



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

December 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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Join Teddy Bear Toss on December 22

Each season the Notre Dame Women's basketball team chooses a game date for fans to bring a teddy bear to the game for a child. This child may be in the hospital or simply a child who may never have received their own teddy bear to love and cuddle. At halftime all those who brought teddy bears to the game, toss them on to the arena floor. It is quite a sight to see. On the afternoon of December 22, 2013, Christ Child Society, along with another charitable organization, will be participating in the event held at the Purcell Pavilion on the Notre Dame campus.

If you attend the women's games or know someone who does, please encourage them to take a teddy bear to donate in the fun event. All bears will be picked up from the floor and stuffed in large trash bags and hauled off the floor by the organizations that were chosen to participate in this event. This is a great chance for Christ Child to be able to give our kids a bear to call their own and we hope you will participate.

A Christmas Story

Rilla Campbell was in new clothing waiting to serve some of our guests. An extraordinary encounter between two women started unfolding right before her eyes. We'll call the women Jill and Mary. Jill began to tell Rilla her story of having lost everything recently in a house fire. She was so distraught thinking we might not be able to help her. One of her children was bigger than we usually serve and one was a newborn preemie. The other woman Mary spoke up very quietly, "I believe I can help you, I recently lost a child. I would so like for you to have his things for your baby." Jill thanked her profusely as they exchanged phone numbers to set up a date to get the babies clothing.

Everyone standing there at that moment had very glistening eyes. Sharon James called it a Christmas story and she is right: two mothers who lost a lot brought together to give each other comfort. Another Mother was with us that day at the Center and her name is Mary too. We could not see her, but her presence was felt.

A Special Gathering with Norma Cherry and friends

The tables in the Bethany room were overflowing with new coats and students helping us from Riley, St. Joe High and St. Joe grade school. The coats were so colorful like gigantic Easter eggs laying everywhere. In the midst of the mess stood my neighbor Lori Cain. She had brought a couple of her 9th grade students to help us. William and Jordan were distinctive, articulate and down right awesome. I told Jordan there were 600 coats in the room but we would soon have over 4200 in the building. He looked over at this table that was about ready to topple over with coats. How many do you think are on the table I asked. "I bet there are 60," he replied. You know what - he was right.

We were teasing him cause he didn't know how to tie a bow on a bag. Then we cracked up laughing, "Jordan, it is OK. Most boys don't tie bows. They walk around with their shoes untied or just slip them on." He said, "Yep, that is what I do." Loved those kids! The St. Joe High School student was such a cutesy. Her grandma volunteers at Christ Child so she comes and helps out. Principal Suzanne WiWi's St. Joe grade school students come week after week year after year. We are a bunch of lucky people aren't we?.

CALENDAR

- Dec 4, 11, 18.....Center Open
for Clients 8:30 AM
- Dec 11..... Volunteers' Potluck
Luncheon - Center
- Dec 11..... In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- Jan 8, 15.....Center Open
for Clients 8:30 AM
- Jan 21..... Board Meeting
Center 9:00 AM
- Jan 22..... In Memoriam Mass
St. Patrick's 12:15 PM
- Feb 26.....Retreat
Moreau Seminary

From the President Judy Kuzmich

“Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind:

Teach us to be patient and always to be kind.” Helen Steiner Rice

As we begin the season of Advent, we sometimes forget to take the time for quiet and to prepare for the coming of our Lord. We all get caught up in the rush of buying Christmas gifts, preparing those special foods for our loved ones and decorating our homes to reflect the splendor of the holidays.

My wish for you this season is to take the time to stop and take in the goodness of all the many blessings given to us each day. The enjoyment of giving out that pair of shoes, coat, or needed clothing to those who come through our doors, not only looking for the warmth of the clothing we give but that smile that we share with each child who visits our Center. The enjoyment of spending time with a special friends or family members is a gift in itself We have many blessings to enjoy and to share.

Our Center recently welcomed eight pastors at our Center for a tour and lunch with Christ Child past presidents and current members. Some brought parish staff members along for the visit. Everyone who visited said they were amazed at the generosity and efficiency of The Christ Child Society and what a well organized “business” we have here at the Center. We truly impressed them and they offered their support in helping us with publicity, used clothing drives, or whatever they could do to help.

Notre Dame Federal Credit Union officers Matt Kaiser and Mary Klute were at the October and November board meetings to offer a VISA credit card to our members. This would benefit Christ Child by giving annual interest funds earned by each member directly to Christ Child. Usually interest earned on VISA cards goes directly to the card member but this would be a special card with interest going to our Christ Child treasury. More information will be forthcoming. This could replace the funds we received in the past from participating in the Notre Dame gift wrapping at the bookstore. This service has now been discontinued.

Please join us for the annual Christmas potluck luncheon on December 11th at the Center Starting time will be about 11:00 AM or when the Center is empty of our clients. Bring your favorite dish to share and the Christmas Spirit will be provided. There will not be a January newsletter so I wish you good health and many blessings in 2014.

Dental Health Month at the Center

Christ Child Society of South Bend Indiana recently held a Dental Health Month at the Center, coordinated by Diane Coiro. Financial contributions were solicited from area dentists and oral surgeons to purchase toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss. Local colleges were contacted to provide oral health presentations and schedule appointments for a free dental exam clinic.

Clients attended a presentation from IUSB dental hygiene students to learn about oral care as well as impact of diet. Ivy Tech scheduled 20 free appointments for a one day clinic to receive dental exams, cleanings and sealant applications. Clients received packages containing a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss for each of their children. Over 1,200 dental care packages were dispersed for children in need.

