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

Birthcare of Medina County

September 2015

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

Four Scholarships Awarded

We are excited to announce the four recipients of the 2015 Birthcare scholarships. Since 1997, we have awarded scholarships to 53 inspiring clients!



What fulfillment it gives us to see how this fund has positively impacted the lives of so many individuals and their families! The four scholarships total \$6,006 due to the interest earned in 2014 for our Scholarship Endowment Fund.

- **Amanda Ailiff** is a single mother of one young daughter and attending Cuyahoga Community College in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program while also working. By finishing the program, she hopes to be a mother who not only loves her daughter, but who can provide for her without struggling day to day.

- **Sally Grosser** is also a single mother with one young daughter. She is in the Pre-Physical Therapy and Exercise Science Program at the University of Akron and also working part-time. With blessings in her life like her daughter, her school counselor and the Birthcare scholarship, she has the courage to push forward and make her dream a reality.

- **Jacqueline Jacob** is a single mother of four children. She is

taking classes at Lorain County Community College towards her BSN degree while also working part-time at a nursing home. She believes that by finishing college she will set a good example for her four children.

- **DaVonte Bryant**, married with two children, is working on his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology at Cleveland State University toward his goal of becoming a police officer. He is also employed as a security guard. DaVonte wants to give back to his community in addition to being able to take care of his wife and two beautiful children. **He is our first male scholarship recipient!**

The scholarship committee includes board members **Sally Pap** and **Meg Benninger** and executive director **Barbara McCoy**.

Current Needs

- Baby blankets
- Baby washcloths, towels
- Pajamas & clothing (sizes 2-3-4)
- Pull-ups (sizes 4T-5T)

Our Community's Kindness

St. Martin of Tours Parish in Valley City again collected much needed basic care items for Birthcare during their annual Christmas in July event.



Christmas in July Tree at St. Martin's.

St. Martin of Tours has been one of our special benefactors for some time. Since 1990 they have collected needed items during the Christmas season and since 1997 they added a Christmas in July drive that brings a huge volume of everything from bibs and blankets to clothing and shoes/socks to critical needs like diapers, baby food, formula, and hygiene products. We appreciate their support and commend them for their initiative in serving others.

Grant Report

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio and Medina County Women's Endowment Fund have both notified us in recent months that our grant applications were accepted. We are grateful to the boards of these organizations for their confidence in our mission!



The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio, Inc.

mini-grant allowed us to purchase 12 Scenera NEXT safety car seats. Now 12 families in

need will have a secure, safe travel experience for their children.

The Medina County Women's Endowment Fund grant allotted us \$500 for purchase of diapers, pullups and wipes, items in constant need.

We are currently applying for a grant from **Millennium Children's Fund** for winter pajamas in toddler sizes and winter crib size blankets.

Client Report

In eight months, through August 31, 2015, volunteers served 267 client families on 705 office visits. We have met:

- 524 requests for infant clothing
- 194 requests for formula
- 106 requests for baby food
- 791 requests for diapers
- 24 requests for car seats
- 27 requests for cribs
- 25 requests for mattresses

Volunteers have served 698.25 hours meeting client needs and keeping the office and shelves organized. Material donors number 177. Mondays are the busiest client days overall.

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, June – August

- Brooke, age 13
- Catholic Charities
- Catherine Connolly
- Beatrice Demko
- Stephanie Edwards
- Ann Estremera

- John M. Hoty
- Jennifer Knitt
- Nancy Markovich
- Joseph/Sylvia Mazak
- Medina County Women's Endowment Fund
- William/Carol Metzinger
- Joseph/Wanda Olexa
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio
- St. Ambrose Parish
- St. Francis Xavier Parish
- Respect Life Ministry
- Dick/Connie Smalley
- Evelyn Stang
- Mary Beth Stevens
- Linda A. Sullivan
- Positive designations from United Way of Medina County, United Way of Summit County, United Way of the Greater Triangle
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, June – August

