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***MVCTC Students Support March of Dimes***

**Clayton, Ohio** – Students and staff from the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) recognized November as the March of Dimes “Prematurity Awareness month”. A fundraiser organized by MVCTC staff members Kelly Haws and Cora Ullery, called “Blue Jeans for Babies” was held in November. Staff and students who donated \$1 received a March of Dimes wristband or sticker (their choice). The wristband/sticker entitled students and staff to wear jeans/team shirts/jerseys on a specified date.

The March of Dimes supports lifesaving research and innovative programs that save babies from prematurity, birth defects, and other infant health problems. Complications during pregnancy or delivery are frightening. Thanks to the March of Dimes, great advances are being made in preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.

This fundraiser has been held at MVCTC since the mid 1990’s and has raised thousands of dollars for the local March of Dimes. This year, students and staff donated over \$930.

For more information about MVCTC, please visit [www.mvctc.com](http://www.mvctc.com).

For over 40-years, MVCTC has been providing career technical education for 27 partner school districts encompassing five counties, including Darke, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren Counties. MVCTC is dedicated to providing in-demand workforce training for youth, adults, and organizations in the Miami Valley.

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Photo: MVCTC students and staff raised over \$930 for the March of Dimes during the “Blue Jeans for Babies” Fundraiser. MVCTC students ambassadors and staff member Cora Ullery present Jackie Allen from the March of Dimes with a check.

Pictured left to right - 1<sup>st</sup> row – Shayla Baker (Huber Heights); Jackie Allen (March of Dimes); Cora Ullery (MVCTC staff member). 2<sup>nd</sup> row – Eryn Hayes (Trotwood); Tori Haynes (West Carrollton); Jesse Cavendish (Tri-County North). 3<sup>rd</sup> row – Hannah Westfall (New Lebanon); Alexis Cusick (Vandalia); Julia Howard (Valley View); Samantha Denlinger (Miami East); Shelby Roach (Miami East). 4<sup>th</sup> row – Julia Anspach (Brookville); Katherine Cook (Milton Union); Lucas Chrisman (Franklin Monroe). 5<sup>th</sup> row – Craig Swartz (Tri-Village); Tearza Callahan (Preble Shawnee); Lindsey Raptosh (Miamisburg). 6<sup>th</sup> row – J.D. Brookshire (Northmont).