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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

February 2009

A United Way Agency serving Medina County since 1976

Dear Friends, Supporters and Volunteers,

Community Support for Birthcare at Christmas

During this past Christmas season, Birthcare received hundreds of much needed items for our clients from so many different individuals and groups in our community.

St. Martin of Tours Parishioners, through their Christmas Giving Tree, showered us with hundreds of infant supplies.

St. Francis Xavier Parishioners, through their Giving Tree, provided Christmas gifts for our neediest clients.

St. Francis Xavier school community, through their Advent Project, collected much needed infant supplies for Birthcare.

The Medina High School class of Traci Winkler collected infant clothing, diapers, baby food, wipes, bibs, blankets, lotion, formula and toys for Birthcare.

Students in **Bob Capito's class** from **Claggett Middle School** collected toys, baby food, wipes, formula, lunchboxes, and diaper cream.

Angels in Red Hats Society generously donated a playpen, diapers, clothing, books and stuffed animals.

Living Hope Church Youth Group generously donated diapers and a check for \$50.

United Church of Christ delivered numerous baby shower gifts from their Children's Christmas program.

Medina Early Childhood PTA made up Christmas stockings filled with baby items for our clients.

Elaine Klamert generously went shopping with her bonus check and delivered diapers, clothing, formula, winter coats and more to our office.

The Todd Family brought in wipes, winter clothing and outerwear that they collected from their guests at their annual Christmas cookie decorating party.

Anna Taylor hosted a Christmas party and requested guests bring donations. As a result, we received a car seat, diapers, sleepers, clothing, toys, bottles, baby food and more.

Hobbitts Preschool collected clothing, diapers, wipes, books, formula and baby food for us.

St. Stephen Parish donated diapers, wipes, clothing and bedding

Medina Pediatrics and Internal Medicine chose to donate money to us in lieu of their employees exchanging Christmas gifts.

Thanks to all of you for your generous support of Birthcare in such creative ways!

Our Needs

- **Winter coats (24m - 4T)**
- **Winter clothing (24m - 4T)**
- **High chairs (gently used)**
- **Bassinets (gently used)**
- **Children's books**
- **Stage 2 and 3 baby food**
- **Pull-ups, sizes 2T- 5T (girls and boys)**

Our Christmas Families

Thanks to the generosity of the **St. Francis Xavier Parish Giving Tree** and four other families, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for 14 families that included 18 adults and 42 children. Special thanks to **George and Donna Wolff, Tom Wolff and Jenny Wentz, Jeff and Marybeth Esterburg** and an anonymous family for adopting four of those client families.

Car Seat Bonanza!

We are excited to report that we have established a connection with **Graco Products** through **Greg Beno**, a St. Francis Xavier parishioner. As a result, 40 child safety seats have been donated to us with the assurance of more in the

future. Our thanks to **Dan Cathcart, Graco Products, Greg Beno, Kenny Wolff and Wolff Bros. Supply** for making all of this possible for us.

Client Report

During the month of January, our volunteers have served 85 clients during 90 visits. We have met:

- 69 requests for infant clothing
- 18 requests for formula
- 12 requests for baby food
- 75 requests for diapers
- 4 requests for car seats
- 8 requests for cribs/mattresses

Grants Applied For

Birthcare has requested \$3,000 from the Stephenson Foundation for the purchase of formula, food and diapers. Application was made February 1, 2009 and we should be hearing shortly regarding any monies we may be receiving.

We are also planning to submit a grant request to the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund for cribs in the coming months as well as a request to the Childrens Millenium Fund for layette items and literacy materials in the summer.

Birthcare has been adopted!

We were excited to learn that the **Medina Assembly of God** church community in Medina has adopted Birthcare as a yearlong project. **Nancy Gardner**, one of our longtime volunteers has spearheaded this endeavor. Birthcare has already received handmade crib sheets from the women's group and is looking forward to the church's continuing efforts on our behalf. Thank you!

Special Thanks to:

* **Joanne Weiler**, for inputting all our client data throughout the year.

***Suzie Milam**, for her tireless work in evaluating all our new donations throughout the year.

* **John and Ann Marie Krynock**, who delivered all of the items from the St. Martin Parish Giving Tree to our office.

***Betsy Chadwell and her son Jonathon**, for putting together and delivering over 20 layettes to local hospitals before Christmas.

***Sally Pap**, for once again organizing our holiday gift program for our client families.

***Wolff Bros. Supply**, for donating a truck to pick up car seats in Macedonia as well as providing a storage space at their facility for those car seats.

