



## 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

President:

Peg Riggs

President Elect:

Vice President (Fundraising):

Holy Hosinski

Vice President (Membership):

Anne Choinacky

Vice President (Clothing):

Linda Wray

Recording Secretary:

Joanne Van Avermaete

Corresponding Secretary:

Jane Reed

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

## Let Love Shine Dinner, Auction Almost Here!

Your invitations will be coming in the mail very soon for the Let Love Shine Dinner and Auction on Thursday, September 3, at the Gillespie Center. It will be a great evening with a variety of opportunities to support the Christ Child Society that we all love so much!

This year will feature a variety of packages that focus on "experiences." Here are a few:

- \*\* Notre Dame vs Texas (Sept. 5) football tickets with a parking pass
- \*\* Floor seats to an Indiana basketball game in Bloomington with a hotel stay and dinner
- \*\* Christmas family package with tickets to the holiday performance by the South Bend Symphony and brunch at LePeep with a visit from Santa

Also, don't forget the \$5 chances to win packages such as:

- \*\* Baking package with a Kitchen Aid stand mixer
- \*\* ND vs USC (Oct. 17) tickets with a parking pass

Check the website [LetLoveShine.info](http://LetLoveShine.info) for more information on all the packages and items in the silent and live auctions!

As Christ Child members, we often hear the phrase that nothing is ever too much to do for a child. We hope these words are fresh in our minds and hearts as we attend this lovely evening. Many thanks go out to our tireless volunteers who have helped with underwriting, invitations, table centerpieces, reservations, and the silent and live auctions. We simply couldn't do it without all of you!

We thank you all, in advance, for your generous support of Let Love Shine!

## New Member Orientation

### August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Clothing Center

All members, new and seasoned are welcome to come to the Center on Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. We will gather together in prayer then visit each clothing room.

The Layette room will allow four members at a time a chance to make a layette that will be given to an area hospital for a family in need. The Intake room will give members a look into how we interview each client before sending them into the Computer room where all of their information is recorded in the client database.

The New Clothing room will teach members how to pull orders as they come through the printer. The Coat room will give a lesson on matching "cute" accessories with the coats and Used Clothing volunteers will be busy sorting and organizing the donations that came in over the summer.

### Data Updates

- Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/ChristChildSB](https://facebook.com/ChristChildSB)
- Follow us on Twitter: [@ChristChildSB](https://twitter.com/ChristChildSB)
- Check us out online: [www.christchildsb.org](http://www.christchildsb.org)

### CALENDAR

Aug 5 .....	Restock/Inventory Center 9:00 - 11:00 AM
Aug 5 .....	New Member Orientation/Training Center 9:30 AM
AUG 12 .....	Opening Day for Clients Clothing Center 8:30 AM
Aug 17 .....	Board Meeting Francis Branch SJ CPL 10:15 AM
Aug 19,26 .....	Center Open for Clients 8:30 AM
Aug 23 .....	Clothing Center Open 1:00-3:00 PM
Aug 26 .....	In Memoriam Mass St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

## From the President . . . . Peg Riggs

*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*  
Winston Churchill

As I begin my second year as president, the number of members who give their time, talent and treasure to Christ Child humbles me. A majority are retired from the workforce and selflessly give time to our mission. Members who cannot always make it to the Clothing Center on Wednesdays are willing to give their talents to other aspects of Christ Child, like organizing or volunteering for fundraisers or luncheons. Even more members are generous with their monetary donations. I am amazed at how much we accomplish together.

Welcome to our five new board members: Katy Perry, Sue Seall, Terry Slamkowski, Mary Wisniewski and Linda Wray. These ladies have hit the ground running immediately stepping up to chair/cochair: Clothe A Child II, Derby Day, Motor Corp, helping with the Spring Luncheon, VP Clothing, and working in the Center. Thank you for volunteering - I look forward to working with all of you.

The Board has said "good bye" and "thank you" to Jean Fuehrmeyer (recording secretary), Sue Walsh (VP Clothing), Judy Burmeister (VP fundraising), Marie Burt (corresponding secretary), Beth Barrett (past president rep), and Judy Kuzmich (immediate past president). These six ladies have had an awesome impact on Christ Child over the years. Their direct service to the Board will be missed -- however their continued support of our mission will be evident in all they do in and around the Center.

