

PRESS RELEASE

Child Study Club
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CHILD STUDY CLUB TO END AFTER SEVENTY YEAR RUN

BOYNE CITY, MI – After 70 years of enriching the lives of children in Boyne City, the Child Study Club is disbanding. The few current members of the club are having one last gathering for a Christmas potluck on Monday, December 21, at 7 PM at the balanced living yoga studio, 101 River Street. All former members of the club are invited to join the celebration of seven decades of friendship, community involvement, and helping the next generation.

In 1945, a group of local mothers formed the Child Study Club of Boyne City as a nonprofit organization that would work to educate members to be better parents and improve the lives of the children of Boyne City. The club's creed became "to unite for the purpose of parent education and child nurture." The group invited speakers to monthly meetings so they could learn about parenting and community needs centered on children. Over the years, the ladies have also helped at Red Cross blood drives, run the ski equipment swap at the Booster's annual craft show, made an annual quilt and raffled it, had club sledding parties at Avalanche and swimming parties at the Harbor Springs pool, held an annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser, done an annual volunteer night at the Challenge Mountain Resale Store, worked as volunteers for the Michigan Mountain Mayhem events, and held the little Bit of Boyne Basket Raffle.

According to current Child Study Club President Kim Biskner, "We have a great group of dedicated mothers who have generously participated in this volunteer

organization to improve the lives of all the children of Boyne. However, membership has been dwindling over the past decade and there are no longer enough members to sustain the fundraising activities that allow us to the help children.”

Recently, the club has supported many programs that serve the area’s youth with yearly monetary donations of \$50 to \$100. Some that have benefited from the efforts of the Child Study Club are the music programs at the Boyne City Elementary School and Concord Academy Boyne, the summer reading program at the Boyne District Library, the overnight lock-in senior party after graduation, the Boyne City Food Pantry, Lake Shore Community Free Medical Clinic, and Boyne area pre-school programs. Child Study Club has also supported the BC School Boosters, 4-H programs, and supplied extra hats, mittens, and clothing to both Concord Academy Boyne and the Boyne City Elementary School nurse. The group has made annual donations of supplies and gifts to the Women’s Resource Center and the Community Christmas Program for many years as well.

For more information about the Christmas potluck event, contact club treasurer Patricia Brewer at 231-582-5465.

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