



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

February 2015

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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.

Board Will Nominate Five New Members

The Nominating Committee is in the process of meeting and selecting names of our Christ Child members who would be good candidates to serve on the Board for the next three years. The Christ Child Society Board is a working Board and each Board member contributes greatly to the success of our organization.

This year we will be replacing five members who retire from the Board at the end of June. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate to serve on the Board, please contact Judy Kuzmich (574-272-5739) or jkuzmich@sbcglobal.net.

We have served the community since 1947 and continue to grow in our services only because of the great efforts and talents of our members. We are counting on you to continue our mission

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

Clothe-A-Child I Sets \$75,000 Goal

We are off and running with donations that continue to come into the Christ Child office for our Clothe-A-Child I campaign. As of January 16, \$52,051 has been collected in this campaign. A big thank you to all who have donated to help us continue sending layettes to our local hospitals and to opening our doors to the 4,000 children who look to The Christ Child Society for their warm winter clothing.

The campaign continues to run into 2015 so it is not too late to make your donation. The goal is to raise \$75,000 so please know how important your donation is to the Christ Child Society. If you have misplaced your letter, you can send your donation to The Christ Child Society Clothe-A-Child Campaign. Mail it to the Christ Child Office at P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624. You may also donate by credit card by visiting our web site at www.christchildsb.org.

Thank you so much for helping The Christ Child Society continue the mission of Mary Virginia Merrick, our Founder. "Nothing is ever too much to do for a child."

CALENDAR

- Feb 11Day of Prayer/
Reflection
Moreau Seminary
- Feb 17 Board Meeting
Center 9:00 AM
- Feb 25.....In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- Mar 25Spring Mass/
Luncheon

The Center will be CLOSED the remainder of February. We will re-open for inventory and stocking on March 4 at 9 AM.

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

Reflections by Rev. Charles Kohlerman CSC
Wednesday, February 11
8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Please send reservations with your check for \$15 payable to The Christ Child Society, PO Box 1286, South Bend IN 46624. Price includes lunch, drink and the retreat.

Name(s) _____ phone _____

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, PLEASE!

Updates

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- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org

From the President . . . Peg Riggs

"Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are." - Pope Francis

Happy New Year! Hard to believe it's already 2015. As the Christ Child Center quiets down until March 4, we should be satisfied to know we have served 3812 children from 1466 families from August 2014 to January 2015.

With a new year comes new resolutions: time to lose weight, get healthy, volunteer more, organize the house, be mindful of others, go to church, pray more, thank God for the gifts we have been given, and the list goes on and on.

Christ Child can help you on your quest of completing your 2015 goals. Want to volunteer more? Come to the Clothing Center on Wednesdays and be involved in the behind the scene process before clients come in. Consider joining the board. Volunteer for upcoming events. When you organize your house, donate children's size clothes to Christ Child - other clothing and household items can be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. (They even have a truck that will come to your house to pick up the big items.)

Want to go to church and pray more? There are monthly masses at St. Patrick's Church specifically for the intentions of Christ Child? The next one is February 25 at 12:15pm. The Day of Reflection is coming up on February 11 and the Spring Mass and Luncheon is on March 25. It's a great way to focus on your relationship with God while spending time with other Christ Child members.

As for the getting healthy resolution, I can only recommend what my Dad has been saying since I was a teenager: have a "health" night. Go to bed early. Get your rest. If we have our health, we have everything!

Remember we are closed until March 4. Inventory, ordering, and restocking will happen through the summer. In between the demands of the clothing rooms, Layettes of Hope will be assembled for the Women's Care Center. The Women's Care Center truly appreciates the 3000 Layettes of Hope we provide for them. The cost of these layettes is deferred by a grant specifically designed for this project. The Care Center distributes the packet of socks, a onesie and prayer card to the women who test positive for pregnancy.

We will open again for clients on August 12, 2015

Teddy Bear Toss: 21 Bags for Christ Child

On December 21, 2014, the Christ Child Society was invited to attend the Notre Dame Women's Basketball against St. Joseph at the Purcell Pavilion. Why? Coordinator of Basketball Operations, Matt Chupp, organized a Teddy Bear Toss.

