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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 2011

A United Way Partner Agency serving Medina County since 1976

Mother's Day Annual Appeal Success Again!



Thanks to the generosity of the Medina County community, our Mother's Day annual appeal generated **\$4,945** from **53** donors in 2011 to date. Last year the appeal collected \$3,935 from 49 donors. We would like to thank our Board of Directors for their help in this project and the loyal supporters, who contributed to the appeal.

Announcing Our 2011 Scholarship Winner

We are delighted to announce the recipient of the 2011 Birthcare scholarship. One woman has received \$500 toward her education program. The recipient is: **Kimberly Collyer**. Kimberly is enrolled in the Medina County Career Center Medical Office Administration

Program. Kimberly is a single mom with one child and is currently employed and attending classes. She would like to continue her education at Lorain Community College and receive an associate degree in Applied Sciences. Her long-term goal is to become a pediatrician!

We congratulate the winner selected and wish her success in her future endeavors. The scholarship program is made possible by generous donations to Birthcare's Endowed Scholarship Fund. Donations are accepted throughout the year.

The scholarship committee is chaired by board member and volunteer **Jennifer Kmitt**.

Our Needs

- Baby wipes
- Baby wash, baby lotion, diaper rash ointment
- Baby food (meats, dinners)
- Baby cereal
- Baby gates
- Diapers (sizes 4-5-6)
- Pull-ups (sizes 4T-5T)
- Similac Advance formula



The Generosity of Our Community

St. Martin Parish in Valley City 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 Breakfast and Noon Kiwanis Clubs have generously collected baby items at recent meetings.

Did you know?

Birthcare has received discounted carpet cleaning from **Dunn-Right Carpet Cleaning**. We would like to thank **owner Jeff Dunn** for his generosity to Birthcare.

Birthcare's newsletter is printed courtesy of **Hoty Enterprises, Inc.** (**John M. Hoty and Emily Mira**).

Client Story

Recently, Operation Homes referred a client, new to Medina County, to Birthcare. The pregnant mother of three was homeless and awaiting housing. We were able to meet her and assist with her immediate need for warm clothes, formula and diapers for her children. Birthcare impacts the lives of children daily!

Client Report

In eight months, through August 31, 2011, our volunteers have served 349 clients during 807 visits. The individual visit total decreased 14% over last year's eight-month visit count of 938 while the client count increased by six. Volunteers have worked 671 hours for Birthcare this year. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays continue to be the busiest for client visits. We have met:

- 557 requests for infant clothing
- 151 requests for formula
- 84 requests for baby food
- 846 requests for diapers
- 45 requests for car seats
- 36 requests for cribs
- 36 requests for mattresses

Special Thanks!

***John and Ann Marie Krynock and Grandson** delivered all the items from St. Martin's Christmas in July to our office. They have done this for countless years!

***Marie Charek** faithfully organizes all of our clothing donations! Marie logs in many, many hours weekly in this chore. She will be moving the winter clothing into the main office soon.

Sincere Thanks for Financial Gifts, June-August

- Medina Eagles Auxiliary 2224
- OSU Men's Lacrosse Club
- UBS Employee Giving Program
- Richard/Mary Kay Noll
- Ted/Dona Wolff
- Positive designations from United Ways of Medina County, Greater Cleveland, and Summit County

- Christopher J. Freeman
- Moms' Club of Medina – West
- Evelyn Stang
- Dean/Adrienne Riggerbach
- Linda A. Sullivan
- Meg Benninger
- Holy Martyrs Vacation Bible School
- Catholic Charities
- Truist
- Connection Church
- Craig Folger
- Gerhardt Martin
- Ronald Robinson
- Sheila Giano
- Therese Chaumont
- Ann Estremera
- Deborah Bontempo
- Sheryl Hurley
- Rodney White
- Kimberly Luca
- Judi Carmody
- Francis Figliomeni
- Charles Fisher
- Deborah Alman
- Mary Renee Meyer
- Catherine Melvin
- Nancy Hopkins
- Deborah Reeves
- Mark Sondag
- Virginia Hunt

