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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 2009

A United Way Partner Agency serving Medina County since 1976

## Dear Friends, Supporters and Volunteers,

### Mother's Day Appeal Success

Thanks to the generosity of the Medina County community, our Mother's Day Appeal generated close to \$3,500 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 our appeal.

### Announcing Our 2009 Scholarship Winners

We are pleased to announce that Birthcare has awarded scholarships, totaling \$2,500 to 5 of our clients for 2009. The recipients are:

**Shalamar Brown**, mother of 1 child, who currently works full-time and attends Cuyahoga Community College. She is working toward her associate degree in nursing.

**Vanessa Bougher**, mother of 1, who works part-time and recently completed the STINA Program at the Medina County Career Center.

**Brandy Martir**, mother of 2 children, who works part-time and is completing college coursework at

Cuyahoga Community College majoring in Criminal Justice.

**Kristol Beth Barr**, mother of 3 children, who works part-time. She is currently enrolled in college coursework through the University of Phoenix and working towards her degree in education.

**Carrie Myers**, mother of 1, who is employed part-time and is working toward her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at the University of Akron.

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 **Jennifer Kmitt**, **Marguerite Krahe**, **Sally Pap** and **Terry Tulisak** for their assistance in selecting this year's scholarship recipients.

We recently received this thank you from one of the winners.

*"I really do not know how I could ever thank you enough for this scholarship, but I hope to make you proud of my accomplishments this semester. I am going to work my hardest to succeed."*

### Our Needs

- Baby wipes
- High chairs
- Children's books
- Baby wash, lotion, powder, ointment
- Baby food (meats, dinners)
- Diapers (sizes 4-5-6)
- Pull-ups (sizes 4T-5T)
- Nutramigen and Alimentum formulas



### The Generosity of Our Community

**St. Martin Parish** once again collected items for Birthcare during their annual Christmas in July event. Donations included diapers, formula, clothing, and beautiful handmade blankets and quilts.

**Medina High School VOFT Program** donated \$200 to Birthcare from the funds they raised during a dance-a-thon at the high school. Our thanks to volunteer **Barb Harris** for her help in receiving this donation.

**Graco Products/Greg Beno** donated infant car seats and

convertible car seats. **Wolff Bros. Supply, Inc.** provided the transportation of the car seats and storage space for Birthcare.

**The Medina County Chapter of IAAP** held a raffle at their June meeting and Birthcare was the recipient of the monies raised.

**Medina Assembly of God Church Community** is collecting items throughout the year for us and recently donated wipes, diapers, clothes and toiletries. Thanks to volunteer **Nancy Gardner** for delivering the items to our office.

**Holy Martyrs Vacation Bible School children and staff** made a monetary donation and collected wipes, baby food, toiletries, bibs and formula for our clients.

**Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church** donated a large amount of formula, cereal, baby food and clothing in August.

### Did you know?

Birthcare received a complimentary carpet cleaning from **Marks Cleaning Service of Medina**. We would like to thank **Mike Gallucci** for his generosity and volunteer, **Elinor Judson**, for arranging the cleaning for us.

Birthcare's last newsletter as well as this one was printed compliments of **Hoty Enterprises, Inc.** Thanks to **John M. Hoty** for his generosity.

### Newest Board Member

We are pleased to welcome **Jennifer Knitt** to the Birthcare Board. Jennifer has been a volunteer with Birthcare since 1999 and was our volunteer of the year in 2004. She recently received her associate degree in social work from

the University of Akron and is employed as a caseworker with Help Me Grow in Medina.

We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to **Rose Summerville** who completed her term as a board member for Birthcare in May. We thank her for her contributions to the board and her loyal support of our agency.

### Client Report

In eight months, through August 31, 2009, our volunteers have served 346 clients during 796 visits. We have met:

- 620 requests for infant clothing
- 187 requests for formula
- 88 requests for baby food
- 798 requests for diapers
- 33 requests for car seats
- 45 requests for cribs/mattresses

### Special Thanks to:

\* **Francine Lacovic, Mary Riley and Elinor Judson**, three of our energetic volunteers, who spent a full morning helping us clean our office.

\* **Marguerite Krahe**, board member and volunteer of Birthcare, who spoke on behalf of Birthcare at a meeting of the Medina County IAAP in June.

