



# THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

October 2013

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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 2013

In less than two weeks, on October 9, we will be hosting our biggest event of the year, "Let Love Shine!" Reservations have been pouring in, as well as spectacular auction items. It's been a wonderful collaboration of so many volunteers and donors to shine the light of compassion on the children of this community and the work of the Christ Child Society.

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind the patrons of this event to **bring your cell phone, iPad, or iPod**. Any of these devices can be used to bid on auction items. 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 6 with Muffet McGraw at Café Navarre**," an unbelievable "**Tailgate package with ND/USC tickets and a parking pass**," or an "**Unforgettable Once-in-a-Lifetime Dining Experience at Carriage House**," and many high quality silent auction items too numerous to mention. Please see the article on "Foxy Lady Pink Bag Auction," also in this newsletter. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss – and you can participate even if you don't attend the auction! The winner of the Grand Prize will be announced at the end of the evening.

Early bidding on auction items will be possible by registering online at: <http://ChristChild.myab.co>. Just 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! Please take a moment to review the instruction sheet included in this newsletter.

Parking: The lot near the Morris Inn is valet parking only. If you use the valet service, **please bring your parking ticket to the Sign-In table at Let Love Shine for a validation stamp and your parking will be at no cost to you**. Of course, if it's a beautiful night you might want to stroll on campus and park nearby in the bookstore lot. But either way, parking your car is not a problem!

We look forward to seeing all of our generous supporters on October 9. 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.

## Center Sponsors Dental Health Month

The level of oral health affects the entire body. Yet many aren't aware of the proper techniques of brushing or the importance of flossing. Because of this, Christ Child Society of South Bend is having a Dental Health Program at the Center the month of October during Wednesday hours.

Dental Hygiene students from IUSB will be at the Center to give demonstrations and information about dental health. Representatives from IVY Tech will also be present, registering families for free Saturday appointments at their clinic. The appointments will include: teeth cleaning, oral hygiene instruction, xrays, fluoride treatment, dental sealants and an exam by a dentist.

We are in the process of contacting local dentists and dental associations for monetary contributions to underwrite the cost of purchasing toothbrush/ tooth paste/ floss packages to be dispersed to the needy children we serve.

If you would like more information about this program contact Diane Coiro, Dental Health Month coordinator.

## Executive Board

President:

Judy Kuzmich

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Vice President (Clothing):

Sue Walsh

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Jean Fuehrmeyer

Corresponding Secretary:

Marie Burt

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

## CALENDAR

- Oct 2,9,18,23,30 Center Open for Clients 8:30 AM
- Oct 6, 27 ..... Center Open Sunday 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Oct 9 ..... Let Love Shine Dinner/Auction Morris Inn 5:30 PM
- Oct 21 ..... Board Meeting Center 9:00 AM
- Oct 23 ..... In Memoriam Mass St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- Oct 24 ..... Fall Luncheon Windsor Park 11:30 AM

## From the President . . . . . Judy Kuzmich

**Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. It overcomes discouragement and gets things done. It is the magic quality and the remarkable thing is - it's contagious.**

I am constantly amazed with our members of Christ Child Society of South Bend. It always seems when extra effort is needed to complete our mission, many step in to get the job done with an enthusiastic spirit and without being asked more than once. We have been overwhelmed with the number of families that have already been through our doors in the months of August and September. Yet each day, we have members working hard to see that each child receives the clothing he or she needs.

We have had visitors at the Center who are greatly interested in what we do and how we do it. A branch manager and two marketing managers came from Notre Dame Credit Union and the president of the Women's Club was here from 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank. They were given the royal tour by Pat Hillebrand and they were very impressed with the Center and want to help us in fundraising. We are very pleased at their ideas and we will work with them to make it happen.

The "Let Love Shine" Dinner is rapidly approaching and Linda Brammer and her committee have put in some long hours to make this a very special event. If you have not sent in your table reservation to Diane Quinn as yet, please do so as soon as possible. Our goal is to have 300 guests attend our dinner.

