



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

October 2014

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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.

Let Love Shine 2014

In a couple of weeks, on October 16, we will once again be hosting our biggest event of the year, Let Love Shine 2014, at Morris Inn, Notre Dame! Reservations have been pouring in, as well as spectacular auction items. It's been a wonderful collaboration of so many members, volunteers and donors to shine the light of compassion on the children of this community and the work of the Christ Child Society.

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High Quality Auction Items

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind the patrons of this event to bring your smartphones or iPads, as you will be able to bid electronically from these devices. Please rest assured that there will be a highly qualified staff to assist us in registering our devices and using them to bid. They make it easy! Come ready to bid on some fabulous items including *Dinner for Six with Muffet McGraw at Café Navarre*, an unbelievable *Weekend at the Peacock Bed and Breakfast on Mackinac Island*, an *Unforgettable Dining Experience with the Holy Cross Chef Patrick McGarry*, or a truly unique opportunity to take possession of *The Heisman Trophy for a Weekend* and many more high quality silent auction items. One spectacular item is a quilt made of 13 different years of ND's "The Shirt" handmade by Cathy Waszack.

Signature Necklaces

Don't miss your chance to purchase our limited edition, signature necklace designed for Let Love Shine 2014 by local jewelry designer Ali Oesch. Purchase of this signature piece not only benefits Christ Child Society, but automatically enters you in a drawing for a chance to win a \$100 value Ali Oesch necklace or a \$50 value Ali Oesch bracelet. Our 2014 signature necklace will premier at the LLS event on October 16; however those not attending may pre-order. For more information on supporting Let Love Shine 2014 with the purchase of this symbolic necklace, please contact Marcia Auger (574-272-4970).

Early Bidding

Early bidding on auction items will be possible by registering online at: <http://LetLove14.myab.co>. Follow the instructions and you will be able to see the auction items at your leisure. You can even place a bid before the event! Problems with early registration: contact Linda Brammer (574-287-5048).

Valet Parking

Valet parking at Morris Inn will be complimentary. When you pull up to the door at Morris Inn, the attendant will ask you what event you are attending and give you the correct ticket. No validation of the ticket will be necessary.

We look forward to seeing all of our generous supporters on October 16. Many thanks to all who will attend and/or are working on the dinner and auction! YOU shine the light! You make our mission a reality – challenging poverty one child at a time.

Updates

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

CALENDAR

Oct 1,8,15,22,29 Center Open
for Clients 8:30 AM

OCT 16 Let Love Shine 2014
Morris Inn

Oct 5, 26 Clothing Center Open
Sunday 1:00-3:00 PM

Oct 20 Board Meeting
Center 9:00 AM

Oct 22 In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

OCT 23 Fall Luncheon
Windsor Park 11:30 AM

From the President . . . Peg Riggs

The miracle is not that we do this work,
but that we are happy to do it.

- Mother Teresa

In August, the Center was opened three Wednesdays and one Sunday. In September, the Center was opened four Wednesdays and one Sunday. For the year to date 1551 children, 597 families have received new clothing, shoes and books! Already nine of our 24 open dates have passed. It's amazing how much time and effort it takes to get ready for the clothing "season" and it flies right by!

In September I attended the National Christ Child Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona. It was awesome to see such a good representation from the South Bend Chapter: Joan Hardig, Deb Low, Linda Brammer, Beth Barrett and Vicki Riel. It was such a great time to be with like-minded women from around the country working towards the mission of Mary Virginia Merrick - that nothing is ever too much to do for a child. This year's convention theme was "Together In Mission: Share, Support, Serve." Chapters shared their stories - the good, the bad, and the ugly; we offered support and suggestions to improve our chapters; and finally we shared strategies and information to help all of us better meet the needs of the children we serve. It was truly a magical time, a great time to renew my spirit in the Christ Child Society.

The Clothing Center will be open two more Sundays this year: October 5 and October 26. If you cannot get to the Center on Wednesdays, this is a great way to come and help. Volunteers should arrive around 12:40 as the doors open at 1:00 for clients. Most Sundays we are finished around 3:00.

We've got a busy October at the Center - open five Wednesdays and two Sundays - and socially with Let Love Shine 2014 on October 16 and the Fall Luncheon on October 23. So be sure to take care of yourselves - eat healthy, get plenty of sleep, and keep that wonderful smile on your faces!



