



Quarterly Newsletter

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Healing Families, Changing Lives

Thank You Adopt A Family Sponsors

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We live in such a wonderful and giving community! This year through the Adopt a Family program the Children's Center was able to provide **456 children** with Christmas gifts. All the thanks really goes to the **102 sponsors** who provided gifts to all these children. Please visit our website for a complete list of sponsors.



Special points of interest:

- 36 children were referred to the Children's Center for services
- 40 Foster Care Supervised Visits
- 53 children performed service projects at the Children's Center

Thank You Rohrer Corporation



A huge thank you goes out to **Rohrer Corporation** in Wadsworth who made the Children's Center their charity for the holidays. They provided us with almost everything on our wish list. This is truly amazing. The children are so grateful for their gifts they will use at the Children's Center throughout the year!



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Stewards of Children

The Children’s Center of Medina County is committed to protecting the children of our community and empowering the adults that care for them by offering Darkness to Light’s® Stewards of Children, a child abuse prevention training program. The program educates adults on how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

To Schedule a training for your organization please call 330-764-8891 ext. 214

Protect their only childhood!



Service projects at the Children’s Center

The Center wishes thank all the community groups who have come to the Children’s Center the last three months. Each month the MOMS Club of Medina East has come and decorated the Children’s Center for the different holiday’s. The children who come to the Center for services really enjoy the decorations and many

have been interested in recreating the monthly art.



We also have to thank Girl Scout Troop 42 for coming to the Children’s Center and decorating for Christmas. Not only did the Scouts decorate but they also sponsored a family for our Adopt a Family program (pictured at left)! Thank you for your generous donation of time and gifts!

Thank You Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund

Thanks to grant funding from Medina County Women’s Endowment we have been able to create public relations material that will bring awareness about child sexual abuse to Medina County. Our budget here at the Children’s Center does not provide for marketing and public educational information or materials.



The Mission of MCWEF
Is to provide grant funding to organizations and programs in

the Medina County area that support women and children; to serve as a catalyst for needed projects; and to assist women in their growth as philanthropists.

Again, we are very grateful for their support!





Upcoming Events where you can help

If you are looking for a way to help the Children’s Center this year we want to share with you upcoming activities that will give you that opportunity. On **February 11, 2012** we will be the beneficiary of the **Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise’s Wine and Roses Benefit Dinner** at Weymouth Country Club, for tickets please contact mdavanzo@zoominterent.net. Also, in **February and March**

we will be looking for **Partners in Prevention** for the upcoming Child Abuse Awareness month in April, for details please call the Children’s Center at 330-764-8891 ext. 214. In **April** we will also be holding our **Grocery Giveaway** raffle ticket fundraiser. Raffle tickets will be available starting April 1, 2012. In **May** we will launch our **annual campaign**. If you would like to make a cash donation to the Children’s Center May

is the perfect time to do so. Please keep in mind that the Children’s Center depends primarily on private donors for funding. We receive no county or federal funding. To keep our doors open and to provide sexually abused children vital services we need your support. It costs on average \$400 per child annually for services, so please consider helping a child in need!

Year end overview and statistics

2011 was a busy year for The Children’s Center of Medina County providing **602 children** crisis intervention and advocacy services for abuse and neglect, support services for children and families in need, and community outreach programming. In addition to children we also provided **120 adults** programming helping them with child sex abuse prevention, life skills, and parenting. It is very ex-

citing to be reaching so many children and adults in our community that need help. What is truly amazing is that we have increased the number of children we helped in 2010 by 400 and we have been able to accomplish this without requiring these families to pay for any services, this is truly a testament of how committed Medina County is to our children. Thank you!

“Statistics show that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before they are age 18”

Family First Council

In November of 2011, Medina County Family First Council voted new members to council. The Children’s Center is excited to announce that Rhonda Wurgler, Executive Director was voted as a new member representing the Children’s Center of Medina County. The Family First Council is dedicated to Strengthening the Medina County

community by coordinating and supporting health, human, and social services. This is a great opportunity for the Children’s Center of Medina County.

To find out more information about Family First Council here in Medina County please check out the website www.familyfirstmedina.org.



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Our Mission is to create a respectful, safe and neutral environment that places a priority on the needs of neglected and abused children while coordinating the services that promote healing and recovery.

The Center was established to enhance the coordination and implementation of special services required by children of sexual abuse, children in foster care, and at risk children as well as educating and supporting those who care for them.

We are an Associate Level Member of the National Children's Alliance.

We are a 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit Charitable Organization

We are members of the Ohio Network of Child Advocacy Centers

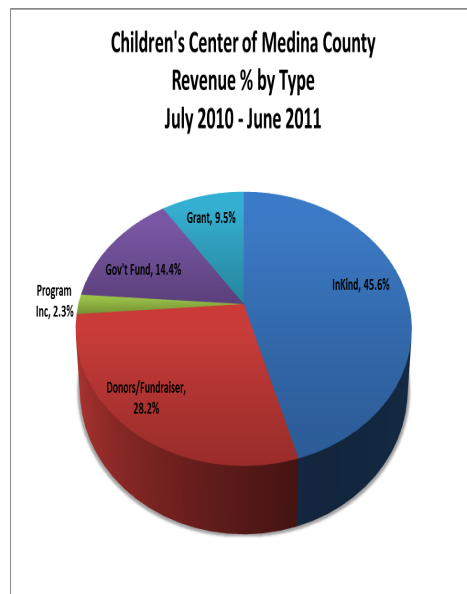


Your continued support truly helps children in need

Your monetary donation is extremely important to us and the operation of the Children's Center. In Fiscal Year 2010/2011 The Children's Center received more than \$28,000 in donations from individuals, businesses, and civic groups.

The Children's Center would not exist without help from you and the community. We receive very little state funding and we depend on your generous donations to provide the children of Medina County these vital services .

For more information please see our website
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