Christ Child will be hosting two opportunities for pastors from our local parishes to visit our Center, take a tour and then have lunch with us in the Bethany Room. We will be hosting them on October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup> hoping not only to give the pastors a chance to know more about Christ Child Society but hopefully they will bring members of their staff who may help us promote used clothing drives or opportunities for their students to get involved.

Mark your calendars for November 13<sup>th</sup> to have dinner at Texas Roadhouse. Christ Child Society will receive 10% of their total sales that day between 3 and 11 p.m. Coupons will be offered at a later date for diners to present that day. Details will be given in the November newsletter.

I am off to the National Christ Child meetings in Bethesda and will have news to report to you in the next newsletter. I hope to see you on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the new Morris Inn for our "Let Love Shine" Dinner/Auction.

## Report from the Board Meeting

Kathy Seidl has a list of dates/ times for live webinars sponsored by Donor Perfect. Anyone interested in taking part in basic or more specific training in Donor Perfect should contact Judy or Kathy. It most likely will be done as a group to facilitate sharing of questions and understanding.

Since our opening day of August 14, this year we have served 587 families and 1483 children. This is an increase of 76 families and 130 children over this time last year.

*A Book for a Child Program*- we are always receiving member donations of adult and children's books, but we are particularly in need of baby and toddler books- those hard 'board' books or other simple books with large print and limited words on a page to give away to our youngest children.

The Center has received flyers on a program called "Talk With Your Baby" which is held at 2 locations in the area. This program could greatly benefit many of our clients who would choose to attend the sessions. We will be offering flyers and information through Layettees and possibly at other locations in the Center.

**Book Club**  
The Killer Angels  
by Michael Shaara  
October 18  
Judy Kearns (273-9850)

Deadline for next newsletter  
October 21

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

**Needed:**

## An Assistant Treasurer

Pat Hillebrand has done a magnificent job as our treasurer but she needs someone to help her with the treasurer's position.

We are looking for someone who is familiar with Quick Books and Excel. Don't be shy – if you have book-keeping skills or know someone that would be able to assist the treasurer, please contact Pat Hillebrand or Judy Kuzmich.

A class in Excel will be offered if you feel you need more knowledge in bookkeeping.

### 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."

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

## Gifts and Memorials

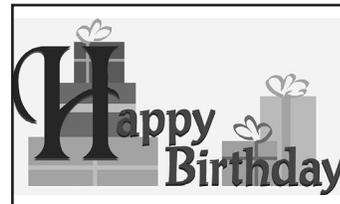
The beautiful Gold Christ Child Remembrance Card is a convenient way to send donations in any amount to the Christ Child Society, as an In Memoriam or in recognition of a special occasion or accomplishment. A donation can be made in memory of deceased friend or relatives who will also be remembered in 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

Shona Burkart (Richard Lobeck, Bonnie Yeazel, Mr. & Mrs. Rilus Graham, Lisa Rudish, Robert Dobson, John Fredlake, Irrigation Association, Marlene Nowak, Karen Bassett, Mary Ann Randall, LauraLee Hoaglin, Kathy Seidl, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Thornton, Robert Whaling, Kyle Trotter, Mr. Leibold, Peter Ramstad, Timothy & Sara Conroy, Theresa Miller, ISG Communications, Frederick & Terese Binder, Bruce Cybulski, Kathryn Screes, Susan Catanzarite, Florence Duesterberg, Ruth Huyvaert, D.L. & N.G. Hamlin, Mrs. Cervelli, Renee Hochstetter, Paul & Deb Bonin, Alliance Equities, Jane Horning, W.R. Newton, Lindsey Meyer, Michael Baron, Smith Turf & Irrigation, LLC, Professional Turf Products, LP, Gary Chenoweth, Jerry Pate, Margaret Cotter, Timothy Scott, Helen Diltz, Alexis Bookman, Alice Backs, Edward Santalone, Ed Rusk, Kirk Ballard, Paul Dehmer, 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank, Mrs. Osborne, David Hepburn, Roger Zino, Larry Lentych, Jean Ricchiute, Joffre Roberts, Dallas Hogan, Daniel Wojciechowski, David Tompos, Terry Volkmer, Advanced Imaging Solutions, Tony Rucano, James Niemier, Robert Szabo, Marcia Auger, Bill Brown, Don

