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# Christ Child Society Newsletter

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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.

### Motor Corps Needs More Volunteers

Our Motor Corps division is again making preparations for the collection of used clothing this year. We have active collection programs in place at approximately 35 sites throughout the community which provide our clients with supplemental clothing when they visit our center. Though we collect at most of these sites year round, we never seem to have enough in our used clothing department. Motor Corps is looking to expand its efforts this year by increasing the number of collection sites as well as by increasing volume at our current sites. In order to do this, we could use some additional volunteer help! We currently have site volunteer vacancies at Granger Community Church, Holy Family, Our Lady, St. Adalbert and Tarkington. If you are interested in working with the Motor Corps, please contact Katy Cressy (258-0288) [katecressy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katecressy@sbcglobal.net).

### PARTY. . . . PARTY. . . . PARTY

Mark Wednesday, October 6, on your calendar for the Holiday Benefit "Gift Giving Party" and luncheon at the Center. We are looking for items for the Silent Auction and Gift Baskets.

Areas of items are: Bling (jewelry), Boutique, Made by Hand, Around the House, Furniture, At your Service, Children's Gifts, Seasonal Decor, Dining Out, Spa and Beauty, Sports and Leisure, and Entertainment. Baskets are: Pamper Me, Taste of Michiana and Holiday Cheer.

Leave your donation in the Bethany Room where Kathy Seidl and Sue Uhran will accept them. On your donation, please put your name and value of items. After the Center closes for the day, please stay for lunch with us in the Bethany Room. If you can't bring a gift on the 6th, we will accept donations anytime.

We look forward to seeing many of you there. Thanks for all your help in making this a bigger and better luncheon than before.

### Executive Board

President:

Linda Brammer

President Elect:

Norma Villanucci

Vice President (Fundraising):

Kay Houser

Vice President (Membership):

Ann Riley

Vice President (Clothing):

Norma Cherry

Recording Secretary:

Kelly Ghyselink

Corresponding Secretary:

Madeline Gaughan

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

### Calendar

Oct. 1 ..... Elkhart Initiative #2  
Oct. 6,13,20,27.....Clothing Center  
Open 8:30 AM  
Oct.13.....Clothing Center Open  
Evening, 5:30-7:30 PM  
Oct.17.....Clothing Center Open  
Sunday 1:00 - 3:00  
Oct. 18..... Board Meeting  
Center, 9:30 AM  
Oct. 21..... Luncheon Meeting  
Morris Park C.C., 11:30 AM  
Oct. 28..... In Memoriam Mass  
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM  
Nov. 1 ..... Past Presidents' Meeting  
10 AM



Jean Mee, Esther Cyr, Marjorie Bycraft and her husband John register families at the Elkhart Initiative #2 on September 18.

## Fall Luncheon

Thursday, October 21  
Morris Park Country Club  
11:30 AM

Send reservations with checks made out to Christ Child Society  
for \$21 per person to

Mary Kay Bean  
14404 Taddington Drive  
Granger 46530 (243-0592)

or

Mary Beth McGrath  
54439 Christie Court  
Osceola 46561 (674-0181)

Please include name, address and number of reservations  
with your check.

Deadline for reservations  
October 8

## From the President . . . . Linda Brammer

Let me begin by thanking you for the privilege of representing the South Bend Chapter at the Christ Child Society National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. It was a fabulous experience! Norma Villanucci, Jeanne Ward and I drove to the convention Thursday afternoon in and out of a monster rainstorm which chased us all the way to Cleveland. Arriving safely, we settled into the beautiful rooms at the Renaissance Hotel, registered for the conference and began to meet Christ Child Society members from all over the country. Vicki Riel (a past National President), and Rose Acklin (current National board member) were already there helping with preparations.

