



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

December 2012

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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.

Clothe-A-Child I Campaign Under Way

The Clothe A Child I Campaign has already begun and members should have received the mailing. As we approach Christmas, may we ask that you consider clothing a child as a Christmas Gift to the Baby Jesus. Remember Christmas is celebrated as the birth of Jesus and this would be a great way to celebrate His Birthday.

Executive Board

President:

Kathy Seidl

President Elect:

Judy Kuzmich

Vice President (Fundraising):

Peg Riggs

Vice President (Membership):

Anne Watson

Vice President (Clothing):

Sue Walsh

Recording Secretary:

Mary Kay Bean

Corresponding Secretary:

Rose Wray

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

Volunteers Needed for ND Gift Wrapping

We are again wrapping gifts from December 13 -24 at the Notre Dame bookstore and are in need of volunteers to help with this ways and means project.

Many of our members cannot help at the Center on Wednesdays. If you are one of those members, we ask that you to take this opportunity to help. The work shifts are three hours long. Sharon Harlozinski looks forward to your phone call (289-3286) or e-mail (sharonharlo@yahoo.com) to add you as one of the people to help with this project.

Board Nominations for 2013-2014

The Board of Directors is beginning the process of accepting nominations for 2013-2014 appointments. Each year approximately five members of the board retire, and five new members begin three year terms.

We are looking for members who would be willing to serve in this capacity. Please give consideration to nominating someone you think might be interested in this; that person might even be you. The nominating committee will contact the nominees and explain the responsibilities involved. Please send names to: Norma Villanucci (243-0621) or villanucci.1@nd.edu.

CALENDAR

Dec 5,12,19 Center Open
for Clients 8:30 AM

Dec 5 Volunteer Potluck
Center Noon

Dec 26.....In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

Jan 9,16..... Center Open
for Clients 8:30 AM

Jan 22..... Board Meeting
Center 9:30 AM

Jan 23.....In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM



Members watch a video of Miss Merrick's life.

From the President Kathy Seidl

Barbara Dillon, one of the founders of The Christ Child Society of South Bend, attended the Fall Luncheon/Meeting and was so interesting to listen to. A member remarked she must have joined Christ Child as a teen-ager!

Thank you to Judy Burmeister for stepping up to chair the Motor Corps Group. Katy Cressy has chaired this committee for several years and has found it necessary to turn over the reins. Thank you to both Katy and Judy.

Christ Child Society was given an award from Real Services for "Real Services Community Action Agency Award."

As of November 7, Christ Child has been open 17 days. During that time, we have clothed 3236 children from 1273 families

Mark your calendars for the 2013 SPRING FLING - Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at Windsor Park. More details to follow.

Christmas time is quickly approaching. We will be busy shopping, making gifts, mailing Christmas cards, enjoying friends at parties, etc. We should all take time to slow down and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Take time to enjoy our families, extended families and our friends. We can all get caught up in the "Christmas insanity." Enjoy each day and each moment of the Christmas season.

Please remember those that are less fortunate. Consider adopting a family through the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Goodwill and many of the other organizations.

My family and I wish all of the wonderful Christ Child members and our friends a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.



Barbara Dillon and Marjorie Bycraft



A toast to Christ Child's 125th birthday



DECEMBER

- 1 Barbara Zimlich
- 2 Mary DePauw
- 2 Edna Meykel
- 3 Judith Kuzmich
- 4 Nimbilasha Cushing
- 4 Gayle Jernstrom
- 6 Janice Morrical
- 8 Mary Lou Houle
- 9 Susan Walsh
- 11 Amanda Skwarczan
- 13 Kathleen Marien
- 14 Kathryn Screes
- 15 Maria Muhlherr
- 18 Margaret Riggs
- 19 Phyllis Kubale
- 21 Barb Cassady
- 22 Patricia Huston
- 23 Teddi Murray
- 23 Megan Seidl
- 24 Mary Goodhew
- 24 Arlene Spitz
- 26 Charlene Hutti
- 28 Martha Hosinski
- 28 Betty Strantz
- 28 Rolande Parent
- 29 Marie Burt
- 30 Kelly Harrison
- 30 Michelle Remley

JANUARY

- 3 Margaret Mahoney
- 4 Rosemary Shafer
- 7 Jane Arseniadis
- 10 Cecilia Pflедderer
- 11 Maria Siqueira
- 15 Dolores Tepe
- 15 Connie Mauch
- 16 Pamela Fershin
- 17 Margaret Rodriguez
- 18 Patricia Forray
- 20 Rosemary Ferrara
- 21 Jane Kanouse
- 24 Carol Nash
- 25 Marie Brady
- 26 Mary Ann Williams
- 27 Judith Quinn
- 31 Carol Staszewski

Book Club

Shooting Victoria

by Paul Thomas Murphy

January 16

Marge Hosinski (255-9728)

Deadline for next newsletter
January 22

Ann Korb (277-6443) ack339@aol.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 Jane Horning (272-4160)

