

# Prayer and Praise

The one thing everyone can do is pray. Please remember us using the requests below as you partner with this ministry in prayer.

- PRAISE for the amount of children's clothing recently donated
- PRAISE for the successful baby bottle drive at Linworth Baptist Church
- PRAISE for ALL the volunteers who faithfully serve in the MRC
- Pray for the upcoming Teen Lock-In on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Baptist Church
- Pray that the billboard ministry will continue to encourage women to choose life
- Pray that there will be more monetary and material donated to this ministry





**The Waiting Room is Never Empty** 

The Maternity Resource Center is a safe haven for men, women and children. A safe place where they can come and feel loved. A place where the love of Christ surrounds them. A place where they can get items they need for their children. It is a place that they depend on and we, as an organization, are thankful that many do so.

The Maternity Resource Center, also known as the MRC, is open on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm and Saturdays from 10:00am-12:30pm. Each week clients fill up the waiting room, as they anticipate receiving items they need. The volunteers work with the clients on a first come first served basis and work with them one-on-one. The volunteer's goal is to first SHOW the love of Christ to the clients and then if they are open, to SHARE the love of Christ with them.







During the time one-on-one with the clients, the volunteers also find out what items the clients need, document it, pray with them and give them gospel literature. Once paperwork is complete, the client is able to shop and obtain the items their children need. Once their shopping is completed they are reminded of the date they are able to return and given well wishes on their way and the volunteers look forward to their return.

So as each week the waiting room is filled with clients, would you be willing to pray? Pray for their hearts and minds to be open to the love of Christ. Pray for the children of these families that the Lord will wrap his arms around them and they will feel His love? Pray they will understand that we give because of Christ. Would you also pray for the volunteers as they strive to show the love of Christ? Will you pray for them each week as they minister? This ministry relys on prayer and we count on you!

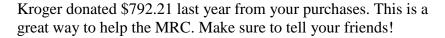
## **Kroger Community Rewards**

Grocery Shopping is unavoidable and something that every person and family must do to ensure they have the things they need. The grocery store, Kroger, is one that is very accessible and in every community. If this is a place where you shop, please consider helping the Maternity Resource Center in such an effective and simple way.



April is the annual Kroger Community Rewards re-enrollment month. The MRC (BFLCO) account number 91595. Sign in at <a href="https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com">www.krogercommunityrewards.com</a> and choose re-enrollment. Search the number 91595 and choose BFLCO. Easy!

If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, visit the customer service desk at your local Kroger to obtain one. You must sign up each year to participate in the Community Rewards Program.





#### The Billboard Ministry

Spreading Positive Messages throughout Columbus

"We thank and praise the Lord for his direction and provision for the past five years of BFLCO's billboard ministry -- a total of ten pro-life billboards scattered throughout the Columbus area. As we begin our sixth year of these billboards which promote sanctity of human life, we thank all of you who have contributed to this ministry, number of repeatedly. you thank each of you who have prayed. possible.

Now we are working eleventh our billboard: side-byside pictures of an ultrasound of a baby in the womb next to photo of newborn infant, with caption, Mommy, It is still me!" As soon as the full \$950 is in hand, we will reserve the location and time of this billboard. \$427 has been given for this, \$523 is still needed. We are trusting God to for provide this. laying it on the hearts of those He wants to use, provide to make this next billboard.



### 2016 Teen Lock-In



This year the Teen Lock-In will be held at Memorial Baptist Church on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Evan Wicker, youth pastor at Dayton Avenue Baptist Church in Xenia Ohio, will be speaking to the teens. A local laser tag company will be coming to host laser tag games and there will be several other games and activities for the teens to enjoy throughout the night. Of course, there will also be lots snacks and food to enjoy. Again this year there will be a diaper wipe contest to collect packages of diaper wipes for the Maternity Resource Center.

Please support this ministry in prayer. Pray for the hearts and minds of the teens that they will be open. Pray that the teens from the various churches attending will be unified, have a great time meeting new people, connecting with current friends, and have fun being with other Christians in Columbus.

# How Can You Help?

The monthly partner program allows you to provide funds that will be used to purchase items for mothers and their children

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	\$15.00 a month can purchase needed items for one baby
	\$25.00 a month can provide needed items for an expectant mother & her baby
	\$50.00 provides furniture for babies
	\$100.00 monthly meets clothing and furniture needs for an entire family I can help with a onetime donation of  \$
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For questions about donating clothing, blankets or other baby items contact
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