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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 2010

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; donated a playpen, diapers, clothing, books and stuffed animals.

The Little Red Quilt House donated a collection of baby quilts.

Living Hope Church Youth Group generously donated diapers and baby items.

Medina Assembly of God Church, collected baby clothes and assorted baby items.

Our Lady of Grace Church of Hinckley collected receiving blankets and assorted baby clothing.

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

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

Volunteer Jeanne Walter collected baby care items from her co-workers at **Edgepark Medical Supplies**.



Nikki Sherman, right, and friend **Annie Koza**, left, had a joint 13th birthday party and collected gifts for Birthcare in lieu of receiving gifts. Nikki often works in our office on days her mom Linda volunteers.

Our Needs

- Winter coats (24m - 4T)
- Winter clothing (24m - 4T)
- Stage 2 and 3 baby food
- Baby food dinners and meat combinations
- Diapers, sizes 4, 5 and 6
- 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 25 adults and 52 children. Special thanks to **George and Donna Wolff**, **Sue Simmons**, **Deb Wells** and **Linda Sherman** for adopting four of those client families.

Client Report

During the month of January, our volunteers have served 106 clients during 108 visits. We have met:

- 79 requests for infant clothing
- 34 requests for formula
- 9 requests for baby food
- 113 requests for diapers

- 5 requests for car seats
- 3 requests for cribs/mattresses

Special Thanks to:

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

***Suzie Milam and Katie DeRose** for their 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**, for putting together/delivering layettes to Medina hospital in 2009.

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

***Wolff Bros. Supply, Inc.**, for providing a storage space at their facility for donated car seats.

***Kenny Wolff**, for transporting car seats from storage to our office.

***Hoty Enterprises, Inc.**, for printing our December 2009 newsletter.

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

- Eagles Auxiliary, #2224
- United Way of Medina County-positive designations
- Catholic Charities
- Patricia Kornowski
- Michael and Amy Mast
- Beta Sigma Phi Chapter
- John and Anne Tindell
- Howard Wolff
- George Wolff
- Kenny Wolff
- Jeff Wolff
- Paul and Joelle Rose
- Connection Church

- Serafino and Jennifer Piccoli
- Thomas M. Chester, Jr.
- Evelyn Stang
- Thomas V. Conway
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Francis Xavier Parish
- Linda A. Sullivan
- Richard and Irene Hill
- United Way of Summit County positive designations
- Ed and Diane Bugner
- Carolyn Foradori
- William and Laurel Zarefoss
- Douglas and Stephanie Edwards
- Rosanne Summerville
- Gregory and Linda Kramer
- John and Kathy Batchelder
- Brian and Susan Orians
- Tom and Judy Tulisak
- Gilbert and Linda Calta
- William and Alice Batchelder
- Mike Malloy
- George and Donna Wolff
- Bill and Terri Clark
- Richard and Mark Kay Noll
- Tom Ebner
- Erin and Elaine Rankin
- Christopher J. Freeman

In Honor of....

Ric Benninger and Paul Mungo
from Daniel/Connie Cevasco

Sarah Elaine
from Jonathan/Barbara Steingass

Laurel Zarefoss and Claudia Paulus
from Sue Taylor

Chris Freeman
from Profile Plastics, Inc.

Catholic Charities
from Help Me Grow Staff

Chris Benko
from Kiwanis Club of Seville

Ken Wolff
from Wolff Bros. Supply
Purchasing Dept.

Gary Hallman
from Westfield Group

In Memory of....

Majewski and Zwierzchowski families
from Ray and Francine Lacovic

In Celebration of....

The birth of Zadie Rhea Stepnowsky
from Terry and Marita Tulisak

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

- Project Linus
- Foundations
- Kelly Stepnowsky
- Our Lady of Grace
- Carol Augh
- Jessica Brown
- Melissa Jarvis
- Terri Clark
- Medina High School/ Class of Traci Winkler
- Amanda Eastridge
- Amanda Dillon
- Sue Faecking
- Claggett Middle School/ Class of Bob Capito
- Jeanette Toney
- Tracy Kokoh
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Wendy Todd
- St. Stephen Parish
- Laura and Michael Gehlman
- Carol Ulrich
- Katherine Senz
- Keep Us In Stitches
- Brunswick Senior Knitters
- Living Hope Church/John and Anne Tindell
- Paul and Joelle Rose
- Mary Schueszler
- Brenda Lash
- Our Lady of Grace Church
- Janet Bing
- Medina Assembly of God
- Allison Adams

- Andrea Peterman
- Benjamin Kennedy
- Kelly Desario
- Yvette Gerhard
- St. Martin Parish
- Liz Wolff
- Terri Lika
- Hobbitts Preschool
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- Amy Evrard
- Heather Soliz
- Tara Janjagka
- Edgepark Medical Supplies
- Dave Gerding
- Lisa Knight
- Deanna Kuehn
- Mr. and Mrs. Vince Mikla
- Jessica Brown
- Anne Gehring
- Jim Aylsworth

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of our agency statistics for 2009.

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. A special note of appreciation to one of our "Legacy Volunteer" families. The Kuehn Family has shared four of its members. Mom Julie has been a long time volunteer. son Zach and daughter Deanna were teen volunteers during their high school years. We now happily welcome their brother Josh. Thanks for your dedication!
3. Thanks to **all of our volunteers** for another amazing year of assisting our 435 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!

4. I am happy to be serving as the new Director of Birthcare and welcome all comments, suggestions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Barb Harris, Director

330.441.2071

Diane Bugner, Assistant Director

330.723.5955

How Can I Help?

Donation Opportunities

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

Volunteer Opportunities

- Be an office volunteer
- 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

DONATION OPPORTUNITY

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

- o Scholarship Fund
- 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:

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



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baby food,
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provide
to area

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

Board of Directors

Edward Bugner, President

Claudia Cihlar, Secretary

Diane Bugner, Treasurer

Marie Edmonds

Jennifer Kmitt

Marguerite Krahe

Sally Pap

Marita Tulisiak

Kenneth Wolff

Upcoming Events

March 18 ~ Board of Directors Meeting

NOTE: If you are interested in receiving future newsletters by email, please contact us!

April~May ~ Mother's Day Appeal begins

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2009 Statistics

Client Family Total: 435

Visit Total: 1,320

Client Profile

Residence

Medina	232	(53%)	Litchfield	009	(02%)
Brunswick	073	(16%)	Chippewa Lake	009	(02%)
Wadsworth	046	(11%)	Other in County	021	(05%)
Lodi	029	(07%)	Out of County	005	(01%)
Seville	011	(03%)			

Ages

14-19	056	(13%)
20-29	265	(61%)
30-39	086	(20%)
40-up	028	(06%)

Marital Status

Single	261	(60%)
Married	125	(29%)
Sep/Div	049	(11%)

Pregnant in Year

121 (28%)

Race

Caucasian	403	(93%)
Black	012	(03%)
Hispanic	009	(02%)
Other	011	(02%)

Sources of Income

Full-time	073	(17%)
Part-time	094	(22%)
Family help	056	(13%)
ADC	007	(02%)
OWF	049	(12%)
Unemp	055	(13%)
S.S Ben.	035	(08%)

Receiving WIC Assistance: 316 (73%)

High School Diploma or GED: 315 (72%)

Currently Students (HS and/or College): 64 (15%)

of Visits Per Client Ages of Children in Family

331 (76%)	1-4 visits	0-2 yrs.	510
090 (21%)	5-10 visits	3-5 yrs.	172
014 (03%)	11-18 visits	6-12 yrs.	121
		13 and over	020

Unduplicated Service Units

Infant clothing requests	994
Formula requests	282
Baby food requests	119
Diaper requests	1,284
Cribs given	075
Mattresses given	071
Car seats given	058
Other equipment requests	091
Infant layettes prepared	036
Scholarships awarded	005
Gift cards given	028
Christmas gifts provided for	14 families (25 adults / 52 children)

Financial Donations

United Way of Medina allocation	\$1,166.69
Catholic Charities allocation	\$1,200.00
United Way positive designations	
Greater Cleveland	\$2,180.35
Medina County	\$1,994.06
Summit County	\$1,864.44
Mother's Day Appeal	\$3,840.00
Financial donor count:	
Private	125
Church and community	25

Material Donations (New and Used)

Private	285
Church or community group	96

Monetary Value of New Donations Received

3,830 items	\$23,518.73
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Volunteers

Number of adult volunteers	64
Number of teen volunteers	13
Volunteers trained in 2009	11
Total hours of volunteers	1,391

Referrals Received From:

WIC Department, Job and Family Services, Community Action, Community Services Center, Battered Women's Shelter, Help Me Grow, Healthy Start, Medina Hospital Prenatal Clinic, Oaks Family Care Center, Medina County Career Center, doctors, churches, local newspapers, families, and friends.

