



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

December 2014

308 South Scott Street, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624 (574) 288-6028 (fax) 288-4282 (e-mail) info@christchildsb.org

### 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.

### Board Seeks Nominations for New Directors

The Board of Directors is beginning the process of accepting nominations for 2015-2016 appointments. Each year approximately five members of the board retire and five new members begin three-year terms. We are looking for women who are willing to take a leadership role and bring their skills to the organization. Since ours is a working board, she will be expected to take on a leadership role on a project or in the clothing center. The organizational chart in the front of the directory indicates the available roles; please take a look.

Serving the board is a great opportunity to help continue the success of our chapter, to get to know other dedicated women, to learn more about Christ Child and to take care of the chapter's business.

Please consider serving on the board yourself or give us a suggestion of someone else you would recommend. The nominating committee will contact the nominees and explain the responsibilities involved. Please send your suggestions to Judy Kuzmich (272-5739) or jkuzmich@sbcglobal.net or Peg Riggs (271-9971) or pegriggs1@yahoo.com.

### Executive Board

- President:  
Peg Riggs
- President Elect:
- Vice President (Fundraising):  
Judy Burmeister
- Vice President (Membership):  
Anne Choinacky
- Vice President (Clothing):  
Sue Walsh
- Recording Secretary:  
Jean Fuehrmeyer
- Corresponding Secretary:  
Marie Burt
- Treasurer:  
Pat Hillebrand

### A Book for a Child

Each child who receives clothing from Christ Child also receives a book appropriate to his/ her age or reading level. That means we go through a LOT of books.

Kelloggs is partnering with Scholastic Books to promote literacy. Each specially marked package of select Kelloggs cereals, Eggo waffles, Pop Tarts, Nutri-Grain cereal bars, Cheez-It crackers, Rice Krispie Treats bonus packs and Pringles 27 oz packages contains a code stamped on the inside of the box or packaging. Three codes earns one free book.

Collecting those product codes for Christ Child means more books for our children and books in the hands of our children means a child is one step closer to moving out of poverty.

You can help. When you shop for your regular breakfast foods and snacks, please look for the specially marked packages with the green and blue logo "Free Book- Scholastic." Bring those packages (or just the cut out code from the inside) to the Center or get the product code to Jean Fuehrmeyer (574-855-3028 or jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com). The offer runs through 3/31/2015. Thanks for your help!

### CALENDAR

- Dec.3,10,17 ..... Center Open  
for Clients 8:30 AM
- No DECEMBER BOARD MEETING
- Dec.10 ..... Volunteer  
Potluck Luncheon
- Dec. 17 ..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- Jan. 7,14..... Center Open  
for Clients 8:30 AM
- Jan. 20..... Board Meeting  
Center 9 AM
- Jan. 28..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

### Updates

- Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/ChristChildSB
- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org

## From the President . . . . Peg Riggs

“Buddy the Elf, what’s your favorite color” from the movie Elf  
 “You’ll shoot your eye out!” from the movie A Christmas Story

Merry Christmas! I enjoy this time of year. Even though it is cold and Hoosiers tend to do one of two things - head to Florida or embrace the cold. I truly love to settle in for a long winter’s nap! Time for the whirlwind of social events, school parties, dinners, and lots of family gatherings. Cheesy movies, indoor activities, and lazy days: Bring it on!!

This year, I reflect on my own celebration of Christmas. I have spent every Christmas Eve with my family. We go to Mass, back to Mom and Dad’s, have dinner and open presents. I’ve done this my whole life-and now it’s all my boys know. My parents’ house gets loud and crazy at times, and I LOVE to see my folks just bask in the chaos.

But, as we all tend to do over the holidays, I think of our clients. Do they have family traditions at Christmas? Will they celebrate the birth of Jesus with their children? Do they attend any religious service? Will they see family or friends? Will the people around them embrace them? Will they have any gifts that weren’t supplied by generous donors from St. Vincent de Paul or Salvation Army? My wish for all of our clients is peace; peace in their hearts, in their families, and in their lives. It can be a tall order, but if all of you reading this keep our clients in your heart, just maybe they will feel our grace.

