers. A man called from Motel 6. He and his family were staying there and in urgent need of diapers and wipes. The family had no means of transportation, so Sister Sandy, our angel of kindness, drove to Motel 6 and met the family in the parking lot. She urged them to find transportation and visit our office Saturday to get clothing and warm jackets for the children.

How You Can Help

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.

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 Smile to donate to Birthcare when doing your holiday online shopping. Just go to smile.amazon.com where you will be prompted to select a charitable organization. Select Birthcare of Medina County as your charity and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchase to our organization.

Volunteer at our office helping client families secure basic needs.

Save The Date: February 16

Birthcare invites all current volunteers to attend our 6:30pm Wednesday, February 16 meeting. We want to share with you our new plans to technologically upgrade our record-keeping as it pertains to clients and our services.



With grateful hearts, we extend sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who support our agency!

Current Needs

- New baby/toddler books
- Winter clothing & coats, 2T 3T 4T

Client Report

Through 10 1/2 months, we have served 118 client families on 389 office visits. We have met:

- 283 requests for infant clothing
- 46 requests for infant formula
- 41 requests for baby food
- 471 requests for diapers
- 415 requests for wipes
- 2 requests for car seats
- 3 crib & 2 mattress requests
- 8 layette packages for newborns

We Appreciate

We thank board president/volunteer **Mary Kase** for training our newest volunteer candidates – seven so far in 2021. Mary also prepares layette packages for clients with newborns and would appreciate new small infant books to add to these packages to inspire an early love of reading.

We applaud the following who helped with seasonal bin change in October: **Barb McCoy, Diane Bugner, Bev Wetherill, Joanne Weiler, Sandy Bevec, Karen Haverdill and Margo Costello.**

Wolff Bros. Supply, Inc. has been our go-to for delivery or pick-up of large orders over the years.



We especially thank them for this service! Most recently, they picked up 16 car seats from Mercury Distributing and delivered to us.

And, we are always appreciative of **Peggy Muncey** who keeps both units

clean and sanitized. Peggy comes to clean regularly at least twice/month.

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, September-November 15

- Amazon Smile
- Catholic Charities
- Thomas Chester
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation Patients First Support Services
- Catherine L. Connolly
- Jennifer Deel
- Beatrice Demko
- Marilyn Demsey
- Nancy Markovich
- Patricia Marvin
- Miriam R. Pirnat
- Adrienne Riggerbach
- Bob/Therese Rutledge
- James/Lucie Sovey
- United Way of Summit County
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, September-November 15

- Jim/Prudence Aylsworth
- Gina Betti
- Amy Bordek
- Mark Bugner
- Celeste Chasar
- Patty Chesbro
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation Patients First Support Services
- JoAnn Cook
- Mary Donnelly
- Help Me Grow
- Maureen Hoch
- Pam Jeronis
- Alyssa Kozich
- Living Hope Personal Care Pantry
- Jozette Mehota
- Moms Club of Medina – East
- Susan Paxson
- Carol Prentice
- St. Ambrose Parish Fill-A-Crib
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul
- Jennifer Simha
- Pat Weimer
- Western Reserve Masonic Knitting Group

KIND ACTS AND KIND PEOPLE BLESS BIRTHCARE

A September donation of money and items was



generated from the department of **Patients First Support Services in Revenue Cycle Management (Finance)** at the **Cleveland Clinic**. The department has 1,500 caregivers! Every other month or so they hold donation drives to impact organizations or causes. September focused on baby

items with Birthcare as one of two benefitting organizations. Kevin Esterburg, of Medina was responsible for suggesting Birthcare as a recipient. Caregivers came to the Business Operations Center in Independence to drop off goods (see picture above). These were collected at CCF hospitals, mainly from the onsite registration team. Monetary donations via Venmo also were collected.

Celeste Chasar, a Medina High School junior, bought necessary basic baby care items for Birthcare and an animal shelter with proceeds from her first paycheck of her very first job. What a wonderful gesture and example of selflessness! Thank you, Celeste!



St. Francis Xavier Parish Day of Caring, a day of service for parishioners and their families to help others throughout Medina County, generated an ample collection of needed items. Look at the table filled with an abundance of bags! The collection contained 20 rash creams, 14 lotions, 4 rice cereals, 10 multi-packs of baby food, 26 food pouches, 10 double packs of baby food,



30 containers of infant formula, 28 sippy cups and 75 pairs of socks. Thank you to all who contributed and to Joanne Weiler for delivering the items and Christina Collins for inventorying all.



St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, annually hosts a **Fill-A-Crib** drive in Brunswick to collect items we need. This year the collection, coordinated by Trish Shaw and the Ministry of Life, produced many, many boxes of diapers, clothing and baby food.



The national **Pajama Program** regularly donates pajamas and Scholastic books to Birthcare. This month 30 children's books were sent and many will be used in the layette packages prepared for newborns. We appreciate the responsiveness of the national Pajama Program Eastern Ohio Chapter president, Teri Dwyer!

Birthcare was notified that we will be the recipients of Christmas gifts to meet our most pressing needs via generous parishioners of **Our Lady of Grace Parish, Hinckley**, and **St. Martin of Tours, Valley City**. 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 in coming months. And, the students of **St. Francis Xavier School** will bring basic needs to fill our shelves during Advent. **Warm-Up Medina County** will be sharing with us donations of handmade blankets, hats, scarves, and mittens in early December. All of these groups have been our partners in caring for Medina County families in need for years and years. We appreciate their commitment to assist in our mission!

Birthcare of Medina County Board of Directors

**Mary S. Kase, President; Joanne Weiler, Secretary; Diane Bugner, Treasurer;
Meg Benninger, RN; Sister Sandra Bevec; Mary Corall;
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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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Comfort and Joy Calendar

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX. (no glass items)
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO
A FOOD BANK, FOOD PANTRY OR BIRTHCARE OF MEDINA COUNTY.

December 1 – box of cereal

December 2 – peanut butter

December 3 – jelly (plastic only)

December 4 – instant potato mix

December 5 – macaroni and cheese

December 6 – canned fruit

December 7 – juice boxes

December 8 – canned tuna/chicken/stew

December 9 – cookie, muffin, or cake mix

December 10 – applesauce 6-pack

December 11 – taco dinner kit

December 12 – microwave popcorn

December 13 – canned beans

December 14 – goldfish crackers

December 15 – package of rice

December 16 – oatmeal packets

December 17 – package of pasta

December 18 – spaghetti sauce

December 19 – chicken noodle soup

December 20 – tomato soup

December 21 – can of corn

December 22 – can of mixed vegetables

December 23 – can of carrots

December 24 – can of green beans

