



Christ Child Society Newsletter

December, 2011

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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.



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY
SOUTH BEND

Challenging Poverty One Child At A Time

November 30, 2011

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Rose Wray
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Pat Hillebrand

Calendar

Dec 7,14 Center Open
8:30 am
Dec 7..... Volunteer Potluck Luncheon
Center 12 noon
Dec 21 In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
Jan 4,11,18,25..... Center Open
8:30 AM
Jan 17 BOARD MEETING
CENTER 9:30 AM

Dear Members,

In the past, there has been some confusion about the uses of our endowment and operating funds. This letter will clarify what the two accounts that are maintained by Indiana Trust for the Christ Child Society are for and how they came to be.

The **Operating Fund** was originally set up as a fund to have in place in case we needed to build a building in which to store our inventory and service our clients. Once we moved to St. Patrick's, this fund became an "emergency fund." It can be used to help out in the lean years when the need is greater than our income. This year, even though our fundraiser was very successful, we may need to take money out of the fund because our need is very great and we are serving more clients than ever before, plus the cost of the clothing also is going up. We are able to take as much as we want out of this fund, but the plan right now is to keep the withdrawal around 4% which should be the interest.

The **Endowment Fund** was established to set aside money for long-term goals and purposes. Last year we started a scholarship program to assist mothers who are attending local schools and who are clients of Christ Child. Our thought is that if we help these mothers we are helping break that cycle of poverty. We were able to help 10 mothers attend the Home Resources Management program which teaches them how to budget, keep house, shop etc. and we gave one scholarship to a mother who is currently attending Ivy Tech. Our hope is to give out more scholarships to worthy recipients in the future. This account is funded by our Guardian Angel program and by donors who specify they want their donations put into the endowment fund. Again, we are trying to keep our withdrawals in this account around the 4% value.

Hopefully, the above explanations of the two accounts will answer some of the questions that have surfaced from time to time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Norma J. Villanucci
President

Sincerely,

Pat Hillebrand
Treasurer

From the President Norma Villanucci

With Thanksgiving behind us, our thoughts are on all the joyous moments of Christmas with family and friends. The shopping has begun, the Christmas decorations are starting to come alive and everyone is anticipating a blessed and wonderful Christmas filled with love and good cheer.

The Clothing Center has been open for four months and during these months we have averaged more new families than ever before. At the present time, we have clothed 3,835 children with a total of 1,499 families and 200 new families. By the time our Clothing Center closes, our numbers in families and children will have increased by the highest number ever.

For your information, the Clothing Center will be open only two Wednesdays in December (7th and 14th) and the four Wednesdays in January, 2012.

These past four months have been pretty busy with the Clothing Center, Clothe-A-Child II, the fall dinner and auction "Let Love Shine" and the Fall Luncheon Meeting. A special thanks to all chairwomen and members who worked so long and hard to make these events possible. We have had a very successful fall in our fundraising. Our Clothe-A-Child campaign directed by Joan Hardig and Sheila Emge is off and running.

I want to thank Mary Kay Bean and Mary Beth McGrath for organizing the Fall Luncheon Meeting at Windsor Park. The lunch was delicious, the Clothing Center DVD was a hit and from all indications, it was a great success. I might add that we had 120 in attendance which was probably the largest in at last five years. Great job Mary Kay and Mary Beth!

In a recent letter from National, the theme for this year's conference was "Building On Our Legacy." National has challenged all chapters throughout the United States to grow by 10% in the next 12 months. I am happy and excited to report that we have 15 new members as of July 1. So I think we have already started, and hopefully, will continue to pursue this challenge.

A very Merry Christmas to everyone and may the New Year bring you much happiness and joy!

God bless you.

December words of wisdom by Paramabana Yogananda

"True friends want nothing from you except the joy of your presence....No matter what you do, they will always be your friends."

The Spotlight is on Deb Low

There may be many women in Christ Child who do not really know how much work there is in preparing a grant to secure funds from companies, institutions, organizations, etc. Just ask Deb Low!

Deb is the expert at fulfilling the mission of researching and preparing a grant proposal for the benefit of securing funds to sustain the Christ Child mission of clothing needy children. She works above and beyond the call of duty. This is not an easy job! She is tireless, meticulous, steadfast and completely dedicated to this effort which has resulted in thousands of dollars. In addition to her grant writing, she has secured from many companies and outlets, clothing, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sweatshirts, books and you name it. The next time you run into Deb Low please give her a big thank you for all the work she does for the Christ Child Society of South Bend. Deb, you're the greatest!

Board Nominations

The Board of Directors is beginning the process of accepting nominations for 2012-2013 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: Linda Brammer (287-5048) or macbrame@hotmail.com.

St. Adalbert Volunteer Opportunities

Arts and Crafts Club - Come for 1 to 3 one-hour after school sessions-pick your own dates. We know that Christ Child members are talented ladies! We need for volunteers to share a simple craft or artistic talent with a small group of students. The commitment would be between 2:45 and 4:00 at the school. All materials would be furnished and you pick the dates.

Tuesday After School Companioning - from 2:45-3:30 from mid-January to mid April. Come for one or more Tuesdays.

The College Mentors Program matches Notre Dame students with St. Adalbert's students for community experiences. This year about 56 students of all grade levels were accepted into the program. School dismissal is at 2:45, but students don't leave for Notre Dame until 3:30. During this time, there is a need for extra adults to help with homework, take younger students downstairs to the bathroom, read with students or supervise younger students watching a video. There will always be a teacher present who is "in charge."

