

Where to find us:

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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. - Noon

Birthcare of Medina County

December 2007

A United Way Agency serving Medina County since 1976

Dear Friends, Supporters and Volunteers,

New Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce Birthcare's newly elected Board of Directors for 2007-2008. The nine new members are:

Edward F. Bugner, CPA of Edward F. Bugner CPA, Inc.;

Diane M. Bugner, assistant director of Birthcare;

Claudia Cihlar PhD, APRNB, an advanced practice psychiatric nurse with Akron General and Summit Center for Behavioral Sciences;

Marie Edmonds attorney, of Marie Mirro Edmonds Co. LPA;

Marguerite Krahe, branch manager for Park View Federal;

Sally Pap, Vice-President of operations and training for SecuReach Systems;

Rosanne Summerville, an active community volunteer;

Marita Tulisiak LISW, director of Birthcare;

Kenneth Wolff, Vice-President of Purchasing at Wolff Bros. Supply Inc.

We are sincerely grateful for the enthusiasm and expertise that each of these individuals brings to our agency.

Stock Donations

Birthcare has recently received two new donations of stock into our Ameritrade account. These gifts of stock allow us to purchase much needed items for our clients as well as provide a tax advantage to each donor. We thank them for their generosity.

Our Needs

- **Winter clothing and coats, 12 mos - size 4**
 - **Children's books**
- **Children's winter hats**
- **Crib sheets & towels**
 - **High chairs**
- **Alimentum, Nutramigen and Isomil Advance formulas**
 - **Wipes**
- **Diapers, newborn -size 6**
 - **Pull-ups, sizes 2T- 5T**
- **Baby wash, lotion, and ointment**
 - **Dreft detergent**
 - **Baby gates**

Christmas at Birthcare

The holiday season is a busy time of year for us at Birthcare. In November we identify some of our neediest families who will receive Christmas help from the St. Francis Xavier giving tree. We then are hard at work helping provide Christmas for other families who request assistance up until the days before Christmas. Our Medina community is so generous to us at this time of year and, with the help of so many church, school, community groups and individuals, we are busy stocking our shelves for our clients for the year ahead.



We always welcome any groups or individuals who are willing to donate items or who are willing to adopt one of our families in need at this time of year. If you might be interested please call us at 330.722.1190.

Thanks to all of you for your overwhelming support this year and we wish you a peaceful and joyful holiday season.

Grants Awarded and Notable Contributions

In the past several months Birthcare has been the recipient of grants and notable contributions. A grant in the amount of \$2,546.20 was awarded to us by the **Feckley Charitable Foundation** for the purchase of 20 cribs and mattresses. We also were awarded a grant in the amount of \$500.00 from **The Westfield Insurance Foundation's Volunteer Grant Program** based on the volunteer commitment of **Jessica Albano**, one of our volunteers. A donation of \$500.00 was received from the **St. Martin's Infant of Prague Guild** for the purchase of cribs. We also received a donation of \$500.00 from the **Knights of Columbus Medina Council 4168**.

Welcoming Our Newest Volunteers

During the month of October, **Lisa Rice**, our new volunteer trainer, was busy training 6 new volunteers for our Birthcare office staff. We would like to welcome **Jen Coppola, Jena Hayes, Linda Kramer, Julie Kuehn, Bridget Priestley** and teen volunteer, **Jennifer Mikovsky**. We look forward to having them join us.

Volunteer Spotlight... JAF's Therapy in Motion

Judy Fox, one of our Birthcare volunteers, is also the Director of JAF'S Therapy in Motion which is a therapeutic and educational riding program located in Lafayette Township. This program provides a wide range of services tailored to suit children and teens with special needs from age 3 to 18. Some of the types of programs that are

offered are Therapeutic Riding, "Children in the Middle", Beginner Riding Lessons and Hippotherapy. Therapeutic horseback riding offers its own special brand of healing power. Riders benefit in many areas including developing p coordination, balance, posture and mobility. They also gain self-esteem, confidence, and improved learning skills. JAF'S Therapy in Motion is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit agency. Judy's dream at this time is to build an indoor arena so that children may benefit from the therapy throughout the year. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation you can contact:

Judy Fox, director
330-722-2415
email: jafsfarm@aol.com
JAF's Therapy in Motion,
Inc. 5730 Lafayette Road
Medina, Ohio 44256.



