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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

September 2016

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

Four Scholarships Awarded

We are proud to announce the four recipients of the 2016 Birthcare scholarships. Since 1997, we have awarded more than \$40,000 worth of scholarships to 57 inspiring clients! What pride it gives us to see how this fund has positively impacted the lives of so many individuals and their families! The four scholarships total \$5,600 and are drawn from interest earned in 2015 from our Scholarship Endowment.



- **Brittany Peckham** is currently enrolled in the State Tested Nursing Assistant program at the Medina County Career Center. She is married with one child. She is looking forward to a job as a STNA. Her goal is to eventually become a nurse so she can help her family have a good life.

- **Patricia Coffey** is a single mother of two children. She is studying to be a licensed practical nurse at the Wayne County Career Center. She wants to be a good role model for her children and make them proud of her. She hopes to obtain a job at Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital.

- **Ericka Humphries** is a single mother of a two year old daughter. She is currently employed at Medina Creative Accessibility as a home health

provider. She is planning to enroll at the Medina County Career Center in the State Tested Nursing Assistant program. Her long term goal is to be a phlebotomist. She wants to be able to provide for her daughter and be a good role model for her by demonstrating hard work and perseverance.

- **Minnie Marshall** is a single mother with two young sons. She is currently studying to be a paralegal by attaining an Associates of Applied Science in Legal Support and Services through Kaplan University. She hopes to finish in 2017. She would ultimately like to pursue a law degree.

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

Grant Report

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio notified us that our grant application was accepted. The national **Pajama Program** gifted us, too. We thank their boards for confidence in our mission!



The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio, Inc. grant allowed us to purchase \$500 of new toddler clothing in much needed sizes 2-3-4. Our bins are always deficient in those sizes, so

this fills a real need! Director Barb McCoy has shopped for the 2-3-4 sizes of clothing at Carter's and Walmart this summer and spent more than \$700 on new clothing in these sizes for boys and girls.

We received a welcome shipment of 168 3 and 4 piece Carter's brand boys' pajama sets from the **Pajama Program** which we joined last year. The fair market value of this generous donation was \$4,656. in sizes from 12 months through 5T.



Our Community's Kindness

St. Martin of Tours Parish in Valley City collected much requested baby care items for Birthcare during their annual Christmas in July event. They have loyally coordinated this collection since 1997! We appreciate their dedication to supporting our most basic needs!

St. Francis Xavier Edge Camp middle school students put together three fleece blankets during the summer for Birthcare.

Client Report

In eight months, through August 31, 2016, volunteers served 298 client families on 853 office visits (a 11.6% increase in clients and a 21% increase in visits over the same period in 2015). We have met:

- 607 requests for infant clothing - **16% increase over 2015**
- 231 requests for formula - **19% increase over 2015**
- 78 requests for baby food
- 888 requests for diapers - **a 12 % increase over 2015**
- 12 requests for car seats
- 14 requests for cribs
- 12 requests for mattresses

Volunteers have served 718.25 hours meeting client needs and keeping the office and shelves organized. Material donors number 208. Thursdays are the busiest client days overall in 2016.

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, June – August

- Akron Children's Hospital Employee Foundation
- Amazon Smiles
- Catherine Connolly
- Catholic Charities
- Estate of Virginia M. McDonald & Zion Lutheran Church, Valley City
- Beatrice Demko
- Rebecca Kerr
- Jennifer Knitt
- Lila Lehrer
- Nancy Markovich
- Carol Metzinger
- Joseph/Wanda Olexa
- Kay Pabin
- Rainbow Trail Circle of Kings Daughters and Sons
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio
- Positive designations from United Way of Medina County, United Way of Summit County,