Wednesday, August 5, the Center will be open for inventory, restocking, and new member orientation/volunteer training. Please stop by the layette room and assemble a layette. The layette program is the longest standing project, starting in 1947. Every Christ Child chapter in the country has a layette program. Make an effort to volunteer in this room! Check out the opportunities in the other rooms. Intake and Computer rooms are ALWAYS looking for help. If you want to work directly with the clients, give it a try.

August 12 is the first day of the 2015-2016 clothing season. Doors will open for clients at 8:30 AM. August 23 is the first of four Sundays the Center will be open for clients from 1-3 PM.

Although I am in uncharted waters as I start my second term, I have to thank the Board for all of their help and support; all the past presidents for taking my calls and answering my emails; my parents, Ed and Joan, for never failing to listen, support and encourage me; my boys - Dean (husband), Drew and Ben for reminding me to laugh. I don't know what I would do without you!

## June Shoe Project Update

3 Days – 10 Cities – 11 Stores – 23 Transactions  
208 Pairs of Boots – 1,354 Pairs of Shoes!

These numbers represent the efforts of the 2015 June Shoe Crew.

During the month of June, Kristy Botich, Peg Riggs, Marcia Auger, Debbie Spillman and Mary Wisniewski, along with 20 student volunteers worked diligently on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual June Shoe Project.

For three days, clearance-priced shoes and boots were purchased from multiple Payless Shoe Stores throughout northern Indiana. When the overloaded vehicles brought the shoes to the Center, it took an additional three days to unload, sort and inventory the large collection.

Although the project was time consuming work, it resulted in an average price of only \$7.56 per pair of shoes! This year we were excited to also discover a selection of winter boots with a final cost of just \$3.37 per pair!



## AUGUST

2	Leone Michel
3	Karen Frick
5	Elsie Nemeth
6	Sharon Biek
7	Rosemary Crowe
10	Mary Lou Mullen
11	Gloria Leipzig
11	Patricia Paschke
12	Norma Hoffman
13	Kathleen Flynn Fox
15	Jodie Cocquyt
16	Georgianna Cholaj
18	Linda Becker
19	Marcia Blum
19	Jean Fuehrmeyer
21	Barbara Baumer
23	Carol Wasoski
24	Margaret Johnson
25	Helen Diltz
26	Kathleen Knopick
28	Kathleen Beeler
28	Monica Yoder
29	Joan Hurley
29	Jacquelyn Stephens
29	Darlene Sweeney
29	Marilyn Toepp
30	B.G. Butler

## Book Club

*The Red Skirt Memoirs  
of an Ex Nun*

by Patricia O'Donnell Gibson  
September 26  
Elizabeth Bannon (855-3084)

Deadline for next newsletter  
August 17

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





## Member Proposes Cupcakes For First Grade Birthdays

Based on her experiences as a volunteer at St. Adalbert's Christ Child member Karen Clifford has suggested for an addition to the SUCCESS program.

"I have received approval from the Christ Child board to begin a new addition to the wonderful Christ Child SUCCESS program at St. Adalbert School. As a tutor at the school for the past four years I have worked with many students from economically disadvantaged families. In March while I was tutoring a first grade student in reading, this reality presented itself when a student read aloud a story of a child celebrating a birthday. After a child reads, they are given the opportunity to draw a picture of their favorite part of the story. This student drew a huge birthday cake and told me she had a birthday a few days before. When I asked what flavor of cake she had, she lowered her eyes and said her family could not afford one.

"After much thought and discussion with the first grade teacher, I found this to be more of a regular occurrence than those outside of the school realize. My proposal for Christ Child is that I deliver on the second Thursday of each month, cupcakes baked by our members to be handed out at lunch to students celebrating birthdays that month. Cupcakes would be delivered September through May with June and July birthdays with those in May and those in August included in the September celebration.

"With kids being kids ('I want a cupcake like that'), I believe it is best that the cupcakes remain somewhat uniform. White or yellow cake with white frosting and sprinkles can preclude chocolate allergies. Since I tutor on Thursday mornings, I can deliver the cupcakes to the school. If members who wish to bake the cupcakes could get them to me no later than 9:00 AM on the second Thursday morning, that would be wonderful."

Those interested in participating in this endeavor should contact Karen at 273-9370.