\* **John and Ann Marie Krynock**, for delivering all the items from St. Martin's Christmas in July to our office.

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

\* **Betsy Chadwell and her sons**, for putting together and delivering layettes to Wadsworth-Rittman

Hospital and Medina General Hospital.

### Grant Received

We are pleased to announce that Birthcare has received a grant of \$2,000 from **The Medina County Women's Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation** for the purchase of cribs and mattresses for our client families. We are sincerely grateful to all involved in the Women's Endowment Fund.

### Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, June-August

- Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary #2224
- Catholic Charities
- Joseph and Sylvia Mazak
- Connection Church
- Medina High School VOFT Program
- Kenny Wolff
- John M. Hoty
- Molly Campbell
- Medina County Chapter IAAP
- Donald and Debra Friedrichsen
- United Way of Greater Cleveland, designations
- United Way of Medina County, allocations and designations
- Sue Jakubowski
- Joseph and Debra Vorndran
- Brenda Zacharias
- Keturah Zacharias
- Holy Martyrs Vacation Bible School
- Evelyn Stang
- Terry and Marita Tulisaiak
- Thomas V. Conway
- Robert and Mary Bogdewiecz
- Jeff and Maribeth Tomko
- Edward and Nancy Hacker
- Linda A. Sullivan
- Mary Pat Salamone
- Babcock and Wilcox Co.
- Greater Cleveland Community Shares

- Ann and John Tindell
- Robert and Olga Gray

### In Memory of....

William and Birdie Eredics,  
from Jean E. Schriener

Joyce Ebner,  
from Tom Ebner

### Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, June ~ August

- Dona Tumlin
- Danielle West
- Randy Bentley
- Donell Bichara
- Project Linus
- Erin Bingle
- Beth Bugner
- Jeanne Jones
- Sheridan Bryant
- Angie Sollenberger
- Liz Wolff
- Amy Evrard
- Sharon Chorzelewski
- Bob Williams
- Jan Valach
- Community Services Center
- Living Hope Church
- Heather Piasecki
- Joanne Noreika
- Forgotten Animal Shelter
- Terry Gabrielsen
- Kristy Korinek
- Susie and Mike Conley
- Andrea Wisniewski
- St. Francis Xavier St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Tiffany Hoesel
- Christin Kibby
- Jackie Rodriguez
- Joanne Newell
- Joelle and Paul Rose
- Terry Lika
- Terry Clark
- Carole Dowdell/ Maggie's Place
- Daniell Ohlrch
- Linda Jacobs
- Diane Kagel
- Annette Nackes

- Sheryl Farrel
- Sally Jaycox
- Wendy Todd
- Toula Barlow
- Debbie Chester
- Lara Campbell
- Jenny Dieringer
- Allison Sebaugh
- Tracy Gabrielsen
- The Oaks Family Care Center
- Kristin Paulus
- Lynn Williams
- Julie Simon
- Brenda Lash
- Romito Family
- Ben Kennedy
- Prince of Peace Church
- Dara Vermillion
- Graco Products/Greg Beno

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## Volunteer Notes

1. We will be having a volunteer meeting on Thursday, October 8 at 7:00pm in our auxiliary office. Claudia Cihlar will be presenting *The Rules of Engagement: Enhancing volunteer-client conversations.*
2. If anyone is interested in assisting Suzie Milam in evaluating new inventory from time to time, please let us know.
3. On Saturday, September 19 from 9am-noon the MECPTA is hosting a Kid's Stuff Garage Sale at the Medina Community Recreation Center. At the end of the sale, participants will be able to donate items to Birthcare. If you might be able to help us collect those items after the sale that day, let us know.  
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 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.



## Board of Directors

Edward Bugner, President

Claudia Cihlar, Secretary

Diane Bugner, Treasurer

Marie Edmonds

Jennifer Knitt

Marguerite Krahe

Sally Pap

Marita Tulisak

Kenneth Wolff

## Upcoming Events

October 8 7pm Volunteer Meeting

“The Rules of Engagement:

Enhancing volunteer-client

conversations” presented by

Claudia Cihlar PhD APRNB

October 16 7pm Board of

Directors Meeting

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