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## Open Hours:

- Monday and Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 12 Noon - 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

# Birthcare of Medina County

November 2019

Providing for little ones what love cannot buy since 1976



On December 3, join Birthcare staff and volunteers as we recognize #GIVINGTUESDAY -- a worldwide trend that has grown in popularity.

Whether it's your time, a monetary donation, or a donation of material goods that will help us "provide for little ones what love cannot buy", this special day is all about coming together to help non-profits grow and succeed through the support of our local community.

It's a simple idea. Find a way to give back, to make a difference for others who may need a little help at this particular time of the year. For 43 years, Birthcare has been serving young families all over Medina County. Your donation can provide critical help as we head into the holiday season.

Donations, monetary or material, can be mailed to 620 E Smith Rd, Unit E-5A, Medina, Ohio 44256, or dropped off in person during our regular office hours.



#GIVINGTUESDAY

## Who Relies On Us For Assistance?

Birthcare helps families with young children. Who turns to us for daily survival assistance?

- A 17-year old single mother of a toddler who needed help with diapers, wipes and clothing. She still lives at home.
- A 31-year old single mother, on maternity leave from her job, needed assistance with diapers, wipes and clothing.
- A Battered Women's Shelter client, mother of two, due to deliver in November, needed our help to support her newborn with a crib, mattress, layette package, sleepers, bottles, blankets, and diapers.
- One single mother of two needed extra help because she is assisting her grandmother who is battling cancer.
- A Christmas gift family includes a mother of two. The father of her children is working, but she is unemployed. She calls our help a "Christmas miracle".

## How You Can Help ....

**Adopt** one of our needy client families for Christmas. We are aiding 25 children and 11 adults in eight families.

**Collect** new and gently used baby necessities within your business, church, school or community group. We need toddler-sized clothing.

**Contribute** to our General Fund to help us purchase basic need items.

**Create** soft baby blankets that we give to newborns and young children.

**Donate** stock to our T.D. Ameritrade brokerage account and get a tax deduction.

**Like** Birthcare on Facebook!

**Remember** us in your estate plans and year-end giving.

**Volunteer** at our office serving the diverse needs of clients.

## Current Needs

- Baby cereals and baby foods
- Baby wash, baby shampoo
- Diapers, sizes 5-6
- Pullups, 4T-5T
- Towels & washcloths
- Winter clothing & coats, 3T-4T



*With grateful hearts, we extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who support our agency:*

- our loyal donors
- our 620 Corporation landlord
- our faithful volunteers
- our clients
- our board of directors

## Client Report

Through 10 1/2 months, we have served 294 client families on 998 office visits. We have met:

- 779 requests for infant clothing
- 267 requests for infant formula
- 75 requests for baby food
- 1,218 requests for diapers
- 917 requests for wipes
- 23 requests for car seats
- 19 requests for cribs & mattresses
- We have also prepared 31 layette packages for newborns.

Material donations, both used and new, came from 286 kind donors.

## Grant Update



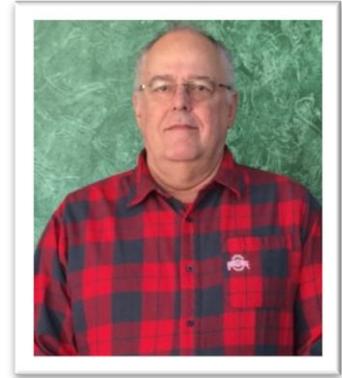
We thank the board of **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Ohio** for awarding us a \$500 grant to use for baby foods. The award was received in late September.

## Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, September-November 15

- Akron Children's Hospital Employee Foundation
- Amazon Smiles
- America's Charities
- Catholic Charities
- Thomas M. Chester
- First Energy Employee Fund
- Irene F. Hill
- John M. Hoty
- Francine Lacovic
- David/Ruth Ann Manley
- Adrienne Riggerbach
- Marcia Rohde
- St. Ambrose Fill The Crib Project
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of NE Ohio
- Truist
- United Way of Greater Cleveland
- United Way of Summit County
- Jeff/Jackie Wolff

## Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, September-November 15

- Danilla Alteri
- AmeriCorps VISTA for Bright Star Books
- Allison Augautis
- Janet Bagatti
- Nicole Baisden
- Ralph/Linda Berry
- Sister Sandy Bevec
- Julie Blakemore
- Patty Cathcart
- Kelly Cerio
- Patty Chesbro
- Linda Cooksey
- Connie Daum
- Elizabeth Evans
- Lyn Fields
- Susan Fishbach
- Rebecca Gilbert
- Maria Glaser
- Lauren Hakos
- Mark/Christy Hallman
- Mike Hawkes
- Kelly Inglett
- Jacqueline Jacob
- Christine Knudson
- Lisa Kolecki
- Jessica Kus
- MCRC Knitters
- Jim/Barb McCoy
- Medina Noon Kiwanis Club
- Diane Olesinski
- Ella Pheister
- Mary Ann Rossi
- St. Ambrose Fill The Crib Project
- Mary Jane Semivan
- Jim Sever
- Kelly Sevro
- Michael Sidman
- Robin Sissen
- Mr. & Mrs. Steirer
- Mr. & Mrs. Sull
- Kelly Svendsen
- Lisa Thiergartner
- Warm-Up Medina County
- Patty Weimer
- Kali Whited
- Jerry/Marsha Whitnoble
- Jennifer Yanke
- York United Methodist Church



We have been privileged to have the volunteer services of **Ed Bugner**, Certified Public Accountant, since the early 1980's. For at least 38 years, he has carefully reviewed our monthly financial reports, offered suggestions and advice about our financial situations and various filings, reviewed our 990 tax return, prepared our annual financial statements, supervised our payroll and payroll tax preparation, and found new sources of income to make our agency the success it is today. Even in the midst of a busy tax season, when his own accounting business dictated working 16 hour days seven days a week, he found time to meet our needs. He continues to assist now by volunteering several hours per week helping count out and package diapers with assistant director/wife Diane. He has decided to start downsizing his extra commitments. He was an initial member and president of our Board of Directors. We thank him from the bottom of our hearts for the dedication and selfless support he has so relentlessly offered to Birthcare of Medina County!

**THANK YOU**

# THANKFUL FOR ALL WHO BLESS US WITH KINDNESS

A Sip and Shop event in mid-November at the **Advanced Health & Wellness and Advanced Performance Crossfit** in Wadsworth brought to Birthcare many items collected at the door from participants. The multi-vendor evening asked shoppers to bring an item to meet Birthcare's needs. The idea for the event came from Dawn Blue, a former Birthcare client now connected with Advanced Performance Crossfit, who wants to pay it forward for the second year in a row!



**Medina Noon Kiwanis Club** collected many items, filling our couch, and member Krista Wasowski kindly dropped off their donations one Thursday afternoon. Their focus on children routinely aids us several times a year. They collected \$420 worth of very much needed toddler-sized clothing, pajamas and bath supplies.



**St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick**, annually hosts a **Fill The Crib Collection** for Birthcare. This year's project collected 450 items valued at nearly \$1,400 and contained everything from blankets to booties, diapers to wipes, clothing, baby food, pajamas, shampoo and soaps, bottles, towels, washcloths, bibs and even a Pack and Play. The parish's Culture of Life group plans this event. Trish Shaw coordinates the gathering, summarizes the donations and drops

off the items to Birthcare. Parishioners literally "fill up a crib" set inside the church with new and gently used donations of needed material items and donations of money.



**AmeriCorp VISTA for Bright Star Books**, a non-profit focused on getting books into the hands of limited resource families in Summit, Portage and Medina counties, donated a colorful bookshelf to Birthcare along with many books for clients' children.

Once again this year, **Warm-Up Medina County**, a program sponsored by the Medina District Library, invited executive director Barb McCoy to pick up a colorful collection of handmade crib blankets, hats, scarves and gloves, all lovingly handmade by area residents. The program is now in its 16th year of serving organizations in need. Five hundred ninety-four items were distributed in November to 12 county agencies.



**Welcome new volunteers:**  
**Kris Kesler**  
**Raquel O'Connell**  
**Beverly Wetherill**  
**Ryan Zolkowski, teen**

Thank you, Mary Kase,  
for training our newest candidates!  
**Next training session: Spring 2020.**

## Birthcare of Medina County 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.; Sally C. Pap and Michele Fusillo RD,LD, CLC**

## Birthcare of Medina County 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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