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| 1 | Doris Ann Doyle | 12 | Mary Jane Chase |
| 1 | Betty Lou Vascil | 12 | Betty Ann Gibbons |
| 1 | Linda Diltz | 13 | Judy Garatoni |
| 2 | Mary Muller | 14 | Lola Pataluch |
| 2 | Pat Gault | 15 | Wendy Bognar |
| 2 | Amy Patterson | 15 | Mary del Pilar |
| 7 | MaryJane Horning | 16 | Florence Duesterberg |
| 8 | Virginia O'Hara | 16 | Antoinette Pikuza |
| 9 | Judith Kearns | 17 | Jane Pinnick |
| 10 | Dolores Andrzejewski | 20 | Virginia Zellers |
| 10 | Patricia Scharf | 20 | Anne Watson |
| 10 | Susanne Shirrell | 21 | Jerilynn Ciletti |
| | | 22 | Shirley Wittenbrink |
| | | 25 | Margaret Moore |
| | | 25 | Suzanne Halloran |
| | | 26 | Ann Sexton |
| | | 26 | Lorraine Yocum |
| | | 28 | Lois Berry |

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, May 1
the annual
Christ Child

Derby Day luncheon!
Hope to see you there!

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."

Book Club

The Invention of Wings
by Sue Monk Kidd
October 15
Pat Healy (272-5640)

Deadline for next newsletter
October 20

Ann Korb (277-6443) ack339@aol.com



Clothe-A-Child II Program Underway

The Clothe-A-Child II campaign officially began with long-time supporter, Martin's Supermarkets, selling dolls for Christ Child beginning September 1 and wrapping up their campaign September 21.

Mutual Bank and Notre Dame Federal Credit Union have also agreed to participate in the campaign as well. Their campaigns will run during October and November.

Please encourage friends and family to support the Christ Child Society by purchasing dolls at these businesses! Many thanks also to Deethart Litho and Valley Screen for their assistance in preparing the dolls!

Don't Forget Books

The "A Book For A Child" program is ALWAYS in need of new or gently used children books. We also accept adult books. Better World Books will accept the adult books and "swap" them for children's books for us to distribute

Please bring the books to the Center or call the Center (288-6028) to arrange for them to be picked up.

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

Kevin Banks (Ron/Dottie Wallace)
 James Barcome (Ken/Barb Fedder)
 Patrick Biggs (Phyllis/Earl Kubale)
 Ken Brothers (Helen Diltz, Donna Kyle, Mr/Mrs James Cierzniak)
 Timothy M. Lake (Mr/Mrs Brian Lake)
 Kent Larson (Donna Kyle)
 William Lynch (Louise/Steve Anella)
 Cheryl Martyn (Louise/Steve Anella)
 Eadie Meykel (Kim Powers, Dorothy Powers, Joyce Balka, Amber O'Rourke)
 Kim Reese, Kim & Family (Mr/Mrs Brian Lake)
 Katherine Shiebler, Katherine (Peg Claeys)
 Maureen Taylor (Marion/Pat McGeary)
 Dick VanAvermaete (Jeanne Lukasziak)

In Memoriam

Members

Denise Rae Geraghty Hagerty
 Eadie Meykel

Special Occasion

Margie/John Bycraft (Sonny/Dee Tepe)
 John Frieden (Merrill/Janet Crull)
 Caleb Goodrich - Baptism (Walter/Elaine Nicgorski)
 May Ann Jones - 98th Birthday (Kathy Roberts)
 Stephanie Lyon - Successful Surgery (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Kathy Robb (Merrill/Janet Crull)
 Msgr. William Schooler (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Sentman, John/Patty - 35th Anniversary (Joe/Marie Burt)

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).

Newest Angels in Waiting: Patricia and James Short

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Return Service Requested

Join us for the Annual
CHRIST CHILD LUNCHEON MEETING
 Thursday, October 23, 2014
 Windsor Park Conference Center at 11:30 AM.

Name _____ Phone _____

____ Number of reservations at \$25.00 _____ total enclosed

(Make checks payable to Christ Child Society)

Your check for \$25 is your payment and RSVP.

Mail your check by October 16 to
 Christ Child Society, PO Box 1286, South Bend 46624.

If you have any questions,
 contact Marcia Auger or Marti Moriconi.

Note: Remember to mail your checks to the Center. Tori will enter the checks into the system, making it easier for all.