## National Board Reveals Plans For September Conference

The National Board is hard at work preparing for our upcoming Conference on September 25-26<sup>th</sup> in the Washington, D.C. area. They are very excited about Conference this year which will take place immediately following the Pope's visit to the area, and will include remarks by Msgr John Enzler, Canonization Advisory Board member and President of Catholic Charities in Washington D.C., about the Pope's visit. Content for the Conference includes:

- \* Raising our collective profile. As a result of a recent bequest, the national Board approved augmenting the funds we had already budgeted for public relations to retain a branding firm to assist us with updating our brand and visual identity

- \* A streamlined and updated version of the "Challenging Poverty" manual to be rolled out at the meeting in a Programs session that will include program best practices from multiple chapters.

- \* Revamping of the Chapter Operating Guide, which will not only be streamlined and updated, but will also include useful new information and references. This Guide will be rolled out at a mini-seminar focusing on how to onboard a new Chapter president.

- \* Anne Kelley, NCCS President, is working on a mini-seminar about leadership, succession planning and group dynamics, which will include some great tactics for improving chapter meetings.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Peg Riggs, [pegriggs1@yahoo.com](mailto:pegriggs1@yahoo.com) for registration information.

## 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

Bob Adams (Ken/Barb Fedder)  
 Jeannie Arnold's Mother (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
 Carol Baldwin (Florence Duesterberg)  
 Marcella Barr (The Sole Sisters - Shoe Dept., Joseph/  
 Pat Nahas)  
 Susan Bowers (B.G. Butler, Brian/Ginger Lake)  
 Frederick Crimmins (Bill/Marian Bickel)  
 Jim Decraene (Donna/Don Kyle)  
 Mary Deitle (Rosie Shafer, Jane Horning)  
 Raymond DeWisleare (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)  
 Bill Dorbin (Tom/Judy Burmeister)  
 Dolly Duffy's Brother (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
 Loren Dunn (Joe/Marie Burt)  
 John Geary, Jr. (Karen/Darrell Barrett)  
 Al Gostola (Ed/Joan Hardig)  
 Jean Granfield (Sharon James, Betsy Cooke, Tom/  
 Marlene Nowak, Margaret/Bill Johnson)  
 Cecilia Gries (Marti/Frank Moriconi)  
 Judith Grossnickle (M/M John Hintz, Tom/Mary Wis-  
 niewski)  
 Gabrielle Hanlon (Rolande/Roger Parent, Carol  
 Bauer)  
 Tom Hanlon (Rita North, Bill/Marian Bickel, Bill/Jan  
 Killilea)  
 Marilyn Hart (Dottie Wallace)  
 Joseph Hickey (Marjorie/John Bycraft)  
 Emil Hofman (Esther Cyr)  
 John L. Horvath, MD (Janice/Joe Goossens, Ed/Joan  
 Hardig)  
 Mary Jane Jagla (Anne/Tom Klimek)  
 Jamie Jewel's Mother (M/M Tom Blum)  
 Mary Ann Jones (Alice Crowley)  
 Dr. Eugene Kennedy (Gratia Eades)  
 John Korb (Tee Miller, Madeline Gallagher, Ed/Joan  
 Hardig)  
 Ann Kotoske (Homer/Patricia Hershey)  
 Cleo Kowalski (JoAnne Tezich)  
 Fr. John D. Leonard (Merrill/Janet Crull)  
 Gary Lopez (Florence Duesterberg)  
 Nancy Mangano (Toni Pikuza, Kathryn Screes,  
 Maureen Jones, Nancy/Jack Pycik, Melissa/Mike  
 Schramm, Charlotte Ames, Donald/Susan Riggs,  
 Donald Foster, Orchard Software Operating Ac-  
 count, Nancy/Al Brasseur, Rosalie/Edmond Smith,

### In Memoriam

#### Members

Mary Deitle	Kathleen Klawitter
Ann Kotoski	Nancy Mangano
Barbara Powers	Mary Lou Wolfe