- Terri Baisden
- Battered Women's Shelter
- Becky Bauman
- Joyce Bonitz
- Natalie Boothe
- Meghan Brooks
- Paul/Pam Bugner
- Rita Burke
- Lynn Carr
- Taylor Ceron
- Patty Chesbro
- Terri Clark
- Elizabeth Cobb
- Brian Condit Family
- Colleen Conti
- Mary Doermann
- Mary Donnelly
- Gretchen Dworzniak
- Holy Martyrs Parish
- Diana Johnson
- Charise Kasper
- Jeff Kirsch
- Jessica Korman
- Kitten Crazy
- Danielle Kocurkovic
- Katie Krystowski
- Stacy Leatherman
- Kathy Madansky

- Mary Markovich
- Becky Meade
- Michelle Merrill
- Medina Moms
- Medina Pediatrics
- Sarah Murdock
- Erica Napierala
- Christine Novak
- Allison Oswald
- Tiffany Patterson
- Anna Rickett
- Adrienne Roysden
- St. Martin of Tours Christmas in July Collection
- Debbie Schuerger
- Jennie Shanno
- Kim Skaggs
- Nicole Smerek
- Michelle Steen
- Deb Stewart
- Shannon Studier
- Kelly Tulisiak
- West Side Mom's Club of Medina

Brunswick Visit



On Tuesday, August 18, executive director **Barbara McCoy** was happy to attend the back to school night at Applewood Elementary School, Brunswick. Teacher **Amber Urda** organized several local agencies to be on hand to greet school families. As Birthcare's representative, Barb brought healthy snacks, passed out literature and answered questions regarding services and donations. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces anticipating the new school year!

Volunteer Notes

1. We extend a warm welcome to four new teen volunteers: **Lillian Risser, Michael Brody, Nichole Charnigo and Kathryn Brahler**. All are students from Medina who attend Walsh Jesuit High School.

2. If you can help on **Saturday morning, September 19**, with our clothing bin seasonal changeover, please email and let us know. We plan to start around 8am sharp!

3. Sincere thanks to **Volunteer Ann Marie Krynock and husband John** who delivered items from St. Martin of Tours Parish Christmas in July collection. We also dearly appreciate **volunteer Marie Charek** who neatly organizes all clothing donations and puts in many, many hours weekly.

4. Mark the date now on your calendar to attend our Fall Volunteer Social. It will begin at **7pm Wednesday, September 23** in our auxiliary office. Come and meet other volunteers, talk about ideas or suggestions, and enjoy some refreshments and snacks. Bring a friend along, too, who might be interested in joining our volunteer ranks.

How One Person's Idea Blossomed

A few months ago I read an article about a woman who stopped at a shelter in her area and found out how desperately they needed diapers. They gave out 7,000 to 10,000 a month! Mothers were even trying to make one diaper a day work and some often reused dirty diapers to get by. That was heartbreaking to me. So, I decided to collect diapers here in Medina! I used email. I made a Facebook group and I also posted it on multiple Facebook groups reaching out to moms in the area. St. Francis Xavier Parish allowed me to use their rectory as a drop site and friends and family dropped them off on my porch. I posted pictures to motivate and ended up with collecting 1,817 diapers in the month of July! It was amazing. I am planning to do it yearly and hoping to make it bigger and better as I go. I also want to collect wipes in January. It was a joy to help!

--Submitted by **Natalie Boothe**

A young donor to the St. Martin Christmas in July collection wrote: To Whom This May Concern:

I received this money as an act of kindness. I didn't know what to do with it. Then I saw a Christmas tree in my church that gave money to people like you, so I put my money on the tree. I hope you put it to good use. I'm praying for you.

Best wishes, Brooke, age 13

DONATION OPPORTUNITY

I would like my donation to help the:

- Scholarship Fund**
- General Fund**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Email _____

Donations are down considerably so far this year. Please consider making a donation to Birthcare of Medina County to help us maintain the level of services we currently have.



Emma and Raymond Boothe smile proudly as they show off mom Natalie's huge collection of diapers.

Board of Directors

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Staff:

Barbara McCoy, Executive Director

Diane Bugner, Assistant Director

Important Dates

Fall Volunteer Gathering

7pm, Wednesday, September 23

Board of Directors Meeting

7pm, Wednesday, October 28



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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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