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- 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

September 2007

A United Way Agency serving Medina County since 1976

Dear Friends, Supporters and Volunteers,

Scholarships Awarded

We are pleased to announce the awarding of four scholarships totaling \$2,000 in August. The four scholarship winners are as follows:

Violeta Simic, mother of two, who is enrolled in the LPN program at Wayne County Career Center.

Kari Johnston, mother of three, who will complete her associate degree in Human Resources Management at Cuyahoga Community College this fall.

Christina Smith, mother of two, who is enrolled at Cuyahoga Community College in order to receive her certificate in sonography.

Beverly Pace, mother of two, who planned on enrolling in the Medical Assistant Program at the Medina County Career Center.

Over the past 10 years, we have awarded 27 scholarships to our registered clients totaling \$10,000. As our Endowed Scholarship Fund grows, thanks to your continued support, we hope to be able to grant scholarships to many more deserving clients for generations to come. We congratulate all of these dedicated young mothers.

Our Needs

- **Baby food, cereal and juices**
 - **Winter clothing, sizes 2T-4T**
 - **Winter coats, infant through 4T**
- **Crib sheets & towels**
 - **High chairs**
 - **Baby gates**
- **Similac Advance, Isomil Advance formulas**
 - **Wipes**
- **Diapers, sizes 4, 5, 6**
- **Pull-ups, sizes 2T- 5T**
- **Baby shampoo, wash, lotion, powder and rash ointment**

United Way Support

We recently were informed that Birthcare was granted its request of \$2,500 from the United Way of Medina County allocation panel. This is an increase of \$500 from the previous year's annual allocation. We thank the panel for their support of our agency and its mission.

Christmas in July

Christmas came early for Birthcare thanks to the generosity of **Westfield Companies** and **St. Martin Parish** Christmas in July projects. Thanks to the employees at Westfield Companies, we received infant clothing, diapers, bottles, crib sheets, baby food, juices, and lotions. Special thanks to **Marie Hucovsky** of Westfield Companies for her time organizing the donation drive for employees.

St. Martin Parish once again showered us with hundreds of items including diapers, formula, wipes, infant clothing and so much more.

We would especially like to thank **Ann Marie and John Krynock**, St. Martin parishioners and Birthcare volunteers, who collected the donated St. Martin Parish items, delivered them to our office and stocked our shelves with these welcome gifts.

Our thanks to all of you who provided Birthcare with all of these much needed items, especially at this time of year when our supplies of necessities typically run low.

Annual Kick Off!



United Way of Medina County has kicked off its 2007-2008 annual campaign. Birthcare has proudly been a United Way Agency for 25 years, receiving financial support in the form of monthly allocations and positive designations as well as sound professional advice and resources. We encourage all our volunteers and supporters to consider a donation to United Way this year.

Teen Volunteer Update...

Rachael Cihlar is now a freshman at the University of Kentucky but will be back to volunteer on breaks along with her sister **Amanda**, who is a Clemson University sophomore.

Anna Wiley is the starting goalkeeper for the Highland girls' varsity soccer team.

Kendra Simmons, is a starter on the Walsh Jesuit girls' varsity soccer team.

Alli Becker, is a member of the Walsh Jesuit girls' tennis team.

Baby Fair 2007

On Saturday, August 18, Birthcare participated in the Medina County Health Department's Baby Fair at the Medina County Fairgrounds. Over 500 people were in attendance and our Birthcare volunteers got the chance to talk with many young mothers in the community and explain our services to them. We also received many expressions of gratitude for Birthcare and the services we provide from many of our current and former clients.

Client Report

In eight months, through 8/31/07, we have met the following needs during 855 client visits:

- 504 requests for infant clothing
- 220 requests for formula
- 53 requests for cribs/mattresses
- 64 requests for car seats
- 673 requests for diapers
- 156 requests for baby food
- 46 requests for baby equipment
- 13 requests for gift cards for basic needs

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, May-August...

- United Way of Medina County
- United Way of Greater Cleveland-positive designations
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- Erin and Elaine Rankin
- Dorothy Aust
- Terri and William Clark
- Thomas V. Conway
- Holy Martyrs Parish St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Nancy and Stanley Joswick
- Joseph and Sylvia Masak
- Bonnie Schriener
- Evelyn Stang
- Rosanne Summerville
- Carol Watkins
- Margaret Wolfe
- St. Martin Parish

Your financial support is especially needed at this time as donations to our agency are lower than last year.

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, May-August...

- Reina Demopoulos
- Wendy Badey
- Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish
- Kim Patton
- Constance Halstead
- Heather Easton
- Sue Febus
- Carrie Macada
- Toulia Barlow
- Francine Lacovic
- Craig Webb
- Allison Novak
- Project Linus
- Zweifel family
- Kim Rutherford
- Jennifer Nolte
- Our Lady of Grace Parish
- Carol Gall
- Gingerbread House
- Vickie Leonard
- Nancy Joswick
- Karen Haverdill
- St. Martin Parish
- Scott Boehnen
- Julie Dunn
- Lisa Wright
- Amanda Rundle
- Yvette Gerhard
- Ann Scherbinski
- Life's Treasures
- Ruth Fullard
- Pauline Wasowski
- Jan Radachy
- Roberta Masi
- Cheri Janocha
- Bonnie Meadows
- Karen O'Bryan
- Westfield Company employees
- Jessica and Braelyn Albano
- Eric Sonnie Sr.-Medina Mitsubishi
- KBee Toys-Georgia Bohner
- Our clients

Special Thanks to:

Suzie Milam, for keeping an inventory of all new items donated to us throughout the year.

Amy and Scott Perrine, for taking emergency calls during a weekend in August.

Sally Pap, Ed Bugner, Terry Tulisniak, Kim Hallock and Marguerite Krahe for assisting in the selection of our scholarship recipients this year.

Anna Wiley, who regularly puts together layettes for distribution to Medina General and Wadsworth-Rittman Hospitals.

Lisa Rice, who has agreed to train new volunteers for Birthcare.

Eric Sonnie Sr., of Medina Mitsubishi, who generously donated 8 child booster car seats.

Attorney Robert Bux, for his expertise in crafting our new code of regulations which allows us now to form an active working board.

Volunteer Notes

1. We would like to welcome two new teen volunteers to Birthcare. **Gillian Ganley and Kristen Smith** are both students at Walsh Jesuit High School. We are happy to have them joining us during open office hours.

2. We would like to send our best wishes to **Terri Clark** who suffered a severe spider bite several months ago and is in the long process of recovery.

3. We want to thank **Maria Knight and Michelle Cox** who have been faithful volunteers for Birthcare but are no longer able to volunteer due

to family obligations. We thank them for their dedication and wish them all the best.

4. Thanks to **all our volunteers** who stepped up to fill all the summer shifts, sometimes on short notice! Please consider volunteering on a Saturday this fall, as that seems to be our most difficult spot to fill.

5. Currently, we do not have any cribs or car seats for clients. Please make sure to inform clients that just being on our waiting list does not guarantee that they will receive them. We do not always have the funds to purchase these items. We are currently working on several grant opportunities that we should hear about soon.

6. We are looking for a volunteer who might be willing to shop with our accumulated gift card donations at the KBee Toy store in the outlet mall in Lodi. Contact Marita if you are able to help out.

7. There is now a Community Resource binder on the bookshelf in our office for client referrals. Please remember that it is difficult to maintain a resource list such as this with current information. Using the 211 number is always the best way to ensure information is up to date for client referrals.

Sincerely yours,

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DONATION OPPORTUNITY

Count on my help to assist Birthcare! I want 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

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!

Donations are tax-deductible.

Birthcare County is a pregnant families of Medina a volunteer non-profit aiding women and children in Medina County. We provide clients in need with infant clothing, diapers, formula, baby food, car seats and cribs. We provide layettes to area hospitals, host a Christmas gift program for our neediest families and award tuition scholarships to clients. Birthcare is a 501 (c)(3) agency founded in 1976 and supported by United Way of Medina County and Catholic Charities.



