



THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

December 2016

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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.

Looking for a Few Good Members

Have you ever wanted to be a part of something bigger? Do you want to make an impact in the Society? Are you willing to take a chance on a NEW chapter in your life? Who will step up to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the life of a child?

The Christ Child Society of South Bend is looking for NEW Board members. Your term will start in July 2017 and will run through June 2020.

Is it a long commitment? Yes. Is it at times overwhelming? Yes. Is it fun? Yes. Will you work? Yes. Will you make a difference? Yes. Is it rewarding? **Yes.**

During her extended presidency, Peg Riggs says she has learned that a Board that represents all aspects of the Society, from fundraising, to social media, to membership events, including the rooms in the Clothing Center works best. This year representatives from Used Clothing, New Clothes, Coats and Shoes are finishing their term. Also, one of the past chairs of Let Love Shine will complete her Board term in 2017.

Please take some time to reflect on your current situation. Are you ready to make a stronger commitment to Christ Child? Do you see an area within the organization that you want to work on? Do you want to make new friends? We joined Christ Child to make a difference in the life of a child. We felt that tug in our hearts to serve the under privileged children in St. Joe County.

Would you like to find out more? Are you ready to take the next step? Do you have a friend who would want to be on the board? We need five members ready to work. **Please** get in touch with pegriggs7@gmail.com

Executive Board

Co Presidents:

Peg Riggs
Debbie Spillman

President Elect:

Sue Walsh

Vice President (Fundraising):

Holly Hosinski

Vice President (Membership):

Mary Wisniewski

Vice President (Clothing):

Linda Wray

Recording Secretary:

Jane Reed

Corresponding Secretary:

Jane Reed

Treasurer:

Diane Lutomski

Clothe-a-Child: the CCS Story

Clothe-A-Child annual appeal is in full swing and is already getting a great response. The colorful, newly designed brochure, "Help us write the Christ Child Story," was mailed on November 7 and already donations are coming into the Center. For the first time donors are able to make their contributions with credit cards on line through our website, christchildsb.org. It seems to be a popular and easy way to give. Of course, mailed donations are also welcome!

The annual appeal continues to be one of our biggest fund raisers with 100% of the donations received going to clothe the children Christ Child Society serves. With the holiday season approaching, it is a heartfelt way of giving. Thank for your support.



Help us write the Christ Child Story



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY
OF SOUTH BEND
WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

CALENDAR

Dec. 7, 14, 21 Clothing Center
Open for Clients 8:30 AM
Dec. 7 Volunteer Potluck Luncheon
Dec. 27 In Memoriam Mass
Little Flower 8:30 AM
Dec. 28 Family Volunteer Day
Center 9 AM to Noon

Volunteer Potluck

Mark your calendars for the Volunteer Potluck Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7. We will meet in the gym after we have finished serving clients, around 11:15. Even if you don't regularly come to the Center on Wednesdays, this is a great time to catch up with friends and share that special tasty dish!

Data Updates

- Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/ChristChildSB
- Follow us on Twitter: @ChristChildSB
- Check us out online: www.christchildsb.org

From the Co-President . . . Peg Riggs

"Maybe Christmas," the Grinch thought, "doesn't come from a store." – Dr. Seuss

"Christmas is a season

not only of rejoicing but reflection." – Winston Churchill

"It's true, Christmas can feel like a lot of work, particularly for mothers. But when you look back on all the Christmases in your life, you'll find you've created family traditions and lasting memories. Those memories, good and bad, are really what help to keep a family together over the long haul." – Caroline Kennedy

I had a hard time picking one quote, so three it is. Each thought rang true in my heart.

Dr. Seuss had it right; Christmas doesn't come from the store, it comes from the heart. Take the time to watch a Christmas classic (think Peanuts, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer or How the Grinch Stole Christmas) - if you don't have a youngster in the house, I won't tell! Classics live on, at any age. They are a good way to spark the Christmas spirit in your heart.

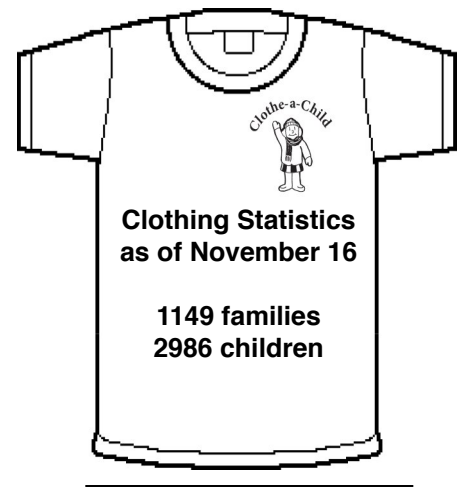
Winston Churchill puts the season in perspective - reflecting on the year, looking to the past to help navigate the future. As we enter our 70th Anniversary year, we will take the time to honor those who came before us and blazed this trail. It is that trail that calls each of us to make a difference in the lives of the children in need in St. Joe County. My heart bursts with joy when I think of all the great women who came before us and how we continue to honor the mission they created.

