

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

May 2008

A United Way Agency serving Medina County since 1976

Dear Friends, Supporters and Volunteers,

Our United Way Spotlight Volunteer for 2008

We are proud to announce that our United Way Spotlight Volunteer of the Year is **Lisa Rice**. Lisa began volunteering with Birthcare in 2000. She has faithfully volunteered in the Birthcare office assisting clients with compassion and professionalism. Over the years, she has also taken on extra duties that include making sure our shelves are stocked, keeping the equipment available list up to date and coordinating donations to Birthcare from Life's Treasures, another county agency with whom she also volunteers. Most recently Lisa assumed the position of volunteer trainer. She is responsible for the training of all new volunteers at Birthcare. Lisa resides in Medina with her husband, Phil, and is the mother of Bethany, Andrew and Stephen. She will be honored at the United Way annual luncheon which will be held on May 28 at Weymouth Country Club. Lisa is a vital component of our agency and we are truly grateful for her dedication over the past 8 years.

"Live United"

United Way Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition
Wednesday May 28
Weymouth Country Club

Client Report

During the first four months of 2008, our volunteers have served a record number of 239 clients, during 456 visits. We have met:

- 298 requests for infant clothing
- 98 requests for formula
- 78 requests for baby food
- 408 requests for diapers
- 41 requests for car seats
- 30 requests for cribs/mattresses

Our Needs

- **Children's books**
- **High chairs (gently used)**
- **Strollers (gently used)**
- **Bassinets (gently used)**
 - **Baby Wipes**
- **Sunscreen for infants**
 - **Dreft detergent**
- **Crib sheets**
- **Summer clothes (sizes 2-4)**
- **Baby wash, shampoo and baby lotion**
 - **Diapers (sizes 4-5-6)**



We Sincerely Appreciate All of Our Volunteers

Birthcare continues to help those families in need in our county thanks to the dedication of each of these adult volunteers:

Jessica Albano	Denise Barczyk
Betsy Chadwell	Marie Charek
Claudia Cihlar	Terri Clark
Jen Coppola	Katie DeRose
Stephanie Edwards	Judy Fisher
Judy Fox	Nancy Gardner
Sheila Giano	Robin Gray
Barb Harris	Karen Haverdill
Jena Hayes	Marga Hill
Elinor Judson	Jennifer Knitt
Lisa Knight	Marguerite Krahe
Linda Kramer	Mary Krosse
Ann Marie Krynock	
Julie Kuehn	Francine Lacovic
Marge Mikulski	Walt Mikulski
Suzie Milam	Penny Norris
Jen O'Mara	
Amy Perrine	Scott Perrine
Mary Riley	Ann Scherbinski
Patty Schuck	Linda Sherman
Eunice Strahsburg	Carol Szakovits
Jayne Thompson	Wendy Todd
Rita Turner	Jeanne Walter
Joanne Weiler	Vivian Wiley

and teen volunteers:

Alli Becker	Amy Grams
Claire Hurteau	Jamie Leaver
Jordyn Leaver	Patrick Lowe
Jennifer Mikovsky	Abby Schuck
Kendra Simmons	Kristen Smith
Anna Wiley	Gillian Ganley

Client Stories From Our Volunteers

"A woman came in asking for help. Her sister lives in a trailer and all her pipes had frozen. The woman was given her 4 year old nephew to take care of until everything got repaired. The woman did not know where to turn and someone mentioned Birthcare to her. She was able to get clothing and pull-ups for the little boy and was extremely grateful."

"A woman came to Birthcare in desperate need of supplies. She had been living on the streets for several months and was due with a baby the following Monday. She had NOTHING AT ALL for the baby. Her mother had just helped her into an apartment the previous day and Birthcare was able to help with the necessities including a new crib and car seat for the new baby."

"A call was received from a woman who just recently had twins and also had a 1 1/2 year old child. Her home health nurse had advised her that she needed to get rid of her crib (which was unsafe) and that the twin newborns could not be sleeping together in the same bed for safety reasons as well. She could not afford to buy what she needed to keep her children safe. Birthcare was able to assist her with the equipment that she needed."

Scholarship Opportunities for Our Clients

Scholarship applications have been available since the beginning of the year to all of our registered clients and their spouses, giving them an opportunity to apply for a \$500 scholarship toward their education or job training. Applications are due by July 10 this year. Last year Birthcare awarded 4 scholarships in the amount of \$2,000. Over the past 11 years, we have awarded 31 scholarships totaling over \$12,000.

Our endowed scholarship fund continues to grow, thanks to many generous donations from our supporters. If you would like to make a contribution to our scholarship fund, simply send your contribution to Birthcare, c/o Scholarship Fund, 620 E. Smith Rd., Unit E-5A, Medina, OH 44256.

The Generosity of Our Community

So many community groups continue to support Birthcare in such a variety of ways.

The Isabella Guild of St. Ambrose Parish recently hosted a baby shower for Birthcare. These



delightful ladies showered us with clothing, diapers, handmade

blankets and crib sheets as well as financial donations. Special thanks to our volunteers, **Denise Barczyk and Francine Lacovic**, who represented our agency.

The Knights of Columbus, Medina Council 4168 held a Pancake Breakfast with the proceeds benefitting our agency.

The Infant of Prague Guild of St. Martin's Parish gave us a financial donation to purchase cribs for our clients.