For those who have never attended a ND women's basketball game, we suggest you get a ticket soon. It is great fun. Not only are the ND fans loyal and loud; they also are a very generous bunch. Promotions are held during various home games. The 2014 Teddy Bear Toss was a huge success. This year, Christ Child shared the bears with Memorial Children's hospital. At halftime, spectators are invited to "toss" their bears on to the court. That is a sight! Not only are bears as small as beanie babies thrown, but also full size build-a-bear stuffed animals fly through the air. The hardwood on court could not be seen: it was a sea of stuffed toys. Volunteers from Memorial Hospital, cheerleaders, Christ Child members, friends and family all jumped into action and stuffed those bears into trash bags. In all, 42 bags were stuffed full of animals! Christ Child brought 21 bags to the clothing center for distribution next year.

A big thank you to Judy Kuzmich for organizing this for the past two years.

New Member Coffee

Wednesday, May 13

You know how we all love Christ Child. Well, wouldn't you like to share that feeling with a friend...or two...or more? Let's invite them to our New Member Coffee on May 13. Just send their names and addresses to Joan Hardig (KHardig@aol.com) or Bette O'Malley (betpat@aol.com) or you can phone Joan (277-7787). There will be lots of information...and coffee!

CAC II Campaign a Success

This year's Clothe A Child II campaign has raised over \$21,000 so far. Martin's Supermarkets, Mutual Bank and Notre Dame Federal Credit Union did a great job selling dolls for Christ Child. Deethardt Litho and Valley Screen were incredibly generous with their time and talents in providing printing and die cutting services.

Thanks to all these businesses and to all in our community who purchase dolls, making the campaign a success!



February

1	Marilyn Stafford
1	Diane Boehlein
1	Mary Lou Derwent
1	Leslie Garvey
1	Donna Kyle
2	Anne Crossen
3	Joan Dudzinski
4	Mary Ann O'Connell
4	Mary Earl
6	Marian Bickel
7	Anita Golba
12	Lois Leliaert
12	Marilyn Bartkowiak
12	Kerry Wallace
14	James Hardig
14	Barbara Lutomski
14	Jean Watts
14	Jennifer Munoz
15	Patricia Corcoran
17	Joan Hardig
19	Darlene Heck
19	Kay Schultz
19	Carolyn D'Andrea
20	Sandra Gorski
21	Martha Moriconi
22	Karol Pasierbowicz
23	Mercedes Davy
24	Elizabeth Styles
24	Megan Spillman-Fitz
26	Rosalia Acklin
27	Judith Thomas
27	Denise Brenner

Book Club

Something Other Than God
by Jenifer Fulwiler
February 18
Marge Hosinski (255-9728)

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

Charlene Balukiewicz (Peggy Bauer, Marijo Martinec)
 Debra Bauters (Nancy/Jack Pycik)
 Dr. Les Bodnar (Martha M. Hosinski)
 Evelyn Bognar (Joan Jaworski)
 Helen Bouck (Ed/Joan Hardig)
 Garnet Burns (Greg/Jean Mee)
 Richard Campoli (Frank/Marti Moriconi, Esther Cyr)
 Phyllis Combs (Anne/Jim Choinacky)
 Ann Costanzo (Maureen/Bill Jones)
 Dorothy Dauer (Mike/Deb Low)
 Tim DeLaney (Barb Fedder)
 Marshall Finch (Ronald/Angeline Finnigan)
 Betty Frazie (Jan Hamman)
 Roger Garritano (Donna/Don Kyle)
 Donald Greene (Carol Bauer)
 Joseph Guzzi (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Denise Hagerty (Christmas Commandos, Linda S. Cirillo)
 Ann Hall (Carol Bauer)
 Bernard Heichelbech (Bob/Toni Kowalski)
 Patricia Henry (Ed/Joan Hardig)
 Elaine McCallum (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Mike Howard (Louise Anella)
 George Mahalick (Greg/Jean Mee, Ed/Joan Hardig)
 James Johnson (Dorothy H. Mady)