We would like to thank Kristyn Quimby -IUSB Dental Program Director, Barbara MacMillan -Ivy Tech Director of Dental Science, Chris Gecewicz -Henry Schein Dental Distributors and Drs. Brian Coulter, Paul Glass, Atel Tawadros, Terrance Mahoney, Christopher Hazel and Jay Asdell for helping to make this month long event possible.

From the Motor Corps:

A big thank you from Motor Corps to Aunt Linda’s Embroidery. Christ Child received a very generous donation of new baby clothes, childrens’ clothes, and jackets from them. Linda is also spreading the word out about the need for used clothing for the Christ Child Society.

Lenten Retreat 2014

The Christ Child Society annual Lenten retreat will be held at Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame, on February 26, 2014. Father Paul Doyle CSC will lead the retreat. More information will be available in February 2014 Christ Child newsletter.



DECEMBER

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

Book Club

Cutting for Stone

by Abraham Verghese

January 15

Mary Ann Derda (232-2561)

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

John Ames (Maureen Jones)
 Doris Baum (Patricia Zych)
 Raymond J. Black (Renee Hochstetter)
 Lillian Blackmon (Patricia Zych)
 Jan Borton (Carol Bauer)
 John Breslin (Virginia Lake)
 Shona Burkart (Timothy Demarais)
 Oliver Cunningham (Nancy Pycik)
 Joseph Czarnecki (Irene McNulty)
 Elizabeth Davis (Patricia Zych)
 Dora Belle Foley (Carolyn Harper, Janice Stanton, Bill Moyer, Antoinette Pikuza)
 Steve Gorbitz (Mary Brown)
 Gregory Gough (Otto & Marlene Martinec)
 Dorothy Jordan (Marijo Martinec)
 Timothy Lake (Mr/Mrs Stephen Seall, Kathleen Lawton, Merrill & Janet Crull)
 Larry Landy (Joan Biltz)
 Allan Lucksted (Jerry & Diane Quinn)
 Joyce McNarney (Rolande Parent, Debra Low,

Marie Burt, Carolyn Chrzan)
 Gary Nidosik (Dave Behrens, Kucharski Family, Melinda Weldy, Gary Weldy)
 Robert Nolan (Patricia McLaughlin)
 Nancy Radermader (Marijo Martinec)
 Patsy Reagan (Patricia Corcoran)
 Ann Schindler (Martha Hosinski)
 Roger Schmitz (Andrea Incropera, Patricia Corcoran, Marcia Blum, Virginia O'Hara, Barbara Szewczyk, Diane Quinn, Patricia Taylor)
 Elton Sherwin (Gratia Eades)
Special Occasion
 John Bycraft (Marie Burt)
 Ellen James (Carol Bauer)
 Jacob, Dorothy, Dan, Eric, Chris, Tom & Ann Mary (Jacob D. Mady)
 Carl Weinzetl (Al & Alice Backs)
 Diane Weller (Al & Alice Backs)
 Gertrude & Irvin Wojciehowski (Carolyn Chrzan)
 Carol Zehner (Elizabeth Goeller)

Annual Statement The Christ Child Society July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Balance on Hand July 2012	\$397,348.33
RECEIPTS	
Membership & Dues.....	\$33,001.99
Fundraising	265,472.81
Other Income	87,906.93
Endowment	30,853.54
Funds Trans from IN. Trust	38,250.00
	\$455,485.27
IN TRUST OPERATING FUND	
Market Change.....	31,902.90
TOTAL RECEIPTS	487,388.17
	\$884,736.50
DISBURSEMENTS	
Contributory.....	\$259,675.77
Fundraising	52,442.66
General/Administration.....	43,620.77
Occupancy	32,281.90
Endowment	31,385.14
Transfer from IN Trust Operating	30,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$449,406.24
Balance on Hand June 30, 2013	\$435,330.26
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	
NDFCU Share Draft.....	\$127,475.03
NDFCU Savings Acct	5.85
IN Trust Operating Fund	307,849.38
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	\$435,330.26
IN TRUST ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$606,517.64
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,041,847.90



Sue Walsh, vp of clothing, count the over 100 pairs of boots (and shoes as well) collected for Christ Child by students of St. Joseph Grade School.

Deadline for next newsletter
 January 21

Ann Korb (277-6443) • ack339@aol.com

Sale

**LADIES' T-SHIRTS – CHRIST CHILD LOGO - COLOR: ROYAL
LAT SPORTSWEARS**

Sale

93% combed ring-spun cotton jersey/7% polyester, Top stitched ribbed collar, double needle hemmed sleeves and bottom.
Softly shaped for classic feminine fit.

- V-NECK, 3/4 SLEEVE
 - SM – XXL \$20.00
- LONG-SLEEVE
 - SM – XXL \$20.00
- SHORT SLEEVE
 - SM – XXXL \$15.00
- V-NECK SHORT-SLEEVE
 - SM – XXXL \$17.00

LAT SIZE CHART	
SM	2-4
MED	6-8
LG	10-12
XL	14-16
XXL	18-20
XXXL	22-26

Samples of these shirts are available at the Center

**LADIES' SWEATSHIRTS – CHRIST CHILD LOGO - COLOR, ROYAL BLUE
ANVIL SPORTSWEAR**

75% combed ring-spun cotton/25% polyester

- CREW NECK SWEATSHIRT
 - SM – XXL \$22.00
- FULL-ZIP HOODED SWEATSHIRT
 - SM – XXL \$30.00

ANVIL SIZE CHART	
SM	4-6
MED	8-10
LG	12-14
XL	16-18
XXL	20-22

YOU CAN PLACE AN ORDER ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT THE CENTER
OR EMAIL JANE KANOUSE at janekan339@gmail.com

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

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