Through November we have served 3453 children in 1328 families. Of those families 248 are new to Christ Child, 18% of those who came in. Remember - we are closed on December 24 and 31, 2014. We will open again for clients on January 7 and 14, 2015. With South Bend expecting another frigid winter, the Center will be *closed* the remainder of January. Watch for email blasts for other winter updates. If it’s an day we are to be open, WNDU will have Christ Child closing information. Remember, if South Bend Schools are *closed*, Christ Child is *closed*.

Thank you - each and every one of you for ALL you do for Christ Child.

Happy 2015!

## National President Begins Blog

Anne Kelley, NCCS President, is developing a blog to stay in touch with chapters. She admits this is her first blogging attempt, so she wants to have lots of readers and feedback. Please go to the link: [www.blog.nationalchristchild.org](http://www.blog.nationalchristchild.org) and follow the instructions on how to subscribe. We would love to see lots of followers from the South Bend Chapter.

## Make Clothe A Child a Holiday Tradition

The Clothe-A-Child 2014 campaign is just getting started. Look for it in your mailbox in the next week. At this time of year we are reminded of all the blessings God has bestowed upon us and then willingly share our bounty with those less fortunate in our community. This year the Clothing Center continues to see clients who rely on us to provide warm new clothing for their children. Our mission is possible solely through the generosity of our membership and the local community.

Please consider clothing a child as one of your holiday traditions. No donation is too small. Contact Judy Kuzmich, 272-5739 or [jkuzmich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkuzmich@sbcglobal.net) or Kathy Seidl 291-6604 or [marian0103@comcast.net](mailto:marian0103@comcast.net).

## Christ Child Society Bequests

A gift in your will (a bequest) is the most traditional way to provide significant help to carry out the mission of The Christ Child Society of South Bend, Indiana. It will provide layettes and clothing each year for thousands of needy children in our community.

Your gift in your will can be a specific dollar amount, a percentage or a part of your residuary estate. A gift can be made to the Endowment Fund or to the General Fund. For example:

### Specific Bequest

“I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.”

“I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.”

### Percentage Bequest

“I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate.”

“I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund \_\_\_\_\_% of my estate.”

### Residuary Bequest

“I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, Endowment Fund.”

(or)

“I give all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, IN, General Fund.”

Deadline for next newsletter  
January 20

Ann Korb (277-6443) [ack339@aol.com](mailto:ack339@aol.com)



**BRIEFS**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Volunteer Potluck Luncheon on Wednesday December 10. We will meet in the Bethany Room after we have finished serving clients, around 11:15. Even if you don't regularly come to the Center on Wednesdays, this is a great time to catch up with friends-and to share that special tasty dish!

**Book Club**

*A Constellation of Vital Phenomena*  
by Anthony Marra  
January 21  
Terri Slamkowski (256-2650)

Motor Corps is in need of a volunteer to pick up used clothing at Holy Family Church and School. Please contact Judy Burmeister at 259-4737 or email boilerburm@sbcglobal.net if you can help.

Friday, May 1  
the annual  
Christ Child  
Derby Day luncheon!  
Spring is coming!

The Angel Layette ministry needs volunteers willing to make a special layette for babies who do not survive birth or die shortly after birth. This layette consists of a simple white gown and bonnet. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please contact Mary Kubiak (272-3120) or makubi8@gmail.com.

**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**

- Rita Bailey (Ed/Joan Hardig)
- Mario Beristain (Winnie VandenBossche)
- Martha Bilinski (Toni Pikuza)
- Tom Black (Carol Bauer, Gerard/June VanOverberghe)
- Patricia Cline (JoAnn Axelberg)
- Denise Hagerty (Junior League of SB, Jacqueline Badics)
- Harry Holycross Marijo Martinec
- Bessie Kirsch (Carol/Don Nash)
- Tim Lake (Tom/Maureen Cahir)
- Helen Murphy (MaryAnn Chandler)
- John Scully (William/Marian Bickel)
- Alice B. Treash (Rosie Shafer)
- Fred Walter (Carol Bauer, Esther Cyr)
- Margaret Rose Walter (Bill/Marian Bickel)

**In Memorium**  
Husband  
George M. Mahalick

Darrell Zellers (Marti/Frank Moriconi, Pat/Fred Hillebrand, Kathryn Screes, Anna/Robert Urick)

**Special Occasion**

- Charles Evans – Get Well (Carol/James Holt)
- Special Prayers - (Carol/James Holt)
- Speedy Recovery (Tee/Cal Miller)
- Jackie Stevens – Get Well (Carol/James Holt)

**Christ Child Society Guardian Angels**

A special membership category was established in 1998. A one time \$1000 enrollment fee for deceased members or spouses, benefiting the Christ Child Society Endowment Fund, will insure the Society's ability to continue the future good works.

