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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

September 2008

A United Way Agency serving Medina County since 1976

Dear Friends, Supporters and Volunteers,

Mother's Day Appeal is a Heartwarming Success!

Thanks to the generosity of the Medina County community, our Mother's Day Appeal generated over \$3,000 for Birthcare. We



would like to thank our Board of Directors who spearheaded this effort and to all those supporters, both old and new,

who contributed to this, our first appeal by mail. We are sincerely grateful and hope to make this an annual event.

- Jeffrey and Jeanne Palker
- Virginia Overton
- Drs. Ronald and Carol Ricci
- Joseph and Denise Buchtinec
- Jeff and Suzie Milam
- Kimberly Krahe Hallock
- Dr. Patrick and Sandra Naples
- Walter and Marge Mikulski
- Richard and Constance Smalley
- Matthew and Mary Becker
- Carol Szakovits
- Pieri Levandofsky
- Thomas V. Conway
- Bill and Terri Clark
- Dennis and Kayne Hayes
- Mary Pat Salomone
- Jeff and Jackie Wolff
- Jeff and Mary Beth Esterburg
- Robin Gray
- Warren and Bonnie Wheeler
- Dianne M. Jones

- Jeffrey and Suzanne Simmons
- George and Ruth Rodgers
- Homestead Insurance Agency
- Jim and Jennifer Kmitt
- Ronald and Catherine Carmany
- Robert and Eileen Thompson
- Tom and Claudia Cihlar
- Bill and Alice Batchelder
- Avalon RV/ Marine
- Michael and Wendy Todd
- Partners in Plastics, Inc.
- Dr. Dan and Constance Cevasco
- Dr. Thomas Ebner
- Richard and Irene Hill
- Hy-Production

Client Report

In eight months, through August 31, 2008, our volunteers have served a record number of 344 clients during 872 visits. We have met:

- 564 requests for infant clothing
- 178 requests for formula
- 161 requests for baby food
- 789 requests for diapers
- 70 requests for car seats
- 62 requests for cribs/mattresses

In the Words of a Former Client...

"This organization helped me so much when I had my daughter in 1998. I was not working and had very little money or

food. They provided me with a car seat, blankets, clothing, and diapers, anything I needed for the first 3 or 4 months. They also gave me a \$500 scholarship for Akron University, which restarted me toward my goal of achieving a Bachelor's degree. (I've got one more week to go to reach that goal!)

Scholarships Awarded

We are pleased to announce that Birthcare has awarded scholarships, totaling \$1,500 to 3 of our clients for 2008. The recipients are:

Barbara Bath, mother of 3 children, who currently works part-time and attends Cuyahoga Community College. She is working toward her degree in nursing.

Violeta Simic, mother of 2, who recently completed her coursework for her LPN at Wayne County Career Center.

Christina Smith, mother of 2 children, who has completed one year of college coursework at Cuyahoga Community College and hopes to obtain her associate degree.

This is always an exciting time of year for us when we are able to help with the educational expenses of some of our clients who are working hard to better their lives and those of their children. Thanks to the growth of Birthcare's

Endowed Scholarship Fund, we should be able to continue to award these scholarships for many years to come. Donations to the scholarship fund are accepted year round. Special thanks to **Marie Edmonds, Kimberly Krahe Hallock, Marguerite Krahe and Terry Tulisak** for their assistance in selecting this year's scholarship recipients.

Our Needs

- **Baby wipes**
- **High chairs**
- **Infant towels and washcloths**
- **Children's books**
- **Baby wash, lotion, powder**
- **Diapers (sizes 4-5-6)**
- **Pull-ups (sizes 2T-5T)**



The Generosity of Our Community

St. Martin Parish once again collected items for Birthcare during their Christmas in July event. Donations included diapers, formula, clothing and many more infant items too numerous to mention! We would also like to thank **John and Ann Marie Krynock** who delivered the hundreds of items to our office.

Westfield Insurance Company also held a drive for items for Birthcare in August. Hundreds of items, such as diapers, clothing, formula and baby food were collected by their employees and delivered to the Birthcare office.

The Red Wagon Consignment Sale held at the fairgrounds in August allowed Birthcare to come at the end of the day to choose

items that had not been sold. We were able to bring back to Birthcare hundreds of items of clothing and baby items in very good condition. Special thanks to **Mary Raitano** of United Way for suggesting our agency to the organizers and also to **Robin Gray**, one of our volunteers, who helped transport the items back to our office. We will have the opportunity to collect items in March when the sale will be held again.

