



Christ Child Society Newsletter

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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.

Please Note

Fall Luncheon Change of Location: Windsor Park Conference Center

Day of Recollection: February 16

Spring Mass and Luncheon: March 28

Motor Corps Needs Volunteers to Collect Used Clothing from Schools, Churches

The Motor Corps division is in need of a few new volunteers to fill posts vacated this past year. Motor Corps volunteers work with local schools, churches and daycare centers to coordinate the collection of gently used clothing. The volunteer's responsibilities include getting announcements out (flyers provided by CC), making sure site has a collection box (also available at CC), picking up clothing from the site and delivering it to the Center. Some sites are busier than others, but one can expect to spend an average of 4-6 hours a month as a Motor Corps volunteer.

As you know, our clients benefit greatly from the services provided by Christ Child, and the need for clothing supplements is greater than ever. As quickly as our used clothing department is stocked, it gets emptied. Please consider helping out in this worthwhile (and fairly easy!) way. The schools that currently need a volunteer are: Bittersweet, Corpus Christi, The Montessori Academy, Walt Disney and Horizon.

If interested, please contact Katy Cressy (340-3191), katecressy@sbcglobal.net. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you!

Executive Board

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Norma Villanucci

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Kathy Seidl

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Pat Corcoran

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Carol Holt

Vice President (Clothing):

Norma Cherry

Recording Secretary:

Kelly Ghyselink

Corresponding Secretary:

Rose Wray

Treasurer:

Pat Hillebrand

Calendar

Oct. 5,12,19,26..... Center Open

8:30 AM

Oct. 9..... Center Open Sunday

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Oct. 17..... Board Meeting

Center 9:30 AM

Oct. 19..... In Memoriam Mass

St. Patrick's 12:15 PM

OCT. 27' Fall Luncheon

11:30 am

Windsor Park Conference Center



Carol Holt and Jane Horning (back to camera) greet Frank and Marti Moriconi at the annual Donor Appreciation Open House on August 10. Marcia Auger (right) took the Moriconis on a tour of the Center, explaining the Christ Child's work.

From the President . . . Norma Villanucci

Well, here we are into the month of October. Hard to believe that summer is over, but the weather is still pleasant and the colorful fall foliage is starting to appear. Autumn in South Bend is beautiful!

The last two months have been quite busy with the Referral Meeting, the Donor Open House, Opening Day of the Center on August 17th and the fall fundraiser on September 29...not to mention that we were open three Sundays! What a journey for all us! But so rewarding -- the clients have been steadily arriving each week in very hot weather, and from all indications, we have broken our record in terms of the number of families and children we've served thus far. As of this writing, we have helped 559 families and 1,500 children. We have significantly increased the number of families and children we served. This is probably due to the nature of our present economy. Our volunteers are to be complimented for their ability to handle this increased volume. Thank you, ladies, for your continued hard work and support!

The Clothing Center exterior will soon be undergoing repairs on the east, south and west areas of the building. These include tuck pointing, re-caulking all limestone head joints, cleaning brick surfaces, and a few other major repairs. Through the hard work of Deb Low, we received a grant from the Asante Foundation to cover the cost of all of the repairs. Thank you, Deb.

Please note that there has been a change in location of our fall luncheon on Thursday, October 27. The luncheon will now be held at **Windsor Park Conference Center**, 4020 Edison Lakes Parkway in Mishawaka. Also, the price is now \$23.00 per person instead of \$25.00. Your reservation should be sent to Mary Beth McGrath or Mary Kay Bean. Windsor Park is a lovely location with ample parking. It will be a great way to see old friends and enjoy the moment, plus we will have a special guest. Make your reservation soon!

October Words of Wisdom by Anne Frank –

“Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news: The news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish!”



Beth Barrett explains to camera men, Jean Fuehrmeyer (back to camera) and Anne Watson what will be presented in a video being made to explain the Christ Child Center and the children it serves. The film which features members and clients was shown to attendees at the “Let Love Shine” dinner/auction on September 27.

New Members

as of July 1

Linda Becker
Kathy Botich
Geraldine Dickey
Sharon Harlozinski
Claire Hayes
Connie Mauch
Jennifer Munoz
Rolande Parent
Patricia Scharf
Barbara Skubiszewski

Board Meeting September Report

This month's board meeting heard guest speakers from Indiana Trust. John Seidl and Amy Phelan gave a brief overview of our Operating and Endowment fund. The Board is hoping to put together a letter and share with all our members what knowledge we gained from the speakers.

Mike Smith of MR Smith has checked on our air conditioning units. The units are in need of pumps to help get rid of condensation which will help eliminate possible water damage in the future. The Board voted to have the repairs done.

The date and time for the Spring Mass are set. The Mass will be held at 10 AM March 28 at St. Patrick's and the luncheon will follow immediately at the Morris Inn.