For more information or to volunteer, contact Jean Fuehrmeyer (574-855-3028) or jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com

Like to Sew?

The Angel Layette ministry needs volunteers willing to make a special layette for babies who do not survive birth or die shortly after birth, This consists of a simple white gown and bonnet. Anyone interested in helping with this project, contact Mary Kubiak (272-3120) or makubi@att.net.

Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for the Mother's Day Tea to be held on Wednesday, May 9th, 2012. This event will include a fashion show and is meant to be pure fun! It is hoped that we will be able to show our mothers, daughters, or friends a little bit about the Christ Child Society and the great camaraderie that exists amongst our members. More information will follow in the upcoming months.

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 friends 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

Jaci Badica Grandchild (Nedra J Kennelly)
 Grabriel William Carlson (Jaci Badics)
 Bill Cheonis (Otto/Marlene Martinec)
 Eileen Kline Copsey (Bruce/Marcia Auger)
 Ron R Corns (Otto/Marlene Martinec)
 Floyd Fulmer Jr (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Bernard Gadacz (Bill/Marian Bickel, Diane James)
 Ron Gerencher (Toni Pikuza)
 Dorothy Heinz (Gratia Eades)
 Kathleen Hronka (Toni Pikuza)
 Arthur L Kalicki (Mary Tice)
 Leo R LaBrie Sr (Otto/Marlene Martinec)
 Betty Maffitt (Mary Lou Derwent, Deb/Mike Low)
 Robert James McBride (Ann Korb, Brian/Ginger Lake)
 James J McLaughlin (Jim/Anne Monserez, Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Mary Lou "Micki" Miller (Rosemary Herzog, Kathryn Screes)
 Robert E Miller (Rosemary Herzog)
 Tom O'Brien (Ann Korb)

In Memoriam

Husband
 James A Thompson

Norm Phillion (Bob/Toni Kowalski)
 Joan Rozycki (Toni Pikuza)
 Eileen Rybicki (Toni Pikuza, Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Emma Schlorch (Mary Tice)
 Claude Stachowiak (Carol/Don Nash)
 Irene Tanber (Ken/Barb Fedder)
 James A Thompson (Mrs Thelma Adams, Christ Child Society, Rosemary Shafer, Kate/Dave Smith, Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Lucille Van Paris (Joyce/Dick Stifel)
 Judith A Watkins (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Eric Webber (Mike/Polly DeCicco, Clarence/Mary Witsken)
 George William Wood (M/M Brian J Lake)

Special Occasion

Eva Buday - Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Carol Ernst - Successful Surgery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)

Exciting News about Books for Children

Adult books can be exchanged for children's books via coupons at Better World Books. Please bring *any* books (except texts) to the Center or call me to pick them up. Do not just drop them in the BetterWorld green containers around town. We will take them to their Current Rd. store for the exchange. Contact Mary Beth McGrath (674-0181).

Missing from Directory

MCGRATH, Mary Beth
 54439 Christie Ct., Osceola 46561

macbeth65@att.net
 674-0181

Clothe-A- Child Campaign

To those of you who have sent your donation to Clothe-A-Child, thank you, and to those who still have the envelope on your desk...the deadline isn't until June 30, 2012!

So, if you are looking for a special Christmas gift, why not make a donation to CAC in honor/memory of someone? There is still another month or so until the end of the year if you need another tax deduction. We are clothing more children this year than ever before, and we do not want to close early or turn anyone away, so please send your donation in and remember, no donation is too small...or too large. Thank you for supporting this very special program.

Annual Statement

The Christ Child Society July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Balance on Hand July 2010\$378,534.37

RECEIPTS

Membership & Dues \$36,969.00
 Fundraising 266,627.51
 Other Income 122,133.47
 Endowment 7,600.00
 NDFCU Savings 5.85
 NDFCU Checking Acct. 227.78
 NDFCU Money Market 39.66

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....433,603.47

IN TRUST OP. FUND

Market Change 14,043.80
 14,043.80
 Total Receipts 447,647.27
 826,181.64

DISBURSEMENTS

Contributory\$249,112.68
 Fundraising 33,184.62
 General/Administration 34,577.07
 Occupancy 28,209.90
 Endowment 6,158.66

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$351,242.93

Balance on Hand June 30, 2011\$474,938.71

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

NDFCU Share Draft \$136,354.64
 NDFCU Money Market 22,762.14
 NDFCU Sav. Acct 5.85
 IN Trust Operating Acct. 315,816.08

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS..... \$474,938.71

INTRUST ENDOWMENT.....520,935.47

TOTAL ASSETS995.874.18

Book Club

Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
 December 21
 Carol Holt (259-0461)

Deadline for next newsletter
 January 17

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

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

**DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION
at Moreau Seminary
Thursday, February 16, 2012
8:30 - 2:30**

given by Rev. Peter D. Rocca CSC of Basilica of Sacred Heart, Notre Dame
at Moreau Seminary, Douglas Road

Gathering , Coffee (pastries)	8:30 - 9:15 AM
Morning Meditation	9:30 AM
Mass	11:15 AM
Lunch	12:00
Reflection and Benediction	1:00 - 2:15 PM

Please send this form and your check for \$10 payable to Christ Child Society
to Mary Beth McGrath, 54439 Christie Ct., Osceola 46561

Name(s) _____ phone _____

email _____

Due by February 7, please