In Memoriam

Donna Bankard (Vicki/Dick Riel)
 Mary Battista (Donald/Kathryn Bella, Diane/William Corbett, Vincent/Carole Fetke, Betty Ann/Jim Gibbons, Tom/Maxine Gurr, Theresa C Hergenroether, Katherine/Frederick Kagel, Ellen Matthews and Family, Michael/Kristine Meiners, Dennis Stark)
 Bennett (Jane Horning)
 Ronald Bilinski (Rita North, Mark/Sherry North, Toni Pikusa)
 Georgia Croake (Florence Dusterberg)
 Richard Curtin (Tom/Maureen Cahir)
 Don Eslinger (Karen Clifford, Pat Hillebrand, Carol Holt, Margaret Johnson, Judy Kuzmich)
 Mary Fry (Bill/Marian Bickel)
 Robert A. "Bobby" Gnoth (Winnie VandenBossche)
 Marilyn Grubb (Mary Ellen Brennan)
 Barbara Kiley (Barbara Dillon)
 Richard Lauer (Christ Child Society, Jane Horning, Used Clothing Room, Katie Screens)
 Pat Lawton's Father (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Robert R Nagy (Loretta Chillag)
 Betty Ann Sebok (Esther Cyr, Toni Pikusa)
 Casey Slott (Joan Fahey)
 Mary Stoeckinger (Dr John/Mari-

In Memoriam

Husband
 Richard Lauer
 Daughter
 Jeannie Hayes

lyn Toepp, Barbara Dillon)
 Anthony Valenti (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)
 Richard Van Nevel (Theresa Van Nevel)
 Lois Vanderhoof (Bill/Marian Bickel)
 Lillian Vodde (Helen Diltz)
 Larry Wechter (M/M Kenneth Fedder)
 George Yandl (Kathy Roberts)
 Angeline Dorothy Zaborowski (Carol/Don Nash)
Special Occasion
 Jane Ball - Complete Recovery (Dr John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Janet Brooks - Prayers (Jeanine Wideman)
 John Bycraft - Wishes for Good Health (Merrill/Janet Crull)
 Jan Christianson - Birthday (Jean Richards and Family)
 Roy Elgass (Carol Bauer)
 Mary Lou Houle - Complete Recovery (Dr John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Melissa/Shan Jaffar - First New Home (Dick/Vicki Riel)
 Cleo Kowalski - Complete Recovery (Dr John/Marilyn Toepp)
 James/Ann Monserez - 63rd Wedding Anniversary (Elizabeth Goeller)

We Need Your Used Books

Remember that Christ Child would love to have your gently-used books. Options for you are:

1. Bring them to the Center on any Wednesday.
- 2) Call 674-0181 (Mary Beth McGrath) to schedule pick-up.
- 3) Take them to BetterWorld Books on Currant Road just south of McKinley in Mishawaka AND be sure to take them inside to their store. Tell them that you want to SWAP for Christ Child Society. They have a sheet for CCS attached to their calendar and will record the number you brought in. We will take care of the rest.

Annual Statement The Christ Child Society July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Balance on Hand July 2011\$474,938.71

RECEIPTS

Membership & Dues.....	\$40,200.99
Fundraising	239,394.35
Other Income	123,160.70
Endowment	7,429.19
NDFCU Deposit of Returned Check	100.00
NDFCU Money Market.....	25.34
Check from prev. yr. voided.....	1,261.88
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$411,572.45
IND. TRUST OPERATING FUND	
Market Change.....	(3,869.60)
	(3,869.60)
Total Receipts	407,702.85
	\$882,641.56

DISBURSEMENTS

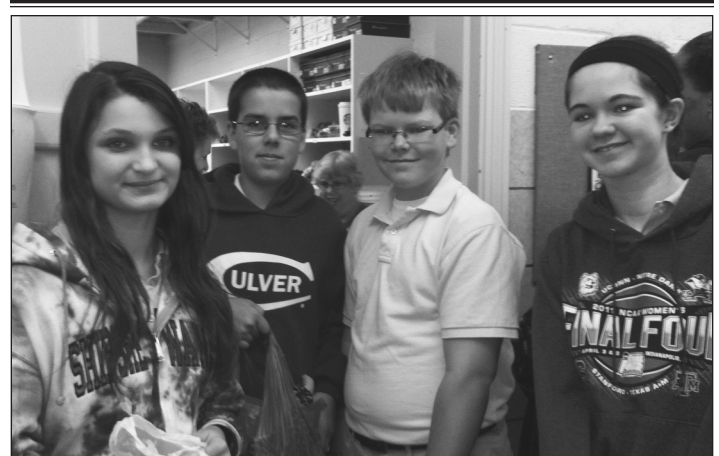
Contributory.....	\$281,686.86
Fundraising	42,207.43
General/Administration.....	45,186.59
Occupancy	69,995.66
Endowment	7,429.19
Transfer from In. Trust Operating.....	28,787.48
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	\$485,293.23

Balance on Hand June 30, 2012 \$397,348.33

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

NDFCU Share Draft.....	\$91,396.00
NDFCU Savings Acct	5.85
IND Trust Operating Fund	275,946.48
Pending transfer from IND. Trust.....	30,000.00

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS\$397,348.33



Junior high students from St. Joseph Grade School volunteer at the Center every week during the school year. Recently they decided they wanted to do more and made a generous monetary contribution and donated bags and bags of gently used shoes and boots. The students were delighted in what they had accomplished and the Shoe Department workers were very grateful.

