**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.

**Executive Board**
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  Marie Burt
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**CALENDAR**
Oct 2, 9, 18, 23, 30 Center Open for Clients 8:30 AM
Oct 6, 27 Center Open Sunday 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Oct 9 .Let Love Shine Dinner/Auction Morris Inn 5:30 PM
Oct 21 Board Meeting Center 9:00 AM
Oct 23 .In Memoriam Mass St. Patrick’s 12:15 PM
Oct 24 Fall Luncheon Windsor Park 11:30 AM

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**Let Love Shine 2013**
In less than two weeks, on October 9, we will be hosting our biggest event of the year, “Let Love Shine!” Reservations have been pouring in, as well as spectacular auction items. It’s been a wonderful collaboration of so many volunteers and donors to shine the light of compassion on the children of this community and the work of the Christ Child Society.

We’d like to take this opportunity to remind the patrons of this event to bring your cell phone, iPad, or iPod. Any of these devices can be used to bid on auction items. Please rest assured that there will be a highly qualified staff to assist us in registering our devices and using them to bid. They make it easy!

Early bidding on auction items will be possible by registering online at: [http://ChristChild.myab.co](http://ChristChild.myab.co). Just follow the instructions and you will be able to see the auction items at your leisure. You can even place a bid before the event! Please take a moment to review the instruction sheet included in this newsletter.

Parking: The lot near the Morris Inn is valet parking only. If you use the valet service, please bring your parking ticket to the Sign-In table at Let Love Shine for a validation stamp and your parking will be at no cost to you. Of course, if it’s a beautiful night you might want to stroll on campus and park nearby in the bookstore lot. But either way, parking your car is not a problem!

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We look forward to seeing all of our generous supporters on October 9. Many thanks to all who will attend and/or are working on the dinner and auction! YOU shine the light! You make our mission a reality – challenging poverty one child at a time.

**Center Sponsors Dental Health Month**
The level of oral health affects the entire body. Yet many aren’t aware of the proper techniques of brushing or the importance of flossing. Because of this, Christ Child Society of South Bend is having a Dental Health Program at the Center the month of October during Wednesday hours.

Dental Hygiene students from IUSB will be at the Center to give demonstrations and information about dental health. Representatives from IVY Tech will also be present, registering families for free Saturday appointments at their clinic. The appointments will include: teeth cleaning, oral hygiene instruction, x-rays, fluoride treatment, dental sealants and an exam by a dentist.

We are in the process of contacting local dentists and dental associations for monetary contributions to underwrite the cost of purchasing toothbrush/tooth paste/floss packages to be dispersed to the needy children we serve.

If you would like more information about this program contact Diane Coiro, Dental Health Month coordinator.
From the President . . . . . . Judy Kuzmich

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. It overcomes discouragement and gets things done. It is the magic quality and the remarkable thing is - it's contagious.

I am constantly amazed with our members of Christ Child Society of South Bend. It always seems when extra effort is needed to complete our mission, many step in to get the job done with an enthusiastic spirit and without being asked more than once. We have been overwhelmed with the number of families that have already been through our doors in the months of August and September. Yet each day, we have members working hard to see that each child receives the clothing he or she needs.

We have had visitors at the Center who are greatly interested in what we do and how we do it. A branch manager and two marketing managers came from Notre Dame Credit Union and the president of the Women's Club was here from 1st Source Bank. They were given the royal tour by Pat Hillebrand and they were very impressed with the Center and want to help us in fundraising. We are very pleased at their ideas and we will work with them to make it happen.

The “Let Love Shine” Dinner is rapidly approaching and Linda Brammer and her committee have put in some long hours to make this a very special event. If you have not sent in your table reservation to Diane Quinn as yet, please do so as soon as possible. Our goal is to have 300 guests attend our dinner.

Christ Child will be hosting two opportunities for pastors from our local parishes to visit our Center, take a tour and then have lunch with us in the Bethany Room. We will be hosting them on October 30th and November 6th hoping not only to give the pastors a chance to know more about Christ Child Society but hopefully they will bring members of their staff who may help us promote used clothing drives or opportunities for their students to get involved.

Mark your calendars for November 13th to have dinner at Texas Roadhouse. Christ Child Society will receive 10% of their total sales that day between 3 and 11 p.m. Coupons will be offered at a later date for diners to present that day. Details will be given in the November newsletter.

I am off to the National Christ Child meetings in Bethesda and will have news to report to you in the next newsletter. I hope to see you on October 9th at the new Morris Inn for our “Let Love Shine” Dinner/Auction.

Report from the Board Meeting

Kathy Seidl has a list of dates/times for live webinars sponsored by Donor Perfect. Anyone interested in taking part in basic or more specific training in Donor Perfect should contact Judy or Kathy. It most likely will be done as a group to facilitate sharing of questions and understanding.

Since our opening day of August 14, this year we have served 587 families and 1483 children. This is an increase of 76 families and 130 children over this time last year.

A Book for a Child Program - we are always receiving member donations of adult and children’s books, but we are particularly in need of baby and toddler books- those hard ‘board’ books or other simple books with large print and limited words on a page to give away to our youngest children.

The Center has received flyers on a program called “Talk With Your Baby” which is held at 2 locations in the area. This program could greatly benefit many of our clients who would choose to attend the sessions. We will be offering flyers and information through Layettes and possibly at other locations in the Center.

 Needed:

An Assistant Treasurer

Pat Hillebrand has done a magnificent job as our treasurer but she needs someone to help her with the treasurer’s position.

We are looking for someone who is familiar with Quick Books and Excel. Don’t be shy – if you have bookkeeping skills or know someone that would be able to assist the treasurer, please contact Pat Hillebrand or Judy Kuzmich.

A class in Excel will be offered if you feel you need more knowledge in bookkeeping.

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.”

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

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.”

A Book Club

The Killer Angels
by Michael Shaara
October 18
Judy Kearns (273-9850)

Deadline for next newsletter October 21
Ann Korb (277-6443)
ack339@aol.com
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
Mary Theresa Coquillard (Marie Burt) - Ellen Dooley Cowperthwaite (Nancy Yohe) - Julius Drabecki (Karen Barnett) - JoAnn Isban (Toni Kowalski) - Patricia Kaniwski (Su-zanne Cierzniak, Ed & Joan Hardig) - Gilbert Lee (Theresa Miller) - Thomas Lower (Kimberly Keultjes) - Kelly Mack (Carol Bauer) - Eisie M. Maggioli (Kathleen Welsh) - Margaret Stewart (Marcia Blum)

Foxy Ladies?
Who’s a Foxy Lady? You are! Or you could be! All it takes is buying a little pink bag from JR Fox Jewelers which contains something pretty cool, something even better, or something awesome!! We’re talking about the “Foxy Lady Pink Bag Auction.” Each bag sells for $50, and contains a piece of Lauren G Adams jewelry worth $50, or a Premier piece of Lauren G Adams, or a Grand Prize piece of Lauren G Adams jewelry! Everyone wins!

These little pink bags will be on sale even before the auction, and you don’t have to attend the auction to win the Grand Prize. All you have to do is buy a little pink bag – that bag becomes your ticket to the final selection of gift bags which contain the actual items revealed at “Let Love Shine.” If you can’t attend the auction but would still like to participate, we will pick the gift bag for you. We will kick off this fun event at the Clothing Center on October 2 for anyone who would like to participate. For more information, please call Linda Brammer (574-287-5048) or email: macbrame@hotmail.com.
Join us for the Annual
CHRIST CHILD LUNCHEON MEETING
Thursday, October 24, 2013
Windsor Park Conference Center at 11:30 AM.
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.