Did you know?

Birthcare regularly receives beautiful handmade afghans, quilts, blankets and crib sheets from **Ruth Fullard, Nancy Joswick, Keep Us in Stitches Quilters, Project Linus and the Brunswick Senior Knitters**. Our clients sincerely appreciate these uniquely handcrafted items.

Special Thanks to:

***Judy Fisher, Lisa Knight, Mary Krosse and Barb Harris**, four of our volunteers, who represented Birthcare at the Baby Fair in August. We appreciate their time spent talking with potential clients and donors at this event.

***Marguerite Krahe**, board member and volunteer of Birthcare, who spoke at a United Way kickoff at Western Reserve Bank in Medina on behalf of our agency.

***John Bugner** for transporting and assembling two new shelving units for our office.

*** Marie Charek** for her many hours spent organizing all of our clothing donations!

*** Betsy Chadwell and her son** for putting together and delivering layettes to Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital.

***Suzie Milam** for her hard work valuating and counting all the new items that are donated to our agency.

*** Lisa Rice** for her time spent training new volunteers and restocking shelves.

Help Us Clean Out the Cobwebs!

We are looking for someone who may be willing to do some cleaning of our two offices from time to time or on a regular basis. It could be an individual, a group or a supervised group of young people. Please call either Marita (330.725.1118), Diane (330-723-5955) or email birthcaremedina@aol.com if you might be willing to help us out!

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, May-August

- Anonymous
- Catholic Charities
- Thomas Chester Jr.
- Connection Church
- Greater Cleveland Community Shares
- Holy Martyrs St. Vincent DePaul Society
- I Believe Circle of Kings Daughters
- Carol and William Metzinger
- Evelyn Stang
- John Tindell
- Eva Todd
- United Way of Greater Cleveland, designations
- United Way of Medina County, allocations and designations
- United Way of Summit County, designation

In Memory of....

Kathy Sasala,
A former Birthcare volunteer
from **James and Deborah Feeks**

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, May - August

- Joanne Noreika
- Prince of Peace Church
- Linda Jacobs
- Nicole Ward
- Project Linus
- Deb Bonezzi
- Sue Febus
- Carrie Meauda
- Living Hope Church
- Sharon Fortune
- Susan Stearns
- Amy Smoyer
- Pam Skocic
- Toula Barlow
- Jody Burns
- Wendy Todd
- Mickie Getz
- Robin Gray
- Summer Kish
- Gina and Mark Yaskulka
- Amy Edgard
- Mary Schueszler
- Terri Clark
- Debbie Kreider
- Life's Treasures (Hospice)
- Amy Darr
- Amy Roark
- Nancy Joswick
- Braelyn Albano
- St. Francis St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Donna Hofmeister
- Donell Bichara
- Ann Gehring
- Ruth Fullard
- Barb Yergin
- Danielle Rupcic
- The Becka family
- Karen Haverdill
- Medina Preschool PTA
- Janice Pursley
- Krista Jackson
- St. Martin Parish
- Terri Lika
- Keep Us in Stitches Quilters
- Julie Haskell
- Laura Hough
- Wendy Yurich
- Jessica Kaine

- Sandy Rogel
- Karen Garze
- Debbie Fetterolf
- Jeanne Walter
- Leslie Coleman
- Darla Vermillion
- Lisa Knight
- Debbie Schacht
- Craig Webb
- Our clients

Volunteer Notes

1. We would like to welcome **Liz and Ken Wolff** who were recently trained and have joined our staff of dedicated volunteers. We are excited to have you with us.

2. Birthcare has been given 300 Drug and Prescription Discount Cards for our clients and staff who do not have prescription coverage. These cards are made possible by United Way and FamilyWize. They can save 35% per prescription and are accepted by most pharmacies and major chains nationwide. Anyone can use them if they are without prescription drug coverage. Please distribute these cards to clients and anyone else you know who could benefit from their savings.

3. We recently received a list of various companies who may be able to donate wipes and other items for us. We are looking for a person who might be willing to make these phone calls for us to those on the list.

Gratefully yours,

Marita Tulisak LISW, Director
330.725.1118

Diane Bugner, Assistant Director
330.723.5955

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

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.