Presser, Mary Ann Tice, Tom Swain, Pamela Clark, Bette O'Malley, Jeffery Fleischman, Matthew & Elizabeth Bruns, Alan Butt, Kristine Ullery, Craig Kapson, Judith Eck, Ed & Joan Hardig, Kruggel Lawton & Company, LLP, Bill & Mary Jane Stanley, Rajeeb Khan, Mary Schilling, Michael Jones, James & Susan Cartright, Stephen Wolfe, Marie Brady, Gates Chevy, Marilyn Toepp, Linda Aichele, Bernardo Luciano, Deborah Phillips, Donald & Kathleen Bulmer, William & Cheryl Purtebaugh, Vincent Noletti, Midland Engineering Co., Christopher Murphy, Charles Bartholome, Ron & Marge Skaggs, FDC Graphic Films, Deborah Sanders, Sandy Redden, J.Richard & Sherry Hurley, David Crim, Margaret Hosinski, Hydro-Scape, James Knapp.)  
 Mary Theresa Coquillard (Marie Burt)  
 Ellen Dooley Cowperthwaite (Nancy Yohe)  
 Julius Drabecki (Karen Barnett)  
 JoAnn Isban (Toni Kowalski)  
 Patricia Kaniewski (Suzanne Cierzniak, Ed & Joan Hardig)  
 Gilbert Lee (Theresa Miller)  
 Thomas Lower (Kimberly Keultjes)  
 Kelly Mack (Carol Bauer)  
 Elsie M. Maggioli (Kathleen Welsh)  
 Margaret Stewart (Marcia Blum)

Clair Miller (Mary Ann Tice)  
 Phil Paligraf (Madeline Deyerling)  
 Elizabeth Petruska (Mary Ann Tice)  
 Pasquale Portolese (Rosemary Anderson)  
 Betty Scharpf (Dorothy Saari)  
 E John Szucs (Kimberly Keultjes)  
 Jim Trippel (Carol Holt, Betty Vascil, Kathleen Welsh)  
 Virginia Voll (Robert Slane)  
 Phyllis Williams (Mary Jane Trant)  
**Special Occasion**  
 Nancy Baranay (Patricia Short)  
 Elizabeth Goeller (Marie Burt)  
 Alan Rucksted (Marilyn Toepp)  
 Leah Elizabeth VanHarten (Mary Lou Mullen)  
 Jake Winslow (Mary Lou Mullen)  
 Virginia Zellers (Kathryn Screens)



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

## Foxy Ladies?

Who's a Foxy Lady? You are! Or you could be! All it takes is buying a little pink bag from JR Fox Jewelers which contains something pretty cool, something even better, or something awesome!! We're talking about the "Foxy Lady Pink Bag Auction." Each bag sells for \$50, and contains a piece of Lauren G Adams jewelry worth \$50, or a Premier piece of Lauren G Adams, or a Grand Prize piece of Lauren G Adams jewelry! Everyone wins!

These little pink bags will be on sale even before the auction, and you don't have to attend the auction to win the Grand Prize. All you have to do is buy a little pink bag – that bag becomes your ticket to the final selection of gift bags which contain the actual items revealed at "Let Love Shine." If you can't attend the auction but would still like to participate, we will pick the gift bag for you. We will kick off this fun event at the Clothing Center on October 2 for anyone who would like to participate. For more information, please call Linda Brammer ( 574-287-5048) or email: macbrame@hotmail.com.



Join us for the Annual  
**CHRIST CHILD LUNCHEON MEETING**  
 Thursday, October 24, 2013  
 Windsor Park Conference Center at 11:30 AM.  
 Your check for \$25 is your payment and RSVP.  
 Mail your check by October 18 to  
 Kristy Botich, 3325 Deer Lake Drive,  
 South Bend, IN 46614.  
 Make checks payable  
 to Christ Child Society.  
 If you have any questions,  
 contact Kristy Botich or Kathy Seidl.

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