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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 2018

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

## Six Scholarships Awarded

We are proud to announce the recipients of our 2018 scholarships. Since 1997, we have awarded scholarships to 69 clients! What pride it gives us to see how this fund has positively impacted so many! The six scholarships total \$5,750 and are drawn from interest earned in 2017 from our Scholarship Endowment.



- **Barbara Alvarez** is currently attending Bryant & Stratton College to attain an associate degree as a medical assistant. Also a licensed esthetician, she loves to interact with people. She is married and wants a better future for her two daughters.
- **Ashley Becker** is enrolled in the STNA program at the Medina County Career Center with the goal of eventually becoming a nurse. She is a busy married mom expecting her sixth child and wants to make a difference in the lives of others.
- **Abigail Fisk** is beginning the Medical Assisting program at the Medina County Career Center. She is excited to work in the medical field and would like to go into nursing. She is a single mother with one daughter.
- **Audra Snyder** is working toward a BSW degree in social work at Mount Vernon

Nazarene University and possibly continuing toward a master's degree. She is expecting her first baby and wants to help others reach their full potential.

- **Meagan Spurgeon** is presently attending Cuyahoga Community College in the RN Associate program. She was formerly a flight attendant for United Airlines. As a single mother, she feels that a career in the medical field gives her more time to spend with her daughter.
- **Sherry Van Dyke** is continuing to attend the online Allied Health program at Youngstown State University to attain a B.S. in Applied Science. She also has associate degrees in medical assisting and phlebotomy. A single mother of three children, she wants to be a positive role model for them.

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

## Grant Report

The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club will present us with \$1,000 grant for much needed toddler sized clothing at an October meeting. These funds emanated from the annual Medina County Sports Hall of Fame event. Three



charities were selected to receive proceeds.



This past week, we submitted an application for a \$1,500 grant from the Millennium Fund for Children to help with our massive diaper expenses. Decisions are made in 6-8 weeks.

## Our Community's Kindness

Parishioners of St. Martin of Tours Parish in Valley City collected baby items for Birthcare during their Christmas in July event. They have loyally coordinated this for 21 years! Volunteer Ann Marie Krynock and husband John, St. Martin parishioners, faithfully load and transport all the items several times in July and August. We appreciate this parish's dedication to replenishing our most vital needs!

American Legion Post 202 is hosting a golf tournament to benefit Birthcare on Saturday, September 8, at Bunker Hill Golf Course.

## Client Report

In eight months, through August 31, 2018, volunteers served 268 client families on 797 office visits. We have met:

- 586 requests for infant clothing
- 141 requests for formula
- 57 requests for baby food
- 947 requests for diapers
- 784 requests for wipes

- 21 requests for car seats
- 13 requests for cribs
- 11 requests for mattresses

Volunteers served 612.50 hours meeting client needs and keeping the office and shelves organized. Material donors number 195.

## Exciting Fundraiser



**Heart and Soul Gift Boutique** opening in November in the new Raymond

Building at 139 N. Court St., Medina, has chosen Birthcare of Medina County to receive proceeds from its first charitable fundraiser. Profits from the sale of the "Chavez for Charity" bracelet (pictured above) during November will go back to Birthcare. Chavez for Charity has also agreed to donate 25% of their profits from the sale of these colorful bracelets.

Our thanks to owner **Jeanine Maczko** for her support. Please visit this store, which will carry a unique selection of home decor, handbags, jewelry, personal care items, candles, stationery, baby gifts, and wedding gifts when it opens. Heart and Soul believes in the importance of supporting community.

## Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, June – August

- America's Charities
- Catholic Charities
- Thomas M. Chester
- Catherine Connolly
- Dave/Marie Edmonds
- First Energy Employee Giving
- Irene F. Hill
- Infant of Prague Guild
- Nancy Markovich
- William/Carol Metzinger
- Mary Kay Noll

- Patriotic Angels, A Red Hat Club
- Cheryl Rohrbach
- Linda A. Sullivan
- Positive designations from United Way of Greater Cleveland
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff
- **In Memory of Patricia Suchan** by Elyn Morgan
- **In Memory of William and Helen Manning** by Meg Benninger

## Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, June – August

- Reno Alessio
- Allison Augaitis
- Tom Barko
- Christen Belicko
- Natalie Boothe and Diapers for Medina
- Patty Chesboro
- Erica Christensen
- Terri Clark
- Liz Columbus
- Ali Conte
- Tara Cureton
- Connie Daum
- Kathleen DeAngelis
- Bea Demko
- Mary Dunham
- Judy Fisher
- Debbie Green
- Tina Harbaugh
- Margo Harris
- Jamie Harubin
- Janell Harvey
- Mike Hawkes
- Beth Iorio
- Jessica Kelker
- Dinah Lambert
- Cindy Lance
- Lindsay Larson
- Nancy Markovich
- L. Oblander
- Kelly Offenberger
- Pinzone Family
- Renee Ross
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul Society
- St. Martin of Tours Christmas in July Collection

- Jenny Shanno
- Jennifer Simlia
- Jennifer Sinha
- Janice Steirer
- Deb Stewart
- Deborah Swiger
- Lisa Thiergartner
- Chris Wheeler
- Angela White
- Melissa ZanZano
- Shannon Zeltner

## Did you know?

- ✓ Our website, managed by Patrick Harris, has an ever-changing Events and News page.
- ✓ You can donate to us via PayPal if you visit our website or Facebook page.
- ✓ We need new volunteers to attend our next training session later this month. Email if interested.

## Current Needs

- Children's washcloths/towels
- Clothing (toddler sizes 2-3-4)
- Infant formula (Gerber, Similac)
- Toddler socks, underwear



The regional chapter of the Pajama Program annually reaches out to 55 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 will give all pajamas donated to the Pajama Program during the November-December busy holiday shopping season to Birthcare.

## Diapers for Medina 2018 Update



Ready to use their muscles at delivery are Emma Boothe, Leah Bugner, Raymond Boothe, Andrew Bugner and Brock Richardson. The delivery vehicles were driven by Natalie Boothe, Beth Bugner and Kathy Stucker.

The totals are in. Drum roll, please. Three carloads, three adults and five children helped deliver and unpack three carloads packed to the brim with 8,618 diapers and pullups plus 122 packs of wipes.

**Natalie Boothe** started Diapers for Medina 4 years ago. Her kids were done with the diaper stage and she was by the pool reading a magazine when she read an article about a diaper drive in Michigan. A woman had found out about the need in an area close to her. She heard that families were even rinsing diapers to reuse them for their babies. Government assistance doesn't cover the cost for diapers. They had to make choices while shopping and with diapers being so expensive, they would buy food instead.

a diaper stretch. So I started this, it has grown and I'm so thankful. I simply post in our church bulletin, reach out on Facebook, and connect with my parish community plus my friends and family. I'm so very thankful to live in Medina and have the support to help other families in need. Together we are making this happen."

Birthcare director **Barb McCoy** said "I wish I could personally thank all of those who have generously donated to your passionate cause. Your donation will go directly to our clients! They are the largest annual expense we have. God bless you!"

Natalie said "It was heart breaking to me, knowing full well I had thrown out clean diapers and had the luxury of changing my kids as they needed it, I never had to make

## Marketing Birthcare at Farmers Market



Birthcare was one of many community agencies participating in the Medina County Health Department Farmers Market on a partly sunny Friday in August. Besides our display, a raffle item and granola bars drew adults and children to our table. Staffing the table throughout the day were **Diane Bugner, Sister Sandy Bevec, Sue Brooks, Mary Kase, Ann Marie Krynock and Joanne Weiler** (pictured).

## Board of Directors

Mary S. Kase, *President*  
Joanne Weiler, *Secretary*  
Diane Bugner, *Treasurer*  
Meg Benninger, RN  
Sister Sandra Bevec  
Mary Corall  
Marie Mirro Edmonds, Esq.  
Michele Fusillo, RD,LD, CLC  
Sally C. Pap

## On the Calendar

**American Legion Golf Outing**  
6:30am, Saturday, September 8

**New Volunteer Training**  
7pm, Wednesday, September 26

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
7pm, Wednesday, October 10

## 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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