Caroline Kennedy spoke to the mom in me. Moms put a lot of pressure on themselves to make Christmas "the best ever." Sometimes Christmas is just Christmas, not the greatest and not the worst; it's just time we spend with our families. The memories created come from the people we love around us. They are the stories we share for years to come. Some funny, some sad, but all come from the people we call family. My heart is full when I see my family together - from my parents, to my kids, my brother and sisters and my nieces and nephews - there is always laughter and love.

Merry Christmas to all the members, volunteers, donors and supporters of the Christ Child Society of South Bend. My heart is full of joy when I see how much we accomplish together.

New Members

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Christ Child Joins Better World Books In 2nd 'Book and Boo'

Better World Books in Mishawaka asked Christ Child to participate in their second "Book and Boo" Halloween event on October 22. They support Christ Child in our program "A Book for a Child" in which each child who receives clothing and shoes also receives a book.

Members contributed candy for the event. Under the guidance of Co-President Debbie Spillman, members and student volunteers prepared over 1000 bags containing candy, a pen or pencil as well as information on Christ Child. Linda Wray and her grandson Dan Wiegand worked many hours designing the holiday/Christ Child Society posters which Diane Quinn placed on her "Super Van." Dan and his sister Elizabeth also worked in the BWB Bookmobile during the event. Other Christ Child volunteers handed out our treat bags and talked to the parents about our organization and how to get clothing. Additional workers on Saturday were Kay Houser and granddaughter Melena Estrada, Mandy Skwarcan and granddaughter Clementine, Judy Burmeister, Marie Burt, Mary Beth McGrath and Sue Walsh.

The following Wednesday two of the people who received information at this event came to the Center with the required paperwork and became new clients.

Deadline for December newsletter
 January 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 Joan Hardig (277-7787)

In Memoriam

Mary Kay Bean Family (Jeanine/Dave Wideman)
 Carla Beres (Nimbilasha Cushing, Mary A. Golata, Rozanne/Shannon Clounts, Paul/Emily Conway, Greg Horvath, Lee Kendall)
 Gerri Bomkamp (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 JRay Chamberlin (Bill Killilea, BJ/Bob O'Brien) Frieda Clark (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Edward Colbert (Florence M. Duesterberg) im Cocquyt-(Bill/Jan Killilea, Sandy/Bernie Gorski)
 Edward Colbert Florence Duesterberg)
 Arlowa Essig (Peggy Bauer)
 Barbara Fleece (Ed/Joan Hardig)
 Ted Gryp (Rosemary Shafer)
 William Guilfoile (Barbara Dillon)
 Patty Sue Hammer (Carol Holt)
 Yvonne Helmer (Bernard/Mary Ann Randall)
 Mary Hickey (Gwen/Doug MacGregor)

In Memoriam

Members:
 Mary Witsken
 Janet Crull
 Husband:
 James J. Jones

Jim Hupp (Janice Goossens)
 Terry Jackson (Bill Killilea)
 Tom Keilman (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Fr. Jeffrey Largent (Ed/Joan Hardig)
 Louise Lauer (Emery Family, Creekwood Villas Association, June Sayers, Beth Sampson)
 Betty Lorenzen-(Helen Diltz)
 Donald McCasland (Marcia/Tom Blum)
 Mary Jane Bolyard McMahon (Ann L. Molenda)
 Jean Morrical (Marie Brady)
 Ken Noble, Jr. (Toni Pikuza)
 Helen Oleksiak (Don/Carol Nash)
 Dr. Thomas R. Pilot, Sr. (Mary Jane Stan-

ley, Marcia/Tom Blum, Dr. Stanley/Mary Jane Severyn, Barb/John Phair, M/M Robert Robison, M/M Stephen A. Seall)

Joan Suppinger (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Jack & Patti Randall (Bernard/Mary Ann Randall, Ann Korb)
 Georgia Sweeney (Rush Oak Park Endoscopy Staff)
 Joan Suppinger (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Florence Ullery (Merrill/Janet Crull)
 Eulalia Marie Vanden Bossche (Winnie Vanden Bossche)
 Juliana Whitfield (Janice Goossens)
 William Voll (Barbara Dillon, Bernard/Mary Ann Randall, Tee Miller, Martha Hosinski, Ann Korb)

Special Occasion

Robert Bycraft (Alex Gramling)
 Jim Cierzