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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

June 2020

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976

Congratulations Volunteer of the Year Carol Walling



We are pleased to honor a very giving volunteer who is often the answer to a prayer to take an extra shift or fill an open spot with the generous offer of her time. We are proud to announce **Carol Walling** as our 2020 Volunteer of the Year!

Carol was trained as a Birthcare volunteer in April, 2015. She moved to Medina from out-of-state in November 2014 and was eager to find volunteer work that would fit her skills and schedule. She routinely donates material items to Birthcare.

*"Birthcare has been a great match!
I enjoy interacting with the adult clients and their little ones. Sometimes people just need someone to listen to them and I am happy to be that person."*

Carol was a special education teacher for over a decade before becoming a stay-at-home mom. She and husband Brent have two sons, Robbie (7) and Thomas (3) as well as a chocolate lab, Kali (10). They attend St. Francis Xavier Parish. Carol, an active member of MOMS Club of Medina East, has also served as that group's

president and vice-president. Carol loves working out in the gym, gardening, canning and trying new recipes.

Our Heroic Volunteers

We are honored to have the services of the following adults and teens who faithfully staff our office:

Janet Bagatti	Carolyn Lesiak
Gina Betti	Nancy Mesavage
Sandy Bevec	Kim Metz
Marie Charek	Mary Meyer
Terri Clark	Patty Meyers
Kim Clouse	Suzie Milam
Alecia Dailide	Michelle Miller
Jennifer Davis	Raquel O'Connell
Susan Faecking	Karen Petros
Krista Feldhouse	Carol Prentice
Renee Felix	Marge Raese
Diane Fisher	Lisa Rice
Lynne Foradori	Janice Rihm
Judy Fox	Judy Sack
Debbie Garofalo	Patty Schuck
Monica Gorman	Julie Seguin
Cheryl Gressler	Nicole Smerek
Marilyn Griffin	Lisa Smith
Jackie Gulling	Sue Taylor
Allison Hallman	Danielle Terwilliger
Karen Haverdill	Jayne Thompson
Marga Hill	April Tighe
Jessica Johnson	Carol Walling
Elinor Judson	Pauline Wasowski
Mary Kase	Joanne Weiler
Kris Kesler	Bev Wetherill
Jennifer Kmitt	Cathy Wills
Mary Krosse	Janet Wilson
Ann Marie Krynock	Mary Zolkowski

Teen Volunteers:

Jacob Bauer	Sarah Salek
Sarah Ferner	Ryan Zolkowski

The Pandemic Impact

Once the pandemic entered the US, it changed many things including service at Birthcare. We commend the

volunteers of March for readily committing to serve clients. We remained open for most of March, putting into place contactless servicing of only basic needs. Clients would call from their phone once parked, state their needs, and volunteers inside would bring those needs (diapers, wipes, formula, baby food and hygiene products) outside for pickup. We also eliminated donations of clothing and did not give out any clothing during this time.



Patty Meyers and Julie Seguin greet a client.

However, we noticed that hardly any clients were coming in. It seemed they thought we were closed. It was apparent that it was a waste of manpower to have volunteers risk their safety and time. We abruptly and sadly rethought what to do. Our brave director, Barb, starting the last Saturday of March, has staffed our office alone for two hours each Saturday through May 9. Client levels remained low in April and early May.

In late April, faced with doing our semi-annual bin changeover minus the help of our usual volunteers, assistant director Diane called in the troops to



assist with the heavy lifting: her husband Ed and three grandsons, Zachary, Andrew and Aiden.

Rethinking yet again in light of Gov. DeWine's new May directives, we asked volunteers to once again staff our office during regularly scheduled hours - using safety precautions (masks, gloves, sanitization of surfaces) and having just two volunteers inside the office to meet needs with "contactless" service. This time, realizing that some will need summer clothing, we instituted giving out pre-bagged selections of clothing by gender/size.



A crew of volunteers (Janice Rihm, Mary Kase and Bev Wetherill) are weekly assembling these as needed. In addition, regular volunteers are also pitching in to make up these packages during regular shifts. We are being cautious and not yet accepting donations of any used items.

Birthday Love

St. Francis Xavier second grader, **Miley Miller**, collected donations for Birthcare in lieu of birthday gifts when she turned eight. We applaud her for her benevolent and unselfish idea. Just look at all the great gifts she was able to bring to us. Her mom Michelle is a Birthcare volunteer!



Client Stats - Five Months

As of May 31, 2020, we served 139 clients during 275 visits. We have met:

- 184 requests for clothing**
- 64 requests for formula**
- 34 requests for baby food**
- 326 requests for diapers**
- 243 requests for wipes**
- 9 requests for car seats**
- 6 requests for cribs**
- 6 requests for crib mattresses**
- 4 requests for newborn layette packs**

Financial Gifts: February – May

- Amazon Smiles
 - America's Charities
 - John/Michelle Bevec
 - CAF America
 - Catholic Charities
 - Atty. Christopher Freeman
 - Kenneth Garber
 - John M. Hoty
 - Laurel Maier
 - Anthony/Mary Ann Manley
 - David/Ruth Ann Manley
 - Marsh & McLennan Companies
on behalf of Dollars for Doers,
Laura Lewarchick
 - Medina County Right to Life Society
 - Warren/Marge Raese
 - Adrienne Riggenbach
 - Connie Smalley
 - Tower Tootsies, Senior Hat Club
 - United Way of Greater Cleveland
 - United Way of Summit County
 - Molly Watson
 - Jeff/Jackie Wolff
 - Your Cause
- (See appeal donor list - next page.)**



*One benevolent donor writes:
"A few days ago, I received my stimulus check from the government brought on by this pandemic...I am fortunate that I am comfortable living on my existing income...I decided that I was giving it forward to charities that are dear to me."*

Another two donors gave substantial donations especially due to Covid-19 "to sustain us in trying times."



Material Gifts: February – May

- Stephanie Bergman
- Mallory Bergsteisser
- Natalie Boothe
- Terri Clark
- Jill Clouse
- Cathy DeAngelis
- Phil/Heather Hascher
- Tina Meyer-Hawkes
- Mr. and Mrs. Mancino
- Miley Miller
- Amanda Montana
- Park Family
- Shira Rice
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul
- Julie Seguin
- Angela Setzer
- Bethany Speck
- Deb Stewart
- Western Reserve Masonic Community
Knitting Group
- Bev Wetherill
- Amanda Whiteaker

Current Needs

- Diapers (only sizes 5-6)**
- Pajamas & clothing (sizes 2-3-4)**
- Pull-ups (sizes 4T-5T)**
- Socks & underwear**
- *only new items accepted at this time***

Grant News

Birthcare was notified in March that we will be receiving a grant for \$1,000 from the **Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club** (courtesy of their annual Sports Hall of Fame program) sometime in August. This award will be channeled toward new toddler clothing – something we never have enough of!

In addition, we filed an application in mid-May to **Columbia Cares** appealing for a \$500 grant toward the purchase of size 5 and size 6 diapers and toddler pull-ups.

PayPal Available for Donations

If you are looking for an easy way to donate to Birthcare, find the PayPal button on our website or Facebook page.

Mother's Day Annual Appeal Donor List at 5/31/2020

Appeal donations will be accepted through December 31, 2020. Thank you to 62 donors contributing \$7,606!

In Memory of:

- Joy Wright and Bobbi Reither from Sister Sandy Bevec
- Amy Biedenbach from Rachel Biedenbach-Alessio
- Joyce Ebner from Tom Ebner
- Cecelia Mirro and Patricia Edmonds from Dave and Marie Edmonds
- Stella Reams from Carolyn Foradori
- Irene Gressler from John and Cheryl Gressler
- Dolores F. Stephenson from Jeff and Mary Kase
- Alice Maloney and Lee Lance from Neil and Fran Lance
- Eugene Orians from Mr. and Mrs. Brian Orians
- Dr. Ronald Ricci from Dr. Carol Ricci
- Catherine O'Brien Fay and Brenda Fay from Kathy Richards
- William Arthur Schuck (infant) from Patty Schuck
- Catherine Slaby from Dr. Denis and Lori Slaby
- Norma B. Summerville from Rosanne Summerville
- Amarigo and Julia Storace, Steve and Mae Petrigala from Jayne Thompson
- Marita Tulisiak from Thomas and Judith Tulisiak
- Florence Hotujac and Joyce Weiler from Robert and Joanne Weiler

In Honor of:

- Jane Anderson, my Mom from Jennie Abernathy
- Agnes Bevec, Michelle Bevec and Linda Bevec from Sister Sandy Bevec
- Loretta Crow from Donna Bica
- Carolyn D. Brown from Steve Brown
- Sarah Edwards from Stephanie Edwards
- Mia Sturm, granddaughter from Debbie Garofalo
- Marguerite Ryan from John and Cheryl Gressler
- Marian Kern from Doug and Deb Stewart
- Lucille Philipps from Dr. Denis and Lori Slaby

General Donations from:

Matthew and Mary Becker
Frank and Debbie Bontempo
Rita Brown
Tom and Deb Chester
Catherine Connolly
Rick and Lora Dumperth
Renee Felix
Judy A. Gainard
Marilyn R. Griffin
Gary and Holly Hallman
Marga Hill
John M. Hoty
Mary Krosse

Lila Lehrer
Ted and Carolyn Lesiak
David and Ruth Ann Manley
Nancy Markovich
James and Leslie Messmer
Carol Metzinger
Mrs. Marge Mikulski
Mary Kay Noll
Gayle Pickering
Margaret Raese
Elaine and Erin Rankin
Philip L. Rice
Adrienne Riggerbach



Despite the weather, we had a great turnout for the annual February volunteer meeting/social. We thank our informative speaker, Laura Niehaus, Outreach Advocate with Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center, which encompasses Battered Women's Shelter and Rape Crisis Center of Summit and Medina Counties.

Ruth Rodgers
Paul and Joelle Rose
Dave Steirer
Linda A. Sullivan
Mimi Thompson
Robert W. Thompson
Charlcie Towne
Terry Tulisiak
Bev Wetherill
Alice Williams
Janet Wilson
George and Donna Wolff

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Important Dates

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 04, 2020

Volunteer Annual Recommitment
Email response due June 15, 2020

Scholarship Application Deadline
Monday, June 29, 2020

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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