



Healing Families, Changing Lives

200 Highland Drive Medina, Ohio 44256

Quarterly Newsletter

Adopt-A-Family

The Children's Center of Medina County has very exciting news! Starting this holiday season we will now be the agency organizing the Adopt-a-Family Program. This is the same program Job and Family Service has organized for the last 12 years.

The program is for children 12 and younger. Sponsors will receive wish lists for children the first week of November. We ask that gifts be wrapped and labeled and brought to the Children's Center starting December 5, 2011.

We are seeking additional businesses, individuals, and

community groups to help make a child's holiday wishes come true by becoming a program sponsor. Whether you want to adopt a single child, sibling group, or large family, any size sponsorship helps a child have a happier Holiday Season.

If you are interested in adopting a child, please contact Rhonda Wurgler at 330-764-8891 ext. 214.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to making our community a happier place.



Please consider making a child smile by becoming a sponsor!



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Special points of interest:

- 40 Children were referred to the Children's Center for services
- 32 Foster Care Supervised Visits
- 4 Young Adults graduated the Life Skills Enrichment Program

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Thank You Brunswick Ladies Auxiliary 3505

On September 21, 2011 the Brunswick Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ladies Auxiliary 3505 presented the Children's Center of Medina County with a generous donation of \$1,400.00.

We can not thank you enough for your support.

Your donation helps us to continue providing children in Medina County Child Advocacy services.

You have truly made a difference in the lives of children impacted by abuse.





Volunteers Needed

The Children’s Center of Medina County is currently in need of a volunteer to help at the Center on an ongoing basis. Specifically we are looking for someone to help with donated items by sorting through them and determining need at the center. We also need someone willing to pull weeds, clean toys, manage our resource center, make copies, wash dishes and clothes, and help with fund-raising.

Volunteers will need to pass a background check and either fill out an ap-

plication or submit a resume.

To submit interest in volunteering please go to our website and fill out the volunteer request form or call 330-764-8891 Ext. 214.

www.MedinaCountyChildrensCenter.org

We will also need volunteers to help deliver gifts in December for our Adopt a Family program.



Service projects at the Children’s Center

On October 3, 2011 approximately 12 children ages 1 to 5 made decorations for the Children’s Center. For the month of October when children come to the Children’s Center they will see friendly ghosts and pumpkins throughout the center.

Thank You MOMS Club of Medina East for making the Children’s Center a friendlier place with holiday decorations!



On October 12, 2011 the Medina County Juvenile Courts Community Service Program stopped by the Children’s Center and planted mums, pulled weeds, and trimmed shrubs.

A huge thank you goes out to these kids for working so hard in our community to make it a better place for all of us to enjoy and be proud to call home.

Life Skills Enrichment Program

The Children’s Center of Medina County is very excited to announce the graduation of 4 students from our summer session of our Life Skills Enrichment Program. After 8 weeks of training, students left the program with skills to help them with life challenges.

Students learned how to balance check books, what checking and savings accounts are, how to create a budget, cost of living, how to fill out income tax forms, how to write a resume, how to fill out applications for jobs, how to inter-

view, what their employment goals are, what leases are, how to manage time and stress, consequences of life choices, and conflict resolution among other skills.

Thank you to Deborah Loving, Marcia Paladino, Amy Hess, Nancy Hudson and Cathy Posner for dedicating time to these young adults.

This program was been made possible with the help of the Medina County Community Fund.





Domestic and Sexual Violence Coalition Walk with your Best Friend

It was a rainy and cold October 1, 2011 but that did not stop community members from coming out and walking with their best friend.

The Domestic and Sexual Abuse Coalition held its 4th annual Walk with your best friend against abuse. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the event is held each year to bring awareness. This year the Medina County SPCA partnered with the walk to raise awareness to the fact that

domestic violence and animal abuse are related.

The Children's Center is very proud to help sponsor this event. We continue to support the coalition and the work they do for our community.



Stewards of Children Program

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

The Children's Center of Medina County is proud to offer Darkness to Light's® Stewards of Children, which is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

The program is designed for parents, relatives, teachers, concerned communi-

ty members and organizations that serve youth.

Each participant will receive an interactive workbook and the 7 Steps to Protecting Our Children guide. After training, participants will understand the facts of child sexual abuse and how to protect the children they care about from sexual abuse.



For the first half of 2011 the Children's Center has facilitated 7 Stewards of Children Programs training 82 individual's in our county.

We are currently scheduling trainings of a Stewards of Children Program please call 330-764-8891 Ext 214 to get your group on the schedule.

Meet the Board of the Children's Center

As a non-profit the Children's Center is guided by a Board of Directors. The board of Director's currently consists of 7 outstanding community members and leaders. Presently the board is looking for additional community members who would like to become more involved with the Children's Center and their community.

The following individuals are currently members of the Children's Center board: Jennifer

Graham, Board President , Kim Wilson, Board Vice President, Mindy Woll, Beth Beal, Amy Perrine, Toular Barlow and Mike Warner.

If you are interested in more information about the board or committee involvement with the Children's Center please email Jen Graham at jengraham@live.com or email Kim Wilson at kwilson@medinacountyevents.com.



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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 youth 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 those in need

Your monetary donation are extremely important to us and the operation of the Children's Center. In Fiscal Year 2009/2010 The Children's Center received more than \$25,000 in donations from individuals, businesses, and civic groups.

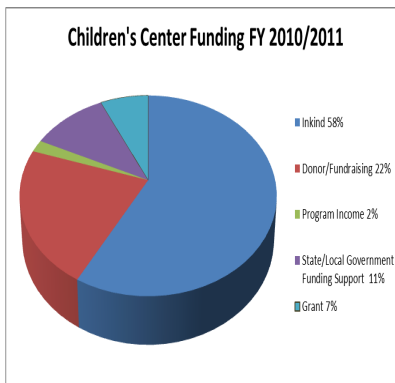
The Children's Center would not exist without help from you and the community. We receive very little state or federal funding and we depend on your generous donations to provide the children of Medina County these vital services .

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Your donation helps the Children's Center provide services for neglected and abused children and their caregivers in Medina County. Last year, we provided programs for more than 200 children including the coordination of 120 cases of child sexual abuse. Each year we've seen an increase in demand for care and services. Your support makes it possible for us to continue to serve our community's most vulnerable citizens.