In memory of my family

From Barbara Morris

In memory of Joyce Ebner

From Tom Ebner

In memory of Elsa Zuber

From Bill/Terri Clark

In memory of Betty Keefe

From Richard/Connie Smalley

Sincere Thanks for Material Gifts, June-August

- St. Martin of Tours Parish Christmas in July Collection
- Vanessa Taylor
- Paul Williams
- Rennee' Manchak
- Angela White

- Medina Assembly of God
- The Oaks
- Community Services Center
- Leah Gagliardo
- Denise Zweifel
- Gretchen Buchanan
- Laura Irvine
- Jeanne Inemon
- Terri Lika
- Rosemary Fabian
- Thirty-Seven 4
- Steven Sundermeier
- The Gingerbread House
- Holy Martyrs Parish
- Mom's Club of Medina –West
- Marsha Manning
- St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Francis Xavier Parish
- Janet Kirschnick
- Olga Gray
- Becky Scheiman
- Pat Sloam
- Faithann Stepic
- Genevieve Newman
- Steve Newman
- Peg Carey
- Lisa Johnson
- Debbie and Paul Desciscio
- Kelly Trent
- Margaret Bennett
- Terri Clark
- Lori Laurence
- Sarah Petz
- Chantell Abshire
- Dona Tierney
- Mary Ann Gregg
- Lydia Hatton
- Brian Paul
- Community Action
- Courtney Collins
- Annette Nackes
- Jennifer Ansberry
- Joe Davis
- Julie Condit
- Holly Whipple
- Medina Noon Kiwanis
- Medina Breakfast Kiwanis
- Rebecca McAntee
- United Methodist Church Food Bank
- Lindsay Hathaway

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Volunteer Notes

1. Mark your calendars now! We will be having a volunteer meeting at **7pm Wednesday, October 5, in our office**. Join us for an informal gathering and meet fellow volunteers. The meeting will include a speaker and discussion on how to deal with difficult clients. Email us to let us know if you plan on attending.

2. We say goodbye, good luck and thank you to Birthcare teen volunteers: **Kristin Smith, Maura Gorman, Elizabeth Bollinger and Maria Smith** who are now college freshmen. We warmly welcome new teens: **Lea Wilson, Luke Baumgartner, Grace McKee, and Nikki Sherman** who started working in the office servicing clients under the supervision of adult volunteers this summer. Special thanks to all of our teen volunteers for stepping up and working extra hours during their summer breaks to fill gaps in staffing.

One teen's mom said this of her daughter's experience working at Birthcare the last four years:

"I cannot tell you how much of an "eye opener" that her volunteer work at Birthcare was for my daughter. She referenced Birthcare as part of her essay for college, which helped her get a wonderful scholarship. Sometimes a parent doesn't know fully how an experience has touched their child until you see it on paper. We cannot thank you enough for allowing her the opportunity to volunteer at Birthcare. We truly appreciate it and believe that your organization touches the lives of people in positive ways on multiple levels."

3. Please be aware of our donation guidelines. Do not be afraid to graciously turn away items not on our list, located in the desktop file. Due to our space restrictions we cannot store large furniture items and toys. Please use the back room shelf for new donation items only. Used clothing can be immediately sorted or stored on the floor.

4. As the leaves begin to turn, please start thinking about client families for our Christmas gift program. You may leave any suggestions in Barb or Diane's mailboxes.

Barbara Harris, Director
330-441-2071
Diane Bugner, Asst. Director
330-723-5955

To honor our annual Volunteer of the Year with a permanent visual reminder, a new plaque now hangs in the office.

The award winners are:

- 2000 – Sue Faecking, Marge Mikulski
- 2001 – Eunice Strahsburg
- 2002 – Mary Krosse
- 2003 – Ann Marie Krynock
- 2004 – Jennifer Kmitt
- 2005 – Vivian Wiley
- 2006 – Barb Harris
- 2007 – Lisa Knight
- 2008 – Lisa Rice
- 2009 – Nancy Gardner
- 2010 – Suzie Milam
- 2011 – Julie Kuehn



Board of Directors

Ed Bugner, President
Marie Edmonds, Secretary
Diane Bugner, Treasurer
Jennifer Kmitt
Marguerite Krahe
Sally Pap
Marita Tulisak
Joanne Weiler
Ken Wolff

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 5
7 pm Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday, October 19
7 pm Board Meeting

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