United Way of the Greater Triangle, United Way of Greater Cleveland

- Kathleen Richards
- Terrence Tulisiak

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, June – August

- Sharon Anderson
- Christine Ashenbrenner
- Rachel Bedenbeek
- Lisa Bilchik
- Melissa Bilikan
- Ken Bittner
- Natalie Boothe
- Sue Brooks
- Paul/Pam Bugner
- Torsten Chase
- Terri Clark
- Liz Cobb
- Diapers for Medina
- Jenny Dietrich
- Erin Duff
- Mary Dunham
- Bill Elligott
- Greg Felber
- First Impressions, Inc.
- Dr. Jonathan Funk
- Stacy Greathouse
- Mark/Christy Hallman
- Jacqueline Jacob
- Jessica Johnson
- Linda Kahelin
- Rachel Kamentz
- Andrea Karecki
- Marguerite Krahe
- Nadine Laab
- Lauren Lake
- Brenda Lash
- Georgia Loutzenhiser
- MCRC Knitters
- Brandi Maebach
- Nancy Markovich
- Kelly Marvin
- Amy McCoy
- Dr. Erin McElvey
- Kari Metzger
- Michelle Miller
- Jackie Nuftzger
- Linda Oblander
- Kelli Offenberger
- Roberta Peterson
- Shannon Pizkens

- Erin/Elaine Rankin
- Leighann Reep
- Ann Richards
- Janice Rihm
- St. Francis Xavier Edge Camp
- St. Martin of Tours Parish
- Tina Shaffer
- Pam Shank
- Janice Steirer
- Deb Stewart
- The Gingerbread House
- April Tighe
- Jennie Walker
- Melissa Willetts

Current Needs

- **Baby lotion**
- **Baby towels & washcloths**
- **Diaper rash ointment**
- **Diapers (sized Newborn & 5-6)**
- **Pajamas & clothing (sizes 2-3-4)**
- **Pull-ups (sizes 4T-5T)**
- **Socks & underwear**

Scholarship Endowment Boosted by Estate Gift

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church received a substantial donation from the estate of **Virginia M. McDonald**, a Medina resident who died January 17, 2014 at the blessed age of 100. Pastor Jim Watson and Barbara Schumacher, finance team, wrote "We would like to share our blessing with Birthcare of Medina County by providing you with a portion of our inheritance...to be solely used to fund your scholarship program." They further wrote: "We know that providing scholarship to those in need of it was important to Mrs. McDonald. As a result, we felt that continuing to provide scholarship money would be very pleasing to her and to our memories of her" and be of assistance to someone trying to improve their living and economic situation.

Volunteer Notes

1. We extend a warm welcome to three new teen volunteers: **Mackenzie Hrabak**, Highland High School; **Maria Regueiro**, Wadsworth High School and **Jared Metz**, Medina High School. Two new adult volunteers, trained in summer, are **Kim Metz** and **Janice Rihm**. We are open to training more adult and teen volunteers!

2. If you can help on **Saturday morning, September 10**, 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** plus grandson **Jace** who delivered items several times in July 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. Marie has volunteered since 1999. We are blessed to have such a strong contingent of loyal and hard-working volunteers!

Diapers for Medina July Efforts Tops its 2015 Collection Total!

Last year in July of 2015, **Natalie Boothe** coordinated her first collection, **Diapers for Medina**, dedicated to filling a basic need for mothers who visit Birthcare. In 2015 she collected, with help of other parents, 1,817 diapers. Her goal was bigger for 2016 and in her final tally she had accumulated **2,688 diapers and 31 packs of wipes!** What a mammoth effort. We commend Natalie and all the parents who supported her gathering! Parents helping parents. Above, Natalie's children, **Emma and Raymond**, helped deliver the collected items with happy, proud smiles!



DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Email _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

If you would like us to send a special acknowledgement card to alert the family or individual, please provide a name and address here:

*Private donations to date equal \$11,850, far from the 2015 total private donations of \$39,127.
Please consider a donation to help us maintain the level of services we currently have.*

Teen Volunteer Donates Earnings

Rebecca Kerr, a teen volunteer sharing her talents with Birthcare since 2014, was working on her senior year internship project at Westfield Group during several weeks in May. For senior students at Walsh Jesuit High School this is a most important and valued learning experience to culminate



their secondary education. Students are not to be paid for this internship experience that may help shape their future career choice. However, Westfield legally had to pay Rebecca for her valuable time, and so to honor her school's request that she not accept compensation for her internship, Rebecca came to the conclusion that she would donate her earnings to Birthcare. That turned out to be \$749.63! We thank Rebecca for this astounding gesture and wish her luck as she begins her college years this Fall at The Ohio State University!

Board of Directors

Important Date

Mary S. Kase, *President*
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Diane Bugner, *Treasurer*
Meg Benninger, RN
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Sabrina Marshall
Sally C. Pap
Pam Shank, RD,LD, CLC

Board of Directors Meeting
7pm, Wednesday, October 19

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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