



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

September 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.

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'Foxy Lady' Raffle Highlights 'Let Love Shine'

Our big night is fast approaching. The invitations have gone out, and reservations are coming in! We do expect a sellout crowd so don't delay in getting your reservation in! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us! Fill a table!

New this year is the "Foxy Lady Raffle." JR Fox Jewelers is partnering with CCS to offer an exciting raffle experience. An exclusive new line of jewelry called "Lauren G Adams" is being introduced into our area with JR Fox being the sole distributor of this line. The jewelry is cutting edge fashion of the highest quality featuring bright colors, unique texture, and rich ornate patterns. Everyone who participates in the raffle will have a piece of this jewelry equal to their investment. A few lucky individuals will find themselves with a piece of much greater value, and one will win a grand prize. This will be too much fun to miss!

In addition to the raffle there are many high quality items to bid on in the silent auction. It is always a great time to shop ahead for Christmas, birthdays, or other gift giving occasions. The evening will also include some sweet surprises by children and grandchildren of our members.

Please support our 2013 Let Love Shine in whatever way you can: underwriting, donating a silent auction item, helping to solicit items, attending the event, inviting others to attend the event. We can't do this without you! Come to Morris Inn on October 9th and dine in their new Grand Ballroom. We promise the evening will be beautiful, we hope it will be profitable so that we can continue with our mission to clothe needy children of our area. Together we can make this event a huge success!

CALENDAR

- Sept 2-22 Clothe-A-Child II dolls - Martin's Super Markets
- Sept 4, 11, 18, 25. Center Open for Clients 8:30 AM
- Sept 15 Center Open Sunday 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Sept 16 Board Meeting Center 9:00 AM
- Sept 20-21 NCCS Convention Bethesda, MD
- Sept 25 ... In Memoriam Mass St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- Oct 9 Let Love Shine Dinner/Auction Morris Inn 5:30 PM

Another Raffle: A Cookie Jar Plus!

This delightful cookie jar shown in the photo can be yours for the right bid at the Let Love Shine dinner/auction on October 9 at Morris Inn. What makes it even better? It will contain cash donated at the Christ Child Center from August to October.

If you are at the Christ Child Center, stop by the office and put in your loose change or a dollar bill or two into the cookie jar. At the time of the auction, we will turn the change into bills which will be given to the highest bidder of the cookie jar. Who knows how much this cookie jar will be worth! It may even have a few dozen freshly made cookies to go with it.



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From the President Judy Kuzmich

**LOVE IS LIKE THE FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISHES.
IT DOESN'T START TO MULTIPLY UNTIL YOU GIVE IT AWAY**

We started off our season with 95 families coming to the Center for our clothing. Hopefully the clients who come to Christ Child Society for help with clothing, know that we also include love in each hat that has been knitted, scarf that was made by hand and clothing purchased by someone who spent many hours shopping to find the right items for each child.

We will be open on four Sundays this year and will need help in distributing clothing. If you have not been able to help on Wednesdays, this is your opportunity to work at the Center. None of the Sundays fall on a home Notre Dame football game weekend. The Sundays are: **August 25, September 15, October 6 and October 27**. We open the doors at 1:00 p.m. and close the doors at 2:30 p.m. That gives us time to take care of everyone already in the Center and go home to our families shortly after 3:00 p.m. We ask that members working that day to be at the Center by 12:40 p.m. to help prepare for those coming in that afternoon. I personally thank you in advance for giving up your time on Sundays. Sundays are the days we enjoy sharing time with our own families but we still put aside a few hours to make a difference in the life of a child.

Our Let Love Shine gift gathering party at the Center on August 7 went very well. Members and friends brought in gifts to be entered in the silent auction. Some of the items that will be in the silent auction are paintings by local and famous artists, two beautifully made baptism gowns and two different quilts that two of our members created especially for this auction. These are just some of the items that our members have contributed for a "not-to-miss" evening. We hope to see you there.

School has started and the delightful days of summer are just memories. With the warm days and cool nights we know autumn will soon be upon us. Enjoy each day that the Lord has made and know we are working to make a difference in the life of a child.

Why Not Volunteer to Tutor at St. Adalbert's?

For over ten years Christ Child volunteers have been a blessing in the lives of teachers and students at St. Adalbert. Second grade teacher Annette Romans says it best:

"Our partnership with the Christ Child Society has played a critical role in our efforts to meet the needs of our school population. With a small staff and a very busy schedule, we often find ourselves challenged to provide one-on-one time with our students. Our dedicated volunteers become part of our family and the time they spend with our students is cherished, whether it is reading together, practicing math skills, developing study skills, or simply enjoying a game or activity together. The Christ Child volunteers bring a wealth of experience and knowledge, and a tremendous amount of love, which combined bolsters our students self-confidence, motivation and overall well-being."