#### Husband

Emil Hofman

Genevieve Boyle, Millie Cunningham (Donatic),  
 Cheryl Lobdell) Nancy/Ross Mangano (Sharon/  
 Chuck Nelson, Kathryn Ems, Larry/Rilla Campbell)  
 Callix Miller (William Voll, Nancy Pietrangeli, James  
 K. Miller Family, Judy/Bob Meuleman, Kathy Daley,  
 Sue/Dave Walsh, Patty/Steve Huston, Ann Korb,  
 Bill/Frances Haidler, John/Mitzi Jimison, Pete/Patri-  
 cia Zenner, Norma Lu Meehan)  
 Rose Nagy (Ken/Barb Fedder)  
 Gerald Nichols (Tee Miller)  
 Harry Niemier (James/Kimberly Keultjes)  
 Betty Onorato (Gratia Eades)  
 Simone Parnell (Catherine Vroman)  
 Robert Peczkowski (Marti/Frank Moriconi)  
 Arthur Perry (Loretta Chillag)  
 Barbara Powers (Anne/Tom Klimek, John/Suzy  
 Norton, Joan Fahey, Julie Considine, Mary Anne  
 Retseck, Mary Hintz, Patricia Killeen)  
 Donald Rink (Greg/Jean Mee, M/M Albin Szewczyk)  
 Michael Sacchini (Ed/Joan Hardig)  
 Laverna Schrader (Kent/Katy Perry)  
 Katie Shanley (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)  
 Phil Silvestri (M/M Tom Blum)  
 Margret Jaworski Stamm (Pat Shulmier)  
 John Stankewitz (Ginger O'Hara)  
 Mary Tice (Paul/Becky Felten, Loren Felten, Theresa  
 Cevelli, Josephine Bassler & Family, Patricia Flow-  
 ers)  
 Sara Wallace (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)  
 Reggie Weissert (Sparky/Lee Tavis)  
 Mary Lou Wolfe (Sparky/Lee Tavis, Dave/Sue Walsh,  
 Patricia Flowers, Werner/Helga Jean, Ron/Dot-  
 tie Wallace, Bob/Toni Kowalski, Beth/Dan Barrett,  
 Norma Wilson, John/Rosemary Reiter, Rolande  
 Parent, Ed/Joan Hardig, Dolores Hawkins, Pat-  
 rick/Sharon McManus, Joe/Pat Corcoran, Kathryn

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Screes, Kristy Botich, Diane Boehnlein, Jane Horning, Sheila Emge, Joan Biltz, Sharon James, Judy/Hugh Kuzmich, Sonny/Dee Tepe, Jean Fuehrmeyer, Rosie Shafer, Tricia Shafer Bradley, Tee Miller, Esther Cyr, Kathy/John Seidl, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Pat Hillebrand, Greg/Jean Mee, Carol Holt, M/M John Bycraft, Margaret Hosinski, Francis/Barbara Skubiszewski, Marie/Paul Brady, Frank/Cathie Taelman, Ann Riley, Ron/Nancy Cohen, Annette DeBroka, D/M Gary Pippenger, Marti Moriconi, Don/Susan Riggs, Dean/Sherri Ernzen, Karen Riggs, Karen Robinson, Debbie/ Bob Rosenfeld, Larry/Rilla Campbell, Mary Connolly)

Michael Youngs (B.J. O'Brien)

### Special Occasion

Joe Blazek - Healthy recovery from surgery (Mary Lou/Pete Mullen)

Sue Bowers - Improved health (Mary Lou Mullen)

Shirley Clarke - Complete recovery (D/M John Toepp)

Sr. Mary Margaret Delaski, FSE (Bob/Toni Kowalski)

Dixie Dougherty (Barbara Dillon)

Jean Gates - Get Well (Barbara Dillon)

Edward Hardig - Thank You (Members of Christ Child Society)

Don Napoli - Happy Retirement (Jim/Pat Short)

Pat O'Malley - Get Well/Speedy Recovery (Carol/Jim Holt, Bob/Joyce Knapp, Ed/Joan Hardig)

Patricia Schultheis - 80th birthday (Esther Cyr)

Rev. Neil Wack, CSC (Carol Bauer)

Rev. Neil Wack - Thank you for your service and bless your new journey ( Esther Cyr)



### Additional Contributors to Clothe-A-Child:

M/M Henry Chandler	Mrs. Margaret Claeyes
M/M Robert Diltz	P/M Nicholas Entriokin
Mrs. Joseph Katona Jr.	M/M Robert Krok
M/M Dan McMillion	M/M Donald Nash
M/M William Wilson	

## Books, Calendar 2015-2016

September 26	The Red Skirt Memoirs of an Ex Nun by Patricia O'Donnell Gibson
Elizabeth Bannon	
October 21	The Girl on a Train by Paula Hawkins
Mary Jane Chase	
November 18	The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarity
Pat Short	
January 20	All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Pat Healy	
February 17	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachael Joyce
Terri Slamkowski	
March 18	Beyond the Beautiful Forevers by Kathleen Boo
Mary Lou Mullen	
April 20	Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
Judy Kearns	
May 18	The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
Maureen Jones	
June 15	When Books Went to War by Mollie Guptill Manning
Carol Holt	



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