The Guardian Angels are honored with their names appearing on a plaque in the Christ Child Society office. The family of the deceased will receive an enrollment certificate. Each angel will be remembered monthly and each year at our annual Mass. A special page in our directory will list our angels annually.

Current members and spouses may pre-enroll in the program. These "angels in waiting" will be kept on a special list and officially enrolled upon their deaths.



Please refer any questions to Sheila Emge (277-6421)

Dear Christ Child Members:

The Board would like to again present the Mary Virginia Merrick Award to one of our dedicated members. We have many outstanding members who deserve this award. This award was given previously to Mary Liddell in 2008 and to Marjorie Bycraft in 2013. It will be given at the Spring Mass and Luncheon on March 25, 2015, and given biannually.

We would like to have all Christ Child members participate in choosing the member who will receive this award so we are asking for your nominations. Please complete the ballot below and either mail it to the Christ Child Society office or drop it in the ballot box at the Center.

All ballots must be signed. One ballot per member please.

Nominees for the Award shall have demonstrated in whole or in part the following:

1. Inspiration and example for others to participate in or support the work and mission of Christ Child Society.
2. Visibility at Christ Child Society events in the form of attendance, advocacy and promotion.
3. General support of the Society by virtue of giving the gifts of time, work or financial resources.
4. Outstanding service to the work of the Society as a volunteer or officer of the Board of Directors.

-----

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE MARY VIRGINIA MERRICK AWARD

TO BE GIVEN ON MARCH 25, 2015

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the Mary Virginia Merrick Award.

In a few words tell us why you have chosen her/him for this award. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for nominations to be received is February 28, 2015

Mail completed nomination forms to:  
Christ Child Society, Attn: Peg Riggs, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624  
or drop it in the ballot box in the office at the Center.

**Annual Statement**  
**The Christ Child Society**  
**July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014**

**Balance on Hand 7/1/13 .....\$435,330.28**

**RECEIPTS**

Membership & Dues..... \$36,024.00  
 Fundraising ..... 293,633.64  
 Other Income ..... 105,063.60  
 Endowment ..... 9,327.39  
 Funds Trans from IN. Trust ..... 11,500.00  
 \$455,548.69

**IN TRUST OPERATING FUND**

Market Change..... 67,448.69

**TOTAL RECEIPTS ..... 522,997.38**

**\$958,327.64**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Contributory..... \$200,764.40  
 Fundraising ..... 40,044.26  
 General/Administration..... 41,997.80  
 Occupancy ..... 32,870.01  
 Endowment ..... 9,272.39  
 Transfer from IN Trust Operating ..... 11,500.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS..... \$336,448.88**

