



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

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Mission Statement

The South Bend Chapter of The Christ Child Society is a not-for-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to the personal service and clothing of all needy children and infants in the love and spirit of the Christ Child.

Executive Board

Co Presidents:

Peg Riggs

Debbie Spillman

President Elect:

Sue Walsh

Vice President (Fundraising):

Holly Hosinski

Vice President (Membership):

Mary Wisniewski

Vice President (Clothing):

Linda Wray

Recording Secretary:

Joanne Van Avermaete

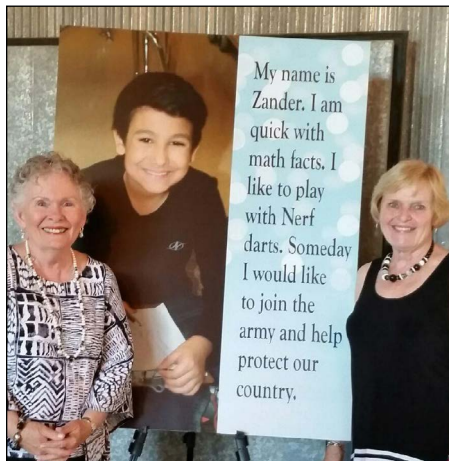
Corresponding Secretary:

Jane Reed

Treasurer:

Diane Lutomski

Another Successful Let Love Shine!



June 17 marked another successful Let Love Shine fundraising event for Christ Child. The Brick was a wonderful venue for a relaxed atmosphere complete with cocktails, great music from Rufus Ayres, desserts from Mrs. T's Custom Creations and Fannie May and a delicious buffet from Le Peep. We are so very grateful to all the amazingly generous supporters who bought plenty of raffle tickets and balloons for our balloon pop and, most importantly, participated in Bids for Kids and underwriting. Thanks, also, to Tom Liddell for infusing just the right amount of humor and finesse into the evening to ensure our guests were inspired to help us reach our financial goals.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

Christmas Quilt: Kathy Schoenle

ND vs. Stanford tickets: Sue Walsh

Golf package: BG Butler

Wicked Tickets: Sharon Edmonds

Cookie Jar of Cash: Kelly Powell

Tour of Italy: Wilma Veldman

ND vs. Miami tickets: Ed Zych

ND Wall art: Dave Murray

Cubs package: Marcia Auger

Ladies Package: Wilma Veldman

An additional thank you goes out to the many volunteers who helped with the planning and execution of the Let Love Shine event! There are too many to list, but we appreciate all of you very much! Thanks to Mary Liddell and Megan Fitz for handling the office support that is vital to the success of LLS. Last but not least we thank Frank and Marti Moriconi and Pat Corcoran for creating the beautiful and moving posters we used at the event that put the faces on the mission we serve. Thanks, too, to our Board and executives for your support. We have probably forgotten someone in the list of acknowledgements, but please know we are grateful for every kind word and deed!

CALENDAR

Aug 3 Restock/Inventory
Center 9 AM
Aug 3 New Member
Orientaton/Training 9:30 AM
Aug 10 Clothing Center
Opening Day for Clients 8:30 AM
Aug 15 Board Meeting
Dickinson Room SJCPJL 10:15 AM
Aug 17, 31 Center Open
for Clients 8:30 AM
Aug 21 Center Open for Clients
Sunday 1-3 PM
Aug 25 In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:30 AM

Deadline for Septmber newsletter
Aug 15

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Data Updates

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From the Co-Presidents

"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others.

And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them" - Dalai Lama

From Peg: As I begin my third year as president, I am truly grateful that I won't be doing this alone. Thank you to Debbie Spillman for stepping up as co-president. We are expanding into uncharted territory, both unsure how this experiment will go, but both hopeful that having each other will be a positive change within Christ Child.

Welcome to our four new Board members: Diane Lutomski, Maureen Korros, Susy Porter and Sue Walsh. Diane is our new treasurer, Maureen stepped up to co-chair the Coat Room and Volunteer Liaison, Susy is co-chairing Publicity and the New Member Coffee and Sue is remaining in shoes and is president elect. What a big impact these ladies will have on the Society!

I am humbled and grateful at the level of trust you, the members of Christ Child, have given me over the last two years. I continually appreciate the support of my parents, Joan and Ed Hardig, for not only having a listening ear, but for encouraging me to take on this challenge. My husband Dean has been a rock through all the ups and downs of my presidency. And, my boys, Drew and Ben, my comic relief and the reason I'm "Mom," they are my sunshine and my reminder that all of us are here for a larger purpose—we just need to take a chance and find it!



From Debbie: I am honored to begin serving as co-president of this wonderful organization. This is an exciting time as we begin to talk about our upcoming 70th Anniversary! If you haven't had a chance to meet me, you only need to know one thing: It is our mission that calls to my heart and it is that same mission that led me to this new position. I am grateful for the many committed members who support The Christ Child Society. We are fortunate to have a dedicated Board of Directors and our Organizational Chart is filled with numerous members who have taken on positions of responsibility.

I have spent the past few years as a board member where I've learned a lot of our history. It is amazing to realize how much we've grown and to see the many ways we've changed to accommodate the needs of our clients. Please help me to continue the legacy that brought us this far. I ask you to pray for the children we serve and for their families. Finally, please pray for the effectiveness of your new co-presidents!

A New Administrative Assistant

We wish to warmly welcome Megan Fitz as our new Administrative Assistant! Megan has started her training and will be at the Center every Wednesday to assist us with office duties. Once she has completed her training, she will establish regular hours and we will post them for your convenience. In the meantime, if anyone needs access to the Center when we are closed, Megan is willing to meet with you. Please contact her with any of your needs. Megan has an infant so she prefers text messaging and emails as a "quiet" way to communicate without waking the baby; but if necessary, you can call and leave a message mfitz105@gmail.com (574) 292-5700.



Birthday Cupcakes

Thanks to all who made birthday cupcakes at St. Adalbert School during the past school year. Both staff and students enjoyed the cupcakes and being remembered during the month of their birthday!

Kindergarten teacher Kristi Jones noted the positive effect of the program: "This is a beautiful way to make all of our students feel loved and celebrated. You need only to see the smiles and frosting mustaches to know how much they loved their birthday cupcakes," Kindergarten comments on the cupcakes ranged from "feeling delighted" and "it's like a present." One student exclaimed "they has too much flavor!"



If you would be interested in helping with the 2016/2017 cupcake program, please contact Karen Clifford at daycliff@aol.com to sign up. Cupcakes are delivered to the school on the second Thursday of each month starting in September and are presented at lunch. In September, the school will celebrate August and September birthdays. Each month thereafter will celebrate that month's birthdays. The exception will be in May where May, June and July birthdays will be celebrated.

It does not matter how the cupcakes are decorated or what flavor the cake is. If you make chocolate or nut cupcakes, have a few that will have plain cake and vanilla frosting for those with allergies. Sister Catherine will have the numbers of birthdays for each month at the end of August. Thank you for your participation!

Gifts and Memorials

The beautiful Gold Christ Child Remembrance Card is a convenient way to send donations in any amount to the Christ Child Society, as an In Memoriam or in recognition of a special occasion or accomplishment. A donation can be made in memory of deceased friend or relatives who will also be remembered in a perpetual monthly Mass. The card also makes it possible to celebrate happy occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries in the same way. When requesting a Remembrance Card, members are asked to print legibly since the names will be printed in each newsletter with the donor's name in parentheses. Extra cards are available in the office or from Joan Hardig (277-7787)

In Memoriam:

Brian Bernard (Anita B. Golba)
 Gerald E. Byrne Jr. (Kelly/Jeff Harrison)
 Helen Caenepeel (David/Sue Walsh, Steve/Pat Husten, Kathy Daley, Bob/Judy Meuleman)
 Joseph D. Chrzan (Kelly/Jeff Harrison Family)
 David Finch (Rita North)
 Laura Graham (Catherine Vroman)
 Keith Hathaway (Mary Cashman)
 Mary Hickey (Katy Demarais)
 Frank Knee (Jane Dietrich)
 Fr. Max Kobasak (Helen Diltz)
 Eugene A. Lindorf (Santa Maria Co. 553, K of C)
 Leon McNair Jr. (Toni/Bob Kowalski)
 Edward Muldoon (Helen Diltz)
 Betty O'Brien (Kathryn Screes)
 Edward Power (Helen Diltz)

In Memoriam

Former Members
 Betty O'Brien
 Dorothy Powers

Mary Virginia Meyer Redlin (Dan/Beth Barrett)
 Robert Screes (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Darwin "Mike" Stonestreet (AT&T Pioneers, SB Club & Council)
 Tom Westland (Lyla S. Lockhart)
 Patrick Yocum (Sharon James)
 Ron Young's brother (Marcia/Tom Blum)

Special Occasion:

Peter/Moll Edgette - 50th Anniversary (Pat/ Joe Corcoran)
 John Fastero - Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Roger Gurthet - Complete Recovery

(Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)

Gwen - Thank you for outstanding help (Mary Lou Mullen, Susy Porter, Karen Clifford)
 Betty/Bob McCormick - (Jim/Pat Short)
 Marge Marley - Happy Birthday (Bill/Jan Killilea)
 Greg/JeanMee - (Anite B. Golba, Marie/Paul Brady)
 Ann Molenda - Birthday (Marjorie/John Bycraft, Jim/Sue Cierzniak, Margaret Hosinski, Brian/Ginger Lake)
 Fr. Tim O'Conner - 25th Jubilee (Joe/Marie Burt, Gratia Eades)
 Toni/Cas Pikuza - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Fred/Minica Krol)
 Bernie Randall - Speedy Recovery (Tee Miller)
 Rev. Christopher Rehagen CSC - Success in new priest assignment (Esther Cyr)

Third Annual Shoe Project: Shopping to Sorting



For seven days, five cities, six stores, 34 transactions and a 40% off coupon, shoes and boots were purchased from multiple Payless Shoe Stores throughout Northern Indiana. Some of the shoes were on sale with an additional 40% off. What a deal! Five additional days were needed when the members and volunteers unloaded, sorted, and inventoried the large collection of shoes and boots. Many members of the Shoe Department along with over 20 student volunteers worked diligently on the 3rd Annual Shoe Project which took place in June. Shelves are restocked and ready for our opening day in August.

A total of 2,594 pairs of shoes were bought with an average price of only \$14.33 per pair of shoes. Winter boots were purchased again this year. With this great sale, 159 pairs of winter boots were purchased with the final cost of \$28.67 per pair. What a bargain and a great savings!

Very special thanks to Peg Riggs, Debbie Spillman, Marcia Auger, Kristy Botich, Ann Finn and Jane Reed who helped Susan Walsh, Shoe Chairperson, purchase the large amount of shoes this year. Thanks to everyone who helped complete this huge project. This was a great example of many people working together for the same cause.



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In May 2016, a group of past presidents gathered at Joan Hardig's home. This meeting was a chance for the "old and new" to share our history, live the present, and focus on the future of Christ Child. Front row: Marjorie Bycraft, Marilyn Toepp, Sandy Redden, Katie Screes, Rosie Shafer, Joan Hardig. Middle: Peg Riggs, Bette O'Malley, Esther Cyr, Marie Brady, Marge Hosinski, Norma Villanucci, Marcia Auger, Jane Horning and Jeanne Ward. Rear: Mary Liddell, Bath Barrett, Kathy Seidl, Sheila Emge, Maureen Cahir, Diane Quinn and Sue Uhran.