Dear Christ Child Members:

The Board would like to again give 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 when the current Center opened in 2008. It will be given at the Spring Mass and Luncheon on March 27, 2013 and given bi-annually.

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 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.

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.

Two awards will also be presented annually to members who have given their time and talents unselfishly to Christ Child Society over the years. These awards will be named the "Spirit" Award.

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE MARY VIRGINIA MERRICK AWARD
TO BE GIVEN ON MARCH 27, 2013

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, 2013

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

Bruce Langton Prints

These make wonderful Christmas presents that anyone would cherish!



Nationally known artist Bruce Langton has painted this original work of art for The Christ Child Society of South Bend.

"Paul's Gift" matted and numbered limited edition print includes a letter of authenticity. Only 100 prints will be made~~~\$90 each~~~check or cash only

Contact Kathy Seidl (291-6604), Judy Kuzmich (272-5739) Christ Child office (288-6028) or email christchildsb@hotmail.com.

Other Gifts Available from Christ Child



Christ Child Travel Coffee Mugs
\$10 each



Christ Child V-Neck Sweaters

The light-medium blue Lands' End sweater is a very nice weight (not heavy but warm). The quality is excellent. Prices are \$37 for XS-SL and \$42 for 1X-3X.



Christ Child
Christmas Cards
15 for \$15

These items are all available at the Center on Wednesdays or call Jane Kanouse (277-1262) to purchase the items. You may also call the Center at (288-6028) and leave a message. Arrangements can be made to get the items to you.

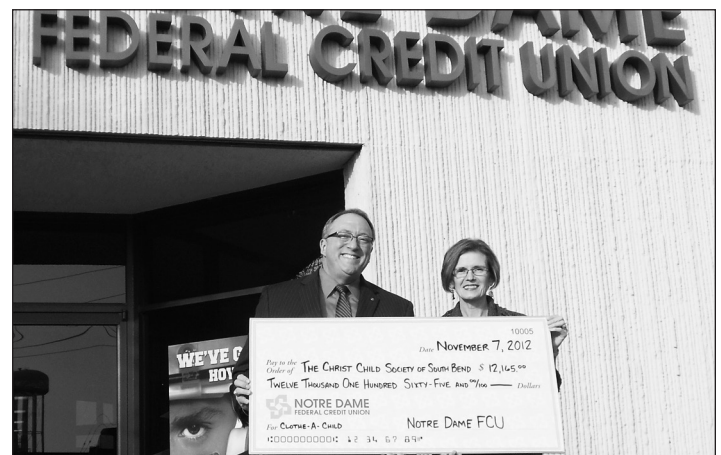
New Members

Please welcome the following new members who have joined Christ Child since June 2012.

Mary Andrzejewski
Mary Brown
Roz Byrd
Jerilynn Ciletti
Denise Collins
Evonne Corbett
Clare Dunbar
Carol Greider
Donna Kyle
Dulcie Martin
Shirley McLaughlin
Cheryl Meyer

Mary Lou Mullen
Barbara Norkus
Jane Reed
JoAnn Romeo Barcome
Sally Schrader
Megan Seidl
Francis Skubiszewski
(Skuby)
Darlene Sweeney
Joanne Van Avermaete
Mary Ann Wasniewski

A Gift for Christ Child



A very special thank you to Martins Supermarkets, Mutual Bank and NDFCU for their continued commitment to our Clothe-A-Child II campaign. Martins brought in \$13,141, Mutual Bank \$3,715 and NDFCU \$12,165, a grand total of 29,021. Thank you to everyone who purchased one of our dolls.

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

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Take a Day Off Just For You

CHRIST CHILD DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

at Moreau Seminary on Douglas Road

Thursday, February 21, 2013

8:30 - 3:00

given by Rev. Peter D. Rocca CSC of Basilica of Sacred Heart, Notre Dame

Mini-muffins, fruit, coffee, tea	8:30 - 9:15 AM
Morning Meditation	9:30 AM
Mass	11:15 AM
Lunch	12:00
Reflection and Benediction	1:00 - 3:00 PM

Please send reservation and your check for \$15 payable to Christ Child Society
to Jean Fuehrmeyer, 19461 Cottage Court, South Bend 46637
Questions? Call Jean (855-3028) or Mary Beth McGrath (621-2699)

Name(s) _____ phone _____

Deadline February 14, please