***Ed Bugner**, for loading and transporting car seats as needed.

***Kenny Wolff**, for building much needed shelving for our storage/sorting space in the adjacent office.

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, Nov. 15 - Jan. 31

- Lawrence and Sharon Chorzewski
- United Way of Medina County-allocations/positive designations
- Margaret M. Wolfe
- Robin M. Gray
- Michael and Kim Buchek
- William and Alice Batchelder
- Pat and Carol Wallace
- Jeanne and Jeff Palker
- Howard Wolff
- George and Donna Wolff
- Kenny Wolff
- Jeff Wolff
- Paul and Joelle Rose

- Connection Church
- Ladies Benevolent Society of the United Church of Christ
- Jeffrey and Sue Simmons
- Brian and Susan Orians
- Catholic Charities
- Dr. Gregory and Linda Kramer
- Evelyn Stang
- Thomas V. Conway
- Raymond and Francine Lacovic
- Vincent and Alexis Piccoli
- Mark and Debra Kazmarek
- Western Reserve Bank
- Barbara White
- Jim Wessa
- John and Anne Tindell
- United Way of Summit County
- Mark and Laura Kresmer
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent de Paul Society
- John M. Hoty
- John and Michele Pietras
- St. Peregrine School
- Daniel and Constance Cevasco
- Jonathan and Barbara Steingass
- Jim and Nancy Gowe
- Medina Pediatrics and Internal Medicine
- Rosanne Summerville
- Mike Malloy
- Thomas Ebner
- Paulette and William Clark
- Jack Dye
- Scott Boehnen
- Laura Zarefoss
- Strack Photography
- Dean and Adrienne Riggerback
- Linda Sullivan
- Joseph and Sylvia Mazak

In Honor of

Lorene Hays
from **Dennis and Kayne Hays**

John and Kathy Batchelder
from **William and Alice Batchelder**

Sisters of Sue Taylor
from **Sue Taylor**

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, Nov. 15–Jan. 31

- Cher Estridge
- Lisa Grumbach
- Amber Mason
- Yvette Gerhard
- Maureen Klecar
- Beth Bugner
- Kelly Schuerger
- Project Linus
- Terri Clark
- Lisa Falcone
- Angels In Red Hats/ Valley City
- Donna and Tom Pumlin
- Lisa Knight
- Paul Rose
- Michael Waugh
- Ruth Fullard
- John and Anne Tindell and Living Hope Youth Group
- Medina Early Child PTA/Jenn Adam
- United Church of Christ Congregation/Stacie Yates
- Elaine Klamert
- Brunswick Senior Knitters
- St. Martin of Tours Parish
- Hobbitts Preschool/ Richfield
- Anna Taylor
- St. Peregrine Academy
- St. Francis Xavier Parish
- St. Francis Xavier School Community
- Medina High School/ class of Traci Winkler
- Amy Evrard
- Robert Jarjabka
- Claggett Middle School/ Class of Bob Capito
- Traci Buehner
- Ruth Prater
- Barbara Camp
- Wendy Todd
- St. Stephen's Church/Ann Gehring
- Carl Letts
- Heather Soliz
- Jennie Shannd
- Jessica Brooks
- Deanna Kuehn
- Gretchen Buchanan

- Maureen Lawrence
- Andrea Reppa
- Marc Hurteau
- Life's Treasures
- Project Learn
- Sue Taylor
- Kristy Korinek
- Rankin Family
- Nancy Gardner
- Maria Smith
- Our Lady of Grace Church
- Lynne Wilhelm
- Sandy Delafield
- Rachel Haller
- Brunch Bunch
- Sarah Tuck
- Jill Teubl
- Chuck O'Connell

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of our agency statistics for 2008

Volunteer Notes

1. We have stored all the new items we received at Christmas in the adjacent office. If you have time or you find you need something that is not available in the main office please feel free to restock our shelves from the other office.
2. We are hoping to have a meeting for all our volunteers in April. We will keep you posted.
3. Thanks to **all of our volunteers** for another amazing year of assisting our 419 client families. As you know, we are busier than ever, but thanks to you, we have been able to help all those who come through our doors to the best of our ability. We could not do what we do without you!

Sincerely,

Marita Tulisak LISW, Director
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How Can I Help?

Donation Opportunities

- Financial donations
- Gifts of stock
- Mention Birthcare in your will
- Material donations

Volunteer Opportunities

- Be an office volunteer serving clients
- Sort/organize donations
- Tabulate new donations
- Prepare layettes
- Purchase items as directed to fill our shelves
- Write grants
- Keep statistics, enter client data
- Help with mailings or promotional materials
- Wash clothing donations
- Make crib sheets
- Represent our agency at community events or speaking engagements
- Clean the office regularly
- Restock shelves with inventory
- Help with computer needs or website
- Coordinate collection of needed items at your church, school, workplace or community group



- o General Fund
- o Crib & Car Seat Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

I am making this donation

- o In memory of
- o In honor of
- o In celebration of a birth

Please notify the following person(s) at the following address of my donation:

Clip the above coupon and enclose with your donation.

Thank you! All donations are tax-deductible.

Birthcare is a volunteer staffed non-profit agency aiding families with young children in Medina County. We provide clients in need with infant

clothing, formula, car seats We also layettes



diapers, baby food, and cribs.

We also provide to area hospitals, a Christmas gift program for our neediest families and award educational scholarships to clients.

Birthcare is a 501 (c) (3) agency founded in 1976 and supported by United Way of Medina County and Catholic Charities.

DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Count on my help to assist Birthcare! I want my donation to help the....

- o Scholarship Fund



