Plan for New, Improved Holiday Benefit

After the recent success of our Holiday Benefit, chairperson Kathy Seidl wondered “How can we make this even better?” Of course, she had a ready answer – “Split it up into two events!” The Board discussed the idea at the February Board meeting and thought it sounded like a great idea. One event will be held September 27 in the evening, so husbands and business professionals can attend. It will include a dinner, a bar, a Silent Auction, an Oral Auction, and an Angel Donation request. It would likely draw a crowd of 500-600 people. Beth Barrett has agreed to chair the event with Kathy Seidl heading up solicitations. Planning is just starting; please call Beth to volunteer help (286-9047) or ehbarrett@comcast.net.

The second event will remain a daytime event. It will be in May, 2012, around Mother’s Day. It will be a themed Mother’s Day event, with a luncheon or a tea, a style show, a raffle of four baskets, and a quilt made by Linda Rakow (who has agreed to make one for the evening event, as well). This might draw a crowd of 300-400 people. There would NOT be an auction or an angel donation. Linda Brammer and Marcia Auger are co-chairpersons for this event.

Please stay tuned for volunteer opportunities, which will be in abundance! An event is so much more fun and rewarding if you’ve had a hand in its success.

Change in Membership Renewal Form

There will be a change in our membership renewal form this year. This notice is to explain the reason for the change. It deals with our contribution to National CCS. Each Chapter has an obligation to financially support National CCS. We do this by assessing each member an additional $7.00 for National membership dues in addition to our local Chapter dues. Later in the year, we are sent an invitation from National to donate to the “Annual Giving Appeal.” It is very confusing to most members because it seems voluntary. The reality is, if we as individuals do not pay the $20 minimum, our Chapter is responsible for that amount per member to National.

We must realize that to be a member of CCS South Bend, we are also members of National CCS. Our obligation is to both. We list 497 members for which we are assessed the National fees. Some of our members help in the Center, others help with fundraising. To be a member of Christ Child means we will help in some way. The one thing we all should make every effort to do is to pay ALL of our dues, so it doesn’t become a burden to our local Chapter. Last year the unpaid National fees cost our local Chapter $10,000.00. Please don’t underestimate the value of your financial participation, whether you are an active or inactive member of our chapter.

In an effort to simplify the membership renewal, and to more clearly list the fees, we’ve added the cost of the National dues and Chapter Support to the new renewal form. You will have the option to pay your local dues $35.00 for seniors, or $40.00 regular, plus the National dues of $7.00, AND the Chapter Support of $20.00 for a total of $62.00 (or $67.00). We will keep track of the dues and Chapter Support payments and notify National so that you will receive credit. This will be of tremendous benefit to our local Chapter. Let’s keep our local dues HERE, helping our Center with operation expenses. You wouldn’t be in The Christ Child Society if you didn’t have a heart of gold! Thank you for your cooperation with this.
From the President . . . . Linda Brammer

What was I saying last month about loving winter? Now that four sections of gutters have ripped off of my house from the weight of ice, I'm singing a new song! Who, besides me, is ready for some sunshine? The groundhog did say six more weeks of winter, so I guess we'll have to be patient.

Those who were able to attend the recent Day of Recollection were treated to a most lovely day. It was held at the Moreau Seminary, and was conducted by Fr. Peter Rocca. We spent time examining the readings of Lent, attended Holy Mass, enjoyed lunch together, and ended with Benediction. Fr. Peter put his heart and soul into the presentations and we are all the better for having received this grace. Many thanks go to Mary Beth McGrath for doing such a great job of organizing this wonderful annual event.

The Board of Directors is wrapping up the annual task of enlisting talented volunteers to serve on the Board. I think you will all be very pleased with our new recruits! No announcement will be made here….you'll have to come to the Annual Mass and Luncheon on March 16th for that unveiling. Look for the registration form in this newsletter, and move quickly on getting that reservation in. The deadline is March 9th. Bishop Kevin Rhoades will be celebrating the Mass AND joining us for lunch.

Meanwhile at the Center, the work never stops. The used clothing department received an unprecedented load of clothes from St. Pius as the result of a used clothing drive. It took six vans and cars to haul everything to the Center. You can imagine how busy the ladies are with sorting and stocking this abundance. And the Layette Dept. is in the midst of the annual preparation of the Layettes of Hope. The goal is to deliver 3,000 of these precious packages to the Women’s Care Center sometime in March. And the other departments are busy reorganizing, reordering, and restocking.

Have you seen in the news the prediction of a 10% increase in the cost of clothing? That means we need to do 10% better in our fundraising! To that end, we are revamping our biggest fundraiser, the Holiday Benefit. Please look in this newsletter for an article about that. Also, please consider volunteering to help. If you would like to be involved, please call Kathy Seidl (291-6604).

The Spotlight is on . . .

St. Joseph Seventh Graders

The Clothing Center is a busy place. It is the heartbeat of The Christ Child Society. Everyone who comes to work finds a job, and before they leave, they have a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

I would imagine the same would apply to a very special young group of volunteers who come to the Center every Wednesday. They come without being asked, without ever missing a Wednesday, without waiting to be thanked, doing whatever is asked of them.

I’m talking about the 7th grade volunteers from St. Joseph Grade School in South Bend. It is part of a program which is very well organized, and is part of the 7th graders’ preparation for Confirmation by performing community service hours. There is a schedule of parents who volunteer to drive the students, in groups of four, to and from the Center every Wednesday. The students sign in on the volunteer sheet, are given a tour of the Center, and then put to work. For the next couple of hours, they sort used clothes, de-tag and bag jackets for storage, restock clothing, haul bins from here to there, stuff envelopes, anything and everything.

I don’t know how many members were aware of these young helpers, but I thought it was high time we give a big “shout out” to St. Joseph South Bend Seventh Graders! Thank you, students, for all you have done for The Christ Child Society.

Book Club Selection

No Second Chance
by Harlan Hoben
March 23
Catherine Koscielski (232-4794)

Lourdes Petitions

Here’s an opportunity to place your prayer petitions at the foot of Our Lady. Christ Child member Vicki Riel will be travelling to Lourdes, France this Spring with the Knights of Malta. She has offered to hand carry our prayer petitions to Lourdes where they will be presented during the sacrifice of the Holy Mass.

Anyone wishing to send along a petition will have an opportunity to give an envelope containing their petition to Vicki at the Annual Mass and Spring Luncheon on March 16th. She will also have paper available for anyone who would like to write a petition at the luncheon. The petitions will not be read by anyone. They will be placed in a large envelope and sealed for the journey.

Christ Child 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.”

Percentage Bequest
“I give to The Christ Child Society, Inc. of South Bend, Indiana, General Fund the sum of _____% 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.”
## 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

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### Special Occasion

- Reverend Kenneth Grabner (Gratia Eades)
- Eric/Anna Grashorn (Elizabeth Styles)
- Jane Horning - Get Well Soon (Used Clothing Group)
- Liz Keller - Birthday (Beth Reising)
- Julie/Kurt Meyer (Elizabeth Styles)
- Deacon Ron J Moser - Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
- Mary Anne Retseck - Get Well (Barbara Dillon)

### Christ Child Society

#### Guardian Angels

A special membership category was established in 1998. A one time $1000 enrollment fee for deceased members or spouses, benefiting the Christ Child Society Endowment Fund, will insure the Society’s ability to continue the future good works.

The Guardian Angels are honored with their names appearing on a plaque in the Christ Child Society office. The family of the deceased will receive an enrollment certificate. Each angel will be remembered monthly and each year at our annual Mass. A special page in our directory will list our angels annually.

Current members and spouses may pre-enroll in the program. These “angels in waiting” will be kept on a special list and officially enrolled upon their deaths.

Please refer any questions to Vicki Riel (289-0768).

#### Newest Guardian Angel

**Mary Cecilia Bauters**
Many thanks to all the donors who have contributed to the Clothe-A-Child Campaign. If you have not had an opportunity to send your donation, the campaign does not conclude until June 30, 2011. Please join and help us reach our goal. We are so grateful for your support of our mission to provide new clothes to children in need in our community. Donations received by January 2011, are listed below.
Mr. and Mrs. David Hosinski
Mrs. Martha Hosinski
Mrs. Mary Houck
Mr. and Mrs. James Houk
Dr. Richard J. Houk
Mr. and Mrs. David Huber
Dr. and Mrs. Tom Hughes
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hyder
Dr. and Mrs. Frank Incropera
Inside Outlet-Ms. Ann Cari
Interiors, Etc.-Ms. Carol Brademas
Mr. and Mrs. Frank James
Mr. and Mrs. Werner Jean
Dr. and Mrs. John Jenkins
Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. David Jones
Ms. Linda Jones
Mrs. Mary Ann Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Joubert
Mr. and Mrs. John Julien
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jun
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kagel
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Karasiak
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kearns
Dr. and Mrs. John Kelbel
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kelver
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenney
Ms. Judy Kenney
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Killilea
Ms. Margaret B. King, Ill
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Klimek
Mrs. Mary Kloska
Knights of Columbus Council 1878
Mr. Alan Kniola
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Konopa
Miss Ann Korb
Mrs. Catherine Koscielski
Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Koscielski
Mr. and Mrs. John Kovatch
Ms. Cleo Kowalski
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Krizman
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Krizman
Ms. Peggy Krok
Mr. Michael J. Kruk
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kubale
Kuert Concrete Inc
Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Kuzmich
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Lake
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Mrs. Lois Leliaert
Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lewis
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Mrs. Lyla Lockhart
Mrs. Carol Loeffler
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lohr
Mr. Peter Lombardo
Ms. Dorothy Lordi
Louie’s Tux Shop
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Low
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lower
Col. and Mrs. David Lusardi
Mrs. Patricia MacDonald
Mr. and Mrs. George Mahalick
Mr. and Mrs. John Mahoney
Dr. and Mrs. Terrance Mahoney
Mr. James L. Mankowski
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Ms. Jeanette Moeller
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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murphy
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Nahas
Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Nawrot
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New Energy Employees Association
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Ms. Joann Reitz
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Mr. Richard Joseph
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riel
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Ms. Rosan Vanderhagen
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Mr. and Mrs. James Windler
Mrs. Sara Witt
Mr. and Mrs. James Wittenbach
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wittenbrink
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wiwi
Mr. Joseph M. Woodka
Mr. and Mrs. C. Edward Wray
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Wuszcze
Mr. and Mrs. James Yohe
Mr. and Mrs. John Young
Mr. and Mrs. Al Zeisz
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zimlich
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ziolkowski
Mr. Alfred J. Zubler
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Zubler
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Arseniadis In Honor of David Adams
Mr. and Mrs. John Hannan In Honor of Marcia Blum
Mr. Jack Bycraft In Honor of Margie Bycraft
Mr. Joseph Tranfo In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Bycraft
Mrs. Shirley Flood In Honor of John and Audrey Colasanti
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Malley In Honor of Rev. Kenneth Grabner, CSC
Ms. Mary Kathleen Roberts In Honor of Mary Ann Jones
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Malley In Honor of Joyce Knapp
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nussbaum in Honor of Patsy Leyes
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnson In Honor of Margaret Rodriquez
Mrs. Rosemary Herzog In Honor of Katie Screes
Mr. George Resnik In Honor of Jan Williams
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Balestri In Memory of Lawrence Balestri

At the Center: Tubs are filling up with used clothing.
Some of the members of the Christ Child Society family who helped finish the 2010 distribution season and are assisting with preparations for the 2011 season.

photos by Debbie Spillman
Spring Mass and Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Mass will begin at 10:00 o’clock AM at Saint Patrick’s Church

Luncheon Meeting following Mass at
The Gillespie Center, Hilton Garden Inn
53995 IN St. Rd. 933    South Bend, IN 46637

*Offertory Gifts: Members are asked to bring layette items to be donated to the layette department.*

Name ___________________________________________  Phone _____________________

_________ Number of reservations at $25.00 _________ total enclosed
(Make checks payable to Christ Child Society)

Please send reservations to Rose Wray, 17892 Ashmont Place, South Bend 46635 (273-0387)

Reservation Deadline - March 9, 2011