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Birthcare of Medina County

September 2017

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

Six Scholarships Awarded

We are proud to announce the recipients of the 2017 Birthcare scholarships. Since 1997, we have awarded scholarships to 63 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 six scholarships total \$6,289.05 and are drawn from interest earned in 2016 from our healthy Scholarship Endowment Fund.



- **Sherry Van Dyke** is now attending an online Allied Health program at Youngstown State University to attain a B.S. in Applied Science. She is planning a career in the medical field. As a single mother of three children, she wants to be a positive role model for her family.
- **Corvette Davis** is enrolled at Lorain County Community College aiming for an associate degree in Early Childhood Education. Her long-term goal is to be a reading/language arts teacher. She is married and the mother of two children.
- **Jozette Mehota** is taking a graduate level statistics course at the University of Akron as a prerequisite for the Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

program. She is now a registered nurse at Southwest General Oakview Behavioral Health Center and is a single mother of a six-month old son.

- **DaShanna Price** is attending the Medina County Career Center in the Dental Assisting program. Her long-term goal is to be a pediatric dentist. As a single mother of a daughter, she wants to set an example for her of how to overcome obstacles to be successful in life.
- **Kaitlyn Andrew** is pursuing an online MBA in Marketing Management from California Coastal University. She was recently approved for an LLC for an all-women's construction company. She is a single mother of a one-year old son and wants to set the best example she can for him.

- **Patricia Coffey** is enrolled in the Dental Assisting program at the Medina County Career Center. She wants to be able to have a career that will allow her to support her two children as a single mother and still have time to enjoy life with them.

The scholarship committee includes board members **Sally Pap** and **Meg Benninger** and executive director **Barbara McCoy**. They were impressed with the determination of the recipients this year.

Grant Report



Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio notified us that our recent grant application was approved.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeastern Ohio, Inc. grant will allow us to purchase \$500 of baby foods. Our shelves were nearly empty in August when we applied.

Our Community's Kindness

The Medina Noon Kiwanis collected a wonderful amount of diapers, wipes, and other basic necessities for our agency. Delivery to our office was made by members in the month of July.



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 for 20 years! We appreciate their dedication to replenishing our most vital needs!

Former Medina resident **Taylor Ceron** and husband **Fernando** are stationed in Germany with the US Army. Taylor returned to Medina for a visit in July with their son Mauricio. Taylor asked guests attending Mauricio's second birthday party to bring donations for Birthcare in lieu

of gifts. We were blessed to receive a great supply of much needed larger toddler clothing. Thank you!

Client Report

In eight months, through August 31, 2017, volunteers served 237 client families on 747 office visits. We have met:

- 557 requests for infant clothing
- 154 requests for formula
- 92 requests for baby food
- 1,016 requests for diapers - **a 14 % increase over 2016**
- 886 requests for wipes
- 11 requests for car seats
- 9 requests for cribs
- 10 requests for mattresses

Volunteers served 654.75 hours meeting client needs and keeping the office and shelves organized. Material donors number 132.

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, June – August

- Akron Children's Hospital Employee Foundation
- Amazon Smiles
- Catherine Connolly
- Catholic Charities
- Dave/Laurel Maier
- Carol Metzinger
- Charles Schwab Foundation
- Joseph/Wanda Olexa
- Positive designations from Truist, United Way of Medina County, United Way of Summit County, United Way of Greater Cleveland

In Memory of Nevada Johnson

by John M. Hoty

In Memory of Roseman &

Zwierzchowski & Majewski Families

by Ray/Francine Lacovic

In Memory of Joyce Ebner

by Tom Ebner

In Memory of Robert F. Stahlhut

by Cheryl Gressler

Birthcare Responds Quickly

Most of you heard the terrible news of a late July murder/suicide in the City of Brunswick. What you didn't hear was that a resident of the crime scene was a client of Birthcare. She and her young children fled to the safety of a relative's home. This relative contacted our office for help. Her cousin had fled the crime scene and needed a bed for the one-year old as well as diapers and basic clothing for both of her young children. Fortunately, Birthcare was able to meet her immediately and supply her with one of the pack 'n plays recently purchased as well as fill her immediate needs. The client was still shaken from her experience, but grateful that we could help with some of her most pressing and basic needs for her children.



Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, June – August

- Reno Alessio
- Nicole Baisden
- Lisa Bilchick
- Kylee Bogner
- Natalie Boothe and Diapers for Medina
- Terri Clark
- Kristen Crampton
- Connie Daum
- Kathy DeAngelis
- Matt Dell
- Lauren Eaton
- Sue Faeking
- Tobias Froman
- Lauren Fuge
- Jennifer Gannon
- Angie Gecewich
- Paul Grubbs
- Mike Hawkes
- Melissa Henson
- Mary Ann Hitzelberger
- Kelly Inglett
- Theresa Isabella
- Emily Janitz

- Jessica Korman
- Douglas Lane
- Georgia Loutzenhiser
- Medina Noon Kiwanis
- Gia Mihuta
- Peg Muncey
- Diana Muvanko
- Kelli Offenberger
- Brigid Pelka
- Shannon Pickens
- Tammy Pryatel
- Kyle Rassey
- Leighann Reep
- Janessa Reuter
- Paulette Romito
- St. Martin of Tours

Christmas in July Collection

- Pam Shank
- Rebecca Smith
- Bethany Speck
- Western Reserve Yarn Buddies
- Misty Willard
- Brenda Williams
- Stephanie Yrmita
- Mary Zolkowski
- Denise Zweifel

Current Needs

- **Crib sheets**
- **Children's towels, washcloths**
- **Clothing (sizes 2-3-4)**



The regional chapter of the Pajama Program annually reaches out to more than 50 charitable agencies who serve children. The first 10 who respond are assigned to a local Carter's store who collect pajamas from staff and shoppers. The Carter's store at the Lodi Outlets, Burbank, will give all pajamas donated during the November-December shopping season to Birthcare! We urge anyone reading this to support the Carter's collection and spread the word.

Volunteer Notes

1. We extend a warm welcome to seven new teen volunteers: **Alaina Alessio, Katie Bachmann, Emma Bauer, Cassidy Korduba, Haley Felber, Serena Olesinski and Mallorie Rohrbach.** Three new adult volunteers are **Paulette Baldwin-Romito and Cheryl Gressler and Jackie Hackley.**

2. Helping hands and muscles of adult and teen volunteers will be assisting with our seasonal bin change. Look for an email explaining the upcoming date and time TBA.

3. Sincere thanks to **Volunteer Ann Marie Krynock and husband John** 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 clothing donations and puts in many, many hours weekly. Marie has volunteered since 1999. We are blessed by a strong contingent of loyal volunteers!

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 in the space below.

2017 Diapers for Medina Effort Doubles its 2016 Total



In July of 2016, **Natalie Boothe** coordinated her second collection, **Diapers for Medina**, dedicated to filling a basic need for mothers who visit Birthcare. In 2016 she collected, with help of other parents, 2,688 diapers and 31 packs of wipes. This summer, she more than doubled her previous year's effort, collecting a grand total of **5,632 diapers and 63 packs of wipes!** What a mammoth effort. We commend Natalie and all the local parents who supported her collection! Collection points included her home, the St. Francis Xavier Church rectory and Family Video, all in Medina. Above, Natalie's two children, **Emma and Raymond**, students at St. Francis Xavier School, helped deliver the collected items, which filled two cars, with happy smiles!

Board of Directors

Important Date

Mary S. Kase, *President*
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Diane Bugner, *Treasurer*
Meg Benninger, RN
Sister Sandra Bevec
Marie Mirro Edmonds, Esq.
Sabrina Cochran
Sally C. Pap
Pam Shank, RD,LD, CLC

Board of Directors Meeting
7pm, Wednesday, October 25

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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