Christ Child tutors work under the direct supervision of a classroom teacher or in the school library. Tutoring will start up again the end of September and new volunteers are always welcome. For more information, please contact Jean Fuehrmeyer (574-855-3028 or jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com)



Judy Droppo (tutor) Kristi Jones (kindergarten teacher) and Judy Thomas (tutor) Both Judy's have been helping for a few years - Judy T for over 10 years!

Board News

The Board of Directors meets monthly to discuss how our chapter can best serve our clients and community in the spirit of Mary Virginia Merrick.

In July treasurer Pat Hillebrand presented the 2013-14 budget. Due to successful fundraisers and careful buying, last year's clothing purchases stayed within budget. With a more positive economic environment our investment accounts are rebounding and we are in sound financial shape.

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."

Deadline for next newsletter
September 16

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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

Jean Marie Berry (Patricia Skudlarek)
 Leonard Buczkowski (Madeline Deyerling)
 Shona Burkart (Bernardo Luciano)
 James J. Buzalski (Marlene/Otto Martinec)
 Ellen Cowperthwaite (Bill/Marian Bickel)
 Emily Cwidak (Trudy Strantz)
 Anna Czajkowski (Marian Bickel)
 Michael DeCicco (Jean Wachter)
 Tom Doyle (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Mother of Gary Martinez (Tom/Marlene Nowak)
 Jerry Hank (Tom/Mary Ann Mason)
 Geraldine Jakubowicz (Kay Catanzarite)
 Patricia Kaniewski (Tim/Helen McNeill, Melanie Chapleau, Edward/Joan Hardig, Jane Horning, Loretta Chillag, Jeanine Wideman, Mary Wisniewski)
 Bernard Ladewski (Joan Jaworski)
 Patsy Leyes (Barbara Lobdell)
 Leo Linback (Al/Barbara Szweczyk)
 Elsie Maggioli (Sonny/Dolores Tepe)
 Prof. James L Massey (Al/Barbara Szweczyk)
 William McMeel (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Robert Michaud (Al/Barbara Szweczyk, Madeline Deyerling)
 Kenneth Miller (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Nancy Moynihan (Cal/Theresa Miller)
 Pasquale Portolese (Frank/Kay Catanzarite)
 Betty Sharpf (JoAnne Tezich)
 Paul Shoup (Edward/Patricia Zych)
 Michael Strantz (Theresa Van

In Memoriam

Members

Shona Burkart
 Patty Kaniewski
 Betty Sharpf
 Husband
 Robert Michaud

Nevel, Jane Horning)
 John Szuc (Loretta Chillag)
 Virginia Voll (Westshore Medical Ctr., John/Cathy Korb, Marie Weiss)
 Joy Weiss (Winifred Vandenberg)
 Cheryl Wrobel (Trudy Strantz)
Special Occasion
 Mary Ann Butts (Catherine Thurin)
 Robert Courtney (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 John DeRiso, CSC (Patricia Skudlarek)
 Helen Diltz (Carol Bauer)
 Sister Judith Diltz (Carol Bauer)
 Pat & Barbara Ferraro (Greg/Jean Mee)
 Caitlin Grace (Kathryn Screes)
 Linda Holt (Jim/Carol Holt)
 The Kessler Family (Joe/Pat Corcoran)
 Lucy LeeVan (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Florette Lemley (Elizabeth Goeller)
 Mary Liddell (Jane Horning, Carol Holt, Marlene Nowak)
 Susan & Chris Norborg (Bernie/Sandy Gorski)
 John Patrick Riley, CSC (Patricia Skudlarek)
 Carol S. Run (Mary Ann Tice)
 Mary Lou Wolfe (Joe/Pat Corcoran)

Book Club

Call the Midwife
 by Jennifer Worth
 September 18
 Maureen Jones (272-3911)



Every child who comes to the Center is given a book to take home and keep. Christ Child members Joan Biltz and Jean Fuerhrmeyer help children with their selections.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9 Deborah Bernhard
 10 Betty Jane Krizmanich
 11 Shirley Sommer
 12 Linda Rakow
 13 Carol Holt
 14 Kathleen Welsh
 15 Dorothy Wallace
 15 Jeanne Ward
 16 Francis Skubiszewski
 20 Karey Circosta
 21 Teresa Jermano
 25 Patricia Van Rie
 25 Diane Entriakin
 26 Rita North
 26 Helen Manley
 26 Kathy Large
 26 Barbara Phair
 26 Mary Kathleen Roberts
 27 Janet Williams
 28 Martha Redden



Join us for the Annual
CHRIST CHILD LUNCHEON MEETING
 Thursday, October 24, 2013
 Windsor Park Conference Center at 11:30AM
 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



Probably the largest crowd in Christ Child Clothing Center's history attended opening days this year. Over 200 families and more than 500 children were served on the first two client days: 95 families and 260 children on August 14 and 112 families and 293 children on August 21.

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