The first evening, following dinner, we listened to presentations from three different chapters about the programs they have started or want to start. The next day we were treated to two very lively sessions on running a charitable organization and working with volunteers. Our speaker, Carol Wiseman, is an expert on philanthropy, fundraising, and non-profit governance, and she is also a great stand-up comedian. Each three hour session flew by, as we laughed and learned.

Friday evening was the auction/dinner. I was very proud to deliver the basket filled with a "Taste of South Bend," made possible by contributions from the board members: SB chocolates and coffees, cookbooks and candies, T-shirt, note cards and pencils. Thank you to all who contributed! That same evening we were blessed to hear a talk by Cleveland CC member, Susan Ferraro Smith, about the human spirit, so personal and inspiring that we responded with a standing ovation!

The convention continued the next morning with the business meeting, and votes on by-law changes. We also voted to grant a charter to the newest CC Chapter in Summit, New Jersey. This chapter was the recipient of the layettes which were donated by all the other chapters – a beautiful sign of solidarity with our sister members united in this common purpose of "challenging poverty one child at a time." The conference concluded with Mass, the installation of the new board of directors, and a festive dinner. We came home with many new ideas, and wonderful new friends. It was worth every minute!

Back home, the pace at the Center has picked up dramatically. As I write this letter, after five Wednesdays and one Sunday of clothing distribution, we have already served 1,030 children from 373 families. This weekend Deb Low and volunteers delivered the first installment of jackets in what we call the "Elkhart Initiative," an outreach to the Elkhart community which has been especially hard hit in this economic downturn. This week we will be open on a Wednesday evening for the first time, and on Sunday, in the hope this will better serve working families. Please consider helping out with our new Sunday and evening hours! Call Marcia Auger (272-4970) to find out where and what time you could help.



Linda Brammer, Norma Villanucci, Jeanne Ward, Rose Acklin and Vicki Riel pose with speaker Carol Wiseman (third from left) at the National Convention.



An Elkhart Happy Camper

## . . . Briefs . . .

We are looking to expand our used clothing drives. If any of you are interested in having your church or schools participate please get in touch with Norma Cherry or Katy Cressy. Christ Child is a non-denominational organization and we encourage all faiths to join us in our mission. Thanks to one of our members Kathy Lanphere, Clay Church's Early Childhood Program School is hosting a drive for us.

Be looking for signs around town with our signature boy and girl. They have become very popular and can be found on prominent corners, fire stations and will be in front of the ND Credit Unions. Also car magnets are in the Center office and if you cannot come down, call Pat Corcoran (272-6464) and she will be sure to get you one. Please consider buying more that one and give them out. Remember this is not a fundraiser, just a way to get our message out there. The magnets will be available at the fall and holiday luncheons for \$5.00.

The Christ Child Scholarship initiative is underway and our partnership with Home Management has provided sponsorship to several women in our community. Applications for the \$1500 renewable award to Ivy Tech are also in the office. There are a few large signs in the intake area advertising the scholarship for the fall of 2011 and we hope to generate some interest soon. The deadline for the application is February 15, 2011, and will be given to an eligible Christ Child client.

## 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

Kathleen Anderson (Brian/Ginger Lake)  
Josephine Bamber (Bruce/Marcia Auger, Kathleen Ward)  
John Barron (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)  
Dorothy Bennett (Mary Haugseth)  
Evelyn Bodette (Carol Jacquay)  
Ralph E Brennan (Diane/Gerry Quinn)  
James Crowel (Bette/Pat O'Malley)  
Patricia Decio (Brian/Ginger Lake)  
Cornelius Desmond (Margaret Johnson, Mike/Deb Low, Katie Screes, Edward/Joan Hardig, Jane Horning, John/Sue Uhran, Joan Fahey, Dr John/Marilyn Toepp, Bette/Pat O'Malley, Larry/Carolyn Gardner, Frank/Cathie Taelman, Carol Bauer, Betsy Cooke, Karie/Greg Wuszke, Vicki/Dick Riel, James Ham-

mer, Ron/Dottie Wallace, Esther Cyr, Jan Williams, Kathleen Kanzer Johnson, Vedder Price, PC, Christ Child Society)  
Diane Macedonia's Sister (Marcia/Tom Blum)  
Clara Gardini (Marilyn/Walter Bartkowiak)  
Denise Hannan (Christ Child Society)  
Anna Haas (Marilyn Andrzejewski)  
Lucille Hire (Kay/Frank Catanzarite)  
Shirley S Kelley (George/Teddi Murray)  
Robert Lewis (Bill/Peggy Peck)  
Stefan Lis (Julann/Larry Bauer)  
Frances Lubbers (Christ Child Society, Bill/Marian Bickel, Polly/Mike DeCicco, Bill/Peggy Peck, Jeanne/James Ward, Rosemary Shafer)  
Alleen Madderom (Pat Skudlarek)  
John McKenzie (Norma Cherry, Deb/Mike Low,

### In Memoriam

Members  
Denise Hannan  
Frances Lubbers  
Husbands  
Cornelius Desmond  
Bruno P. Schlesinger

Carol Holt, Pat/Fred Hillebrand, Ann Riley, Carol Bauer, Mercedes Davy, Lola Pataluch, Diane McGaw, Katie Screes, Pat Corcoran, The Layette Department, Ann/Hersh Riley, Jan Williams)  
Robert Molenda (Laverne/Ron Molenda, Mary Ann McTigue, Julie/Jim Considine, Brian/Ginger Lake, Marjorie/John Bycraft, M/M James Cierzniak, Richard/Jean Dennen, Ann Korb)  
Dick Perkins (Margaret/Wally Moore)  
Michael Radics (Edward Minczeski)  
Chris Romanak (David/Helen Harrison)  
Delores Saglimbene (Mary Ann Tice)  
Bruno P Schlesinger (Christ Child Society)  
Francis C Shafer (Helen Diltz, Mary Haugseth)  
James Staton (Laverne/Ron Molenda, Bill/Marian Bickel, David/Margaret Hosinski)  
Mike Stepanek (David/

Margaret Hosinski)  
Joanne Stratton (Winnie VandenBossche/Family)  
Margaret F Szajko (Susan Ganser)  
Virginia Toth (Susan Ganser)  
Mary Helen VanDyke (Barbara Dillon)  
James Wicker (Earl/Phyllis Kubale)  
John M Williams (Dr John/Marilyn Toepp)  
**Special Occasion**  
Karen Barnett and Family (Carol Bauer)  
Kathleen Farhat - Return to Good Health (Merrill/Janet Crull)  
Michael Hazen - Speedy Recovery (Bill Killilea)  
Jerry/Norma Hoffman- 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Joe/Marie Burt)  
Deb Low - In Her Honor (Glenn/Ilene Coogan)  
Msgr. James J Wolf - Complete Recovery (Dr John/Marilyn Toepp)  
Ruth Peltz - Get Well (Patricia McLaughlin)  
Kathy Ann Reinhardt - Get Well (Barbara Dillon)  
Speedy Recovery (Tee/Cal Miller)  
Fr. Robert A Yast - Happy Birthday (Elizabeth Goeller)

### Book Club

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand  
by Helen Simonson  
October 20  
Mary Ann McTigue  
(259-9390)

## The Spotlight is on ...

### Norma Cherry

If you come to the Center, be careful; you might catch it! Especially if you hang around this person for any amount of time. It is very contagious. What is it? Enthusiasm!

Talk to Norma Cherry about promoting the Christ Child Society, and you'll see her face light up. The wheels start to turn and Norma begins to crank out ideas for new ways to let this community know who we are, and what we do. She's a "doer" and a "dreamer," and she makes you want to get involved. As the Vice President of Clothing, Norma takes her job very seriously, but with such a joyful spirit. It's infectious!

Thanks, Norma, for working with such a happy heart!

Deadline for next newsletter  
October 18

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