**Balance on Hand June 30, 2013 ..... \$621,878.76**

**UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

NDFCU Share Draft..... \$246,514.76

NDFCU Savings Acct ..... 5.85

IN Trust Operating Fund ..... 375,298.07

**TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS .....\$621,878.76**

**IN TRUST ENDOWMENT FUNDS.....\$707,514.83**

**TOTAL ASSETS..... \$1,329,393.59**

**New Members**

Smith, Terri • 68552 Christiana Lake Rd., Edwardsburg 49112  
 Ernsperger, Barbara • 56203 Chapel Ln., South Bend 46619  
 Chodzinski, Patricia • 2222 Blue Smoke Trl., Mishawaka 46544  
 Chrobot, Loretta • 24554 Rolling Oak Dr., South Bend, 6628  
 Curry, Deborah Ann • 57194 Clona Court., South Bend 46619  
 Farrell, Maureen • 220 Tonti, South Bend 46617  
 Kovalenko, Mary • 6816 Lutz Dr., South Bend 46614  
 O'Brien, B.J. • 10777 Jefferson Road, Osceola 46561  
 Radican, Katherine • 1740 Georgian Dr., South Bend 46614  
 Slamkowski, Terry • 1815 Larkspur Ct., Mishawaka 46545  
 Feeney, Susan • 215 W. Marquette Ave., South Bend 46617  
 Ulrich, Cheryl • 51839 Summer Wood Ct., Granger 46530  
 Wilder, Sarah • 122 S. Pin Oak Dr., Mishawaka 46545  
 Burkart, Cindy • 17321 Parker Dr., South Bend 46635  
 Yocum, Lorraine • 52089 Furrow Dr., South Bend 46635  
 Messaglia, Sue • 6027 Old English Ct., South Bend 46614  
 Barcza, Carol • 25540 Den Trl., South Bend 46628  
 Berscheit, Denise  
 Newcomer, Kellie



**December**

- |   |                    |    |                 |
|---|--------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Barbara Zimlich    | 25 | Katie Shanley   |
| 2 | Edna Meykel        | 26 | Charlene Hutti  |
| 2 | Mary DePauw        | 28 | Betty Strantz   |
| 2 | Dulcie Martin      | 28 | Rolande Parent  |
| 3 | Judith Kuzmich     | 28 | Martha Hosinski |
| 4 | Gayle Jernstrom    | 28 | Mary Tippis     |
| 4 | Nimbilasha Cushing | 29 | Linda Wray      |
| 5 | Sharon Harlozinski | 29 | Marie Burt      |
| 6 | Janice Morrical    | 30 | Michelle Remley |
| 8 | Mary Lou Houle     | 30 | Kelly Harrison  |
| 9 | Susan Walsh        |    |                 |

**January**

- |    |                 |    |                    |
|----|-----------------|----|--------------------|
| 9  | Cyndy Andrews   | 3  | Margaret Mahoney   |
| 11 | Amanda Skwarcan | 4  | Rosemary Shafer    |
| 13 | Kathleen Marien | 7  | Jane Arseniadis    |
| 14 | Kathryn Screes  | 9  | Loretta Briedis    |
| 15 | Maria Muhlherr  | 10 | Cecilia Pfladderer |
| 18 | Margaret Riggs  | 15 | Dolores Tepe       |
| 19 | Phyllis Kubale  | 15 | Connie Mauch       |
| 21 | Ruth Huyvaert   | 17 | Margaret Rodriguez |
| 21 | Barb Cassady    | 18 | Patricia Forray    |
| 22 | Patricia Huston | 20 | Rosemary Ferrara   |
| 23 | Teddi Murray    | 21 | Jane Kanouse       |
| 23 | Megan Seidl     | 25 | Marie Brady        |
| 24 | Arlene Spitz    | 26 | Mary Ann Williams  |
| 24 | Mary Goodhew    | 27 | Judith Quinn       |
| 25 | Katie Shanley   | 31 | Carol Staszewski   |



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY  
P.O. Box 1286  
South Bend, Indiana 46624



NON-PROFIT ORG.

U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
SOUTH BEND, IN  
Permit No. 239

Return Service Requested

*The Christ Child Society wishes  
its members, its benefactors and its clients  
the happiest and holiest Christmas season.*

---

*TAKE A DAY OFF JUST FOR YOU*

CHRIST CHILD DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION  
AT MOREAU SEMINARY ON MOREAU DRIVE

*TAKE TIME TO NOURISH YOUR SPIRITUALITY IN PREPARATION FOR LENT*

REFLECTIONS BY REV. CHARLIE KOHLERMAN, CSC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

DOUGHNUTS, FRUIT, COFFEE, TEA	8:30 - 9:15
MORNING MEDITATION	9:30
MASS	11:00
LUNCH	12:00
REFLECTION AND BENEDICTION	1:00 - 2:30

PLEASE SEND RESERVATIONS WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$15 PAYABLE TO THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY  
TO PO Box 1286 SOUTH BEND, IN 46624!

PRICE INCLUDES ALL FOOD, DRINK AND THE RETREAT.

NAMES(S) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, PLEASE!**