The Board voted on moving forward with the creation of a new committee. The new group will be called Technology and will carry under its umbrella the web site, directory, newsletter, Donor Perfect (a donor management computer program), in-house computers and social networks.

Book Club

The Weird Sisters

by Eleanor Brown

October 19

Judy Kearns (289-9850)

Deadline for next newsletter
October 17

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

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

Marilyn Andrzejewski (Debbie/Bob Rosenfeld)
 Margaret Bell (Pat/Fred Hillebrand)
 Juliet E Blum (Jim/Karen Frick)
 Marie Hafner (Robert/Toni Kowalski)
 David Harrison (Used Clothing Workers, Edward/Joan Hardig, Marie/Paul Brady, Rosemary Shafer, M/M Frank McLaughlin, Christ Child Society)
 Mara L Holsten (Loretta Chillag)
 David A Hosinski (Mishawaka/Muncie Offices of Indiana Trust Company)
 F. Lee Kennedy (Kathleen Welsh)
 William Kinsella (Fred/Ann Schmiedeler)
 Tony Kowals, Jr (Dick/Jean Dennen, Mary Ellen Brennan)
 John Lynch (George/Teddi Murray)
 Edward Lysaught (M/M Brian Lake)

In Memoriam

Member
 Helene P Thompson
 Husband
 David Harrison

Dennis Mehringer, Sr (Robert/Toni Kowalski)
 Frank Michels (Mary/Clarence Wisken)
 Alice Miller (John P Miller)
 Betty/John Morehouse (Mary Ann/Tom Mason)
 James Myers (Irene McNulty)
 Frank L Nowakowski (Jim/Karen Frick)
 Rev. Fr. Thomas O'Dea (Hersh/Ann Riley)
 Dr Chrisie Peterson (Mrs Thelma Adams)
 Trudy Rose (Joanne Midla)
 Paul Shoults (Margaret/Wally Moore)
 Stella Sperla (Carol Bauer, Kay Ellgass)
 Helene P Thompson (Christ Child Society)
 William Turner (Kenneth/Barbara Fedder)
 Lucille Van Paris (Susan

kluszczinski)
 Richard D Van Paris (Jim/Anne Monserez)
 Ann Watters (Rosemary Shafer)
 Jeanette Zernick (Margaret Hosinski)
Special Occasion
 Louise/Steve Anella - Wedding Anniversary (Jim/Pat Short)
 Fran Austin - for Complete Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Jean/Dick Dennen - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Marjorie/John Bycraft)
 Marge Hershberger - Recovery from Surgery (Catherine Thurin)
 Carol/Jim Holt - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Pat Hillebrand, Virginia Hahn, Katie Screes)
 Mary Ann Jones - 95th Birthday (Kathy Roberts, Greg/Denise, Tee/Cal Miller)
 Kapsa Family - Thank you for Support (Carol Loef-
 fler)
 Betsy Killilea - Happy 50th Birthday (Bill Killilea)
 Jean Kuhn - 95th Birthday (Pat/Fred Hillebrand)
 Gloria Leipzig - Happy Birthday (Cal/Tee Miller)
 Brian T Masterson - Health Recovery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Janice Meixel - Quick Recovery (Virginia Hahn)
 Peggy O'Rourke - for Successful Surgery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Alice Polizzi (Darrell/Virginia Zellers)
 Connie Pomeroy - Return to Good Health (Merrill/Janet Crull)
 Mary Pulaski (Used Clothing Workers, Kay Ellgass)
 Betty Scharpf (Carol Bauer)
 Speedy Recovery (Cal/Tee Miller)
 Rosemary Toepp - for Successful Surgery (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Kathleen Ward - Get Well (Barbara Dillon)

With a Cherry on Top - Norma Cherry

My son, grandson and I had been running errands. We stopped to get some drinks at our local gas station. My son got out of the car and a lady parked next to us handed him a \$1.00 bill saying, "Use this for the children." We both thanked her, and I asked, "How did you hear about Christ Child?" She answered, "I saw the emblem on your car."

I asked her if she had seen the article in the paper. She said, "No, but Christ has been trying to help me a lot lately and I want to help the children. I am on Social Security and may even have my electricity shut off when I get home, but I know I should do this. Buy something for them," and she said goodbye and drove away.

Even now I am not quite sure what to say. I know it was only a dollar, but it was what she said that got me. She wanted to "help the children," how simple those words but so filled with meaning.

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 its 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).

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Christ Child Society Fall Luncheon

Thursday, October 27
Windsor Park Conference Center
11:30 AM

Send reservation with check made out to Christ Child Society
for \$23.00 per person to

Mary Kay Bean
14404 Taddington Drive
Granger 46530 (243-0592)

or

Mary Beth McGrath
54439 Christie Court
Osceola 46561 (674-0181)

**Please include name, address and number of reservations
with your check.**

Deadline for reservations - October 14