In Memoriam

Member
Margaret Ann Shafer

Ruth Kowals (Karen, Tony & Barb Kowals)
 Thomas Leonard (Merrill/Janet Crull)
 Peter Maich (Bill/Jan Killilea)
 Walter A. Moore (Kathryn Screes, Rosemary Herzog, Mary Jo/Bill Miller)
 Timothy Lake (The Lake Family)
 Alison Liddell (Neal/Linda Cason)
 Tom Mason (Sue/John Uhran)
 Mary Lou Mawby (Mrs. Elva Gable)
 Helen M. O'Neill (Greta/Jay Lewis)
 Alfio Piraccini (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
 Anne Becker Pohlman (Merrill/Jan Crull)
 Mike Reidy (Ginger O'Hara)
 Matthew Riley (Ed/Rose Wray)
 Joyce E. Roberts (Trudy Strantz)
 Charles Robinson (George/Teddi Murray)
 Theresa Rosencrantz
 Kenneth/Barbara Fedder
 Alvero Rubiano (Barbara Dillon)
 Carol Sarphie (George/Teddi Murray)
 Anna Schmitt (Ken/Barb Fedder)
 Margaret Shafer (Rosemary Shafer)
 Joseph John Skudlarek (Patricia F. Skudlarek)
 Mary Jo Tompos (Winnie VandenBossche)
 Jane J. Warner (Mr/Mrs Brian J. Lake)
 Marjorie Weller (Winifred

VandenBossche)
 Darrell Zellers (Mary Jo/Bill Miller, Rosemary Herzog)

Special Occasion

Rev. Michael Belinsky CSC (Sharon Donlon)
 Marie/Paul Brady - 60th Wedding Anniv (Greg/Jean Mee, Ann Riley, Ed/Joan Hardig, Lynn Walker & Gerry Keresztes)
 Maureen Burt -Happy Birthday (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Jack/Jan Frieden – In Thanksgiving (Julie Considine)
 Fr. Kenneth Grabner, CSC (Sharon Donlon)
 Mary/Jim Hesburgh (Barbara Dillon)
 Darlene Hoover Speedy Recovery (Jim/Nancy Yohe)
 Don/Stacie Hudson – 15th Wedding Anniv (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Judy Kearns – Complete healing & Recovery (Linda Rakow, Janet Crull, Deb/Mike Low)
 Liz Keller – Birthday (Beth Reising)

Diann McCarthy (Joe/Pat Corcoran)
 Fr. William Melody (Sharon Donlon)
 Charlie Miller - Full recovery & good health (Mr/Mrs Brian Lake)
 Fran Miller - Christmas Wishes (Tee/Cal Miller)
 Linda Miller – Happy Birthday (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Venita Miller – 90th Birthday (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Nancy/Jack Pycik – 50th Anniv (Mary/Ted Hodan)
 Jamie Rankin – Christmas Wishes (Tee/Cal Miller)
 Rev. Mr. Christopher Rehagen (Sharon Donlon)
 Fr. Daryl Rybicki – (Sharon Donlon)
 Linda Sikorski – Get Well (Barbara Dillon)
 Marietta Squibb – (Carol Bauer)
 Dave Vanderwien – Get Well (Barbara Dillon)
 Rev. Neil Wack, CSC (Sharon Donlon)
 Dave Walters Family – Merry Christmas (Elizabeth Goeller)
 Patti Zych (Pat Corcoran)

Gift Wrappers Earn \$3000+

Many thanks to the 55 volunteers who staffed gift wrap activities at Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore from December 15 - 24. We were thrilled to receive \$3,105.96 in donations! All who participated were pleased with the new location in the main aisle, the improved quality of materials, and the quantity of boxes available to us this year.

Many of our faithful gift wrappers commit to working more than one shift, and we are grateful to each and every one of you for any time you lend to this fundraising effort. A big salute goes to Christ Child Member Cathy Mathews who worked seven three hour shifts! What an amazing volunteer; giving so much of her time during such a busy time of year.

Special thanks to Bookstore Director David Werdar for re-instating this important fundraiser.

Deadline for next newsletter
January 20

Ann Korb (277-6443)
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Annual Mass and Spring Luncheon

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Mass will begin at 11:00 AM at Alumni Hall, Notre Dame

Bishop Kevin Rhoades, celebrant

Luncheon Meeting at the Morris Inn at 12:15 PM

Parking Fee at the Inn \$5.00

Offertory Gifts: Members are asked to bring layette items to be donated to the layette department.

Name _____ Phone _____

_____ number of reservations at \$25.00 _____ total enclosed

Please send checks to Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624

Reservation Deadline - March 18, 2015