Special Thanks to:

Denise Barczyk, who shopped with our KB gift cards at the Outlet Mall purchasing many items for our layettes.

Lisa Rice, who agreed to become our new volunteer trainer. She has been busy training this past fall and has done a terrific job.

Lisa Knight, who continually works to keep our office staffed.

Joanne Weiler, who has been inputting all our client data this year.

Marie Charek, our sorting and organizational angel.

Sally Pap and Marguerite Krahe, for organizing the holiday gift program for our clients.

Anna Wiley, for preparing and delivering layettes for local hospitals for us.

Carol Szakovits, for delivering the St. Vindent DePaul Blanket Sunday items to our office.

Client Report

In eleven months, through 11/30/07, volunteers have served 403 clients during 1,190 visits. We have met:

- 745 requests for infant clothing
- 463 requests for food/formula
- 977 requests for diapers
- 69 requests for car seats
- 63 requests for cribs/mattresses
- 60 requests for other equipment
- 21 requests for gift cards for basic needs

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, September-November

- Catholic Charities
- United Way of Medina County monthly allocations
- United Way of Summit County positive designations
- Erin and Elaine Rankin
- Thomas Chester
- Connection Church
- Kiwanis Club of Medina
- Knights of Columbus, Medina Council 4168
- Dick and Connie Smalley
- Infant of Prague Guild
- Kenny Wolff
- Carol and Pat Wallace
- Paul and Joelle Rose
- Rosanne Summerville
- John M. Hoty
- Angels in Red Hats
- Knights of Columbus Wadsworth Council 3213

- United Church of Christ
Congregation Medina
- Ladies Benevolent Society,
United Church of Christ
Litchfield

In Memory of...



The Schriener and
Eredics Families
from
Jean Schriener
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Peg Schriener  
from  
Bonnie Schriener

## Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, September-November

- Medina Kiwanis (Children  
Priority One Committee)
- Debbie Schacht
- Project Linus
- Lisa Knight
- Nancy Joswick
- Mary Summers
- Life's Treasures
- Vanessa Frame
- Charlotte Carrow
- Francine Lacovic
- Sheryl Sluder
- Nicole Beech
- Mickie Getz
- Our Lady of Grace  
(Hinckley)
- St. Vincent DePaul Blanket  
Sunday
- Michelle Fuchs family
- Brunswick Senior Knitters
- Gingerbread House
- KB Toys
- Kelly Schuerger's Girl Scout  
Troop and Knights of  
Columbus

- Anne Tindell/Living Hope  
Church
- Amy Everhard family
- Erin Feeks
- Cheryl Todd
- Bridget Priestley
- Susan Faecking
- Karen Haverdill
- Deanna Kuehn
- Jan Valach
- Ruth Fullard

## Scholarship Update

We recently received a note from **Kari Johnston**, one of our scholarship winners this past year. She wanted to let us know that she will be receiving her degree in December and will begin looking for work after that. She thanked us for allowing her to reach her goal of graduating and providing a better life for her children.

## Malley's

As you may have already noticed, Birthcare did not participate in the Malley's fundraiser program this year. We made the decision based on the catalog offerings and other factors. We sincerely appreciate all of our past supporters of this fundraiser and thank those that have sent in financial contributions in place of their order this year.

## Volunteer Notes

1. We have decided to distribute scholarship applications to our clients as they visit us throughout the year. Beginning in January we ask that you give each new client a scholarship application. They will also be available in our waiting area. We hope to cut down on mailing costs as well as make sure each client is aware of, and has the

opportunity to apply for one of our scholarships.

2. We recently received a donation of a used computer with monitor, tower, keyboard and printer. We are looking for someone who might be able to take a look at it for us to determine if it is feasible for us to use and determine if it is better than what we have now. Please call either Diane or Marita if you are interested.

3. On December 21, hundreds of items will be delivered to Birthcare from the St. Francis Xavier School Advent Project. If any of our teens are interested in organizing these donations into bins for us that day or evening in the adjacent office, please let us know.

4. Please remember to place **new** items that are donated on the shelves in the backroom when they come in. We need to assess their value before we put them out on the shelves for our clients.

5. Thank you to all of our volunteers who faithfully show up for their office shifts and deal with all of our clients with such compassion and concern. Birthcare would not be what it is without all of you.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Marita Tulisak LISW, Director

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Diane Bugner, Assistant  
Director



330.723.5955

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