The Bernadette Guild of Our Lady Help of Christians donated clothing, diapers and baby equipment at a meeting at which our volunteer, **Barb Harris**, spoke.

The Church of Latter Day Saints Young Women and Girls' groups led by Tracy Johnson, Crystal King and Shelly Moore, came to visit Birthcare and learned about the services that we offer.

The group brought with them donations of beautiful handmade receiving blankets, diapers, clothing, and many types of baby necessities.

Connie Daum, donated diapers, clothing and other baby items from her son **Landon's** birthday party where they had requested donations to Birthcare instead of toys!

Park View Federal Savings donated a check to cover the postage costs of our Mother's Day Appeal cards.

Did you know?

Diane Bugner, our assistant director, is receiving the Woman of Distinction Award from the YWCA in May.

Diane is currently a Spanish teacher at St. Francis Xavier School. She has been assistant director and treasurer of Birthcare since 1988 and has also volunteered her time assisting CYO athletics at St. Francis Xavier for many years. Congratulations, Diane, on this well deserved honor!

Special Thanks to:

* **Anna Wiley**, for preparing layettes for Birthcare for the past year and to new volunteer, **Betsy Chadwell**, who has agreed to take over that job this month.

* **Ed Bugner**, for preparing our year end financial statement and for reviewing our 990 tax return.

* **Minuteman Press-Medina** for generously donating the printing for our May Mother's Day Appeal cards.

Birthcare's May Fundraiser is a Mother's Day Appeal that was sent out to the Medina community. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, February - April

- United Way of Medina County
- United Way of Greater Cleveland-positive designations
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- Connection Church
- Holy Martyrs St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Erin and Elaine Rankin
- UBS Foundation
- Sean Kriak
- Catholic Charities Corporation
- The Infant of Prague Guild of St. Martin Parish
- James and Deborah Feeks
- ParkView Federal
- Kenny Wolff
- John Tindell
- Isabella Guild of St. Ambrose Parish
- Dee McPherson
- Mary Becker
- Caroline Cherni
- Marie Dugan
- Connie Smalley
- Agnes Buhrman
- Mary Vadini
- Jean Bosak
- Marie Mirro Edmonds
- Therese Chaumont
- Dave Steirer
- Mary Lichtenberg
- Sheryl Hurley
- Kathy Fuchs
- Ann Kemp
- Judi Carmody
- Charles Fisher
- Knights of Columbus, Medina Council 4168

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, February - April

- Ruth Fullard
- Project Linus
- Keep Us in Stitches Quilters
- St. Francis Xavier School
- Gingerbread House
- Living Hope Church
- Robin Gray
- Lisa Knight
- Debbie Schacht
- Meme Sufleta-Bubnick
- Church of Latter Day Saints (young women and young girls' groups)
- Life's Treasures
- Toula Barlow
- Brunswick Senior Knitters
- Karen Haverdill
- Connie Daum and family
- Medina Early Childhood PTA
- Sheila Giano
- Our Lady Help of Christians, Bernadette Guild
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- Isabella Guild of St. Ambrose Parish
- Nancy Joswick
- Sara Scherbinski
- Beth Bolena
- Our clients

Volunteer Notes

1. Scholarship applications are available in the office for clients. They are due by July 10. Please make sure that clients also submit the essay with the application that is required.

2. Summer is usually a difficult time for filling our scheduled office hours. Please make an effort to sign up whenever you can. We especially need Saturday morning help.

3. On Saturday, August 9, Birthcare will have a table at the Medina County Health Department's 5th annual Baby Fair

being held at the Medina County Fairgrounds from 10am-2pm. If you are interested in helping to staff our table for a one or two hour time period, let us know. Birthcaremedina@aol.com

4. We are grateful for all of our dedicated teen volunteers. Just a reminder to all teens that you need to notify Lisa Knight, our schedule coordinator, if you are unable to show up for your scheduled shift. In addition, we ask that you call the office and leave a message so that someone can cross your name off of the calendar. During our night office hours it is important to have two volunteers there at all times and recently we have had some problems with this.

5. We still have one spot left at our Birthcare table at the United Way Annual Luncheon at Weymouth Country Club on Wednesday May 28 from 11:30-1:30pm. If you would like to join us (it is on us!) please call either Diane or Marita or email Birthcaremedina@aol.com.

6. Please make sure to send us your email addresses if we do not already have them. We send out important messages to volunteers from time to time and we would like to be able to contact everyone that we can via email.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Marita Tulisak LISW, Director
330.725.1118

Diane Bugner, Assistant Director
330.723.5955

In Memory of....

James Perenchio,
father of Anne Scherbinski
from Marguerite and Tom Krahe

Please notify the following person of my donation.

Clip the above coupon and enclose with your donation.

Thank you!
All donations are tax-deductible.

Birthcare is a volunteer staffed agency providing emergency assistance and support to pregnant women and families with infants and young children in Medina County. Our most visible goal is assuring the health, safety and warmth of young children. We assist clients in need with infant food and formula, clothing, diapers, car seats and cribs. We are a 501 (c) (3) agency supported by United Way of Medina County and Catholic Charities Corporation.



DONATION OPPORTUNITY

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

- Scholarship Fund
- General Fund
- Crib & Car Seat Fund

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

I am making this donation

- In memory of _____
- In honor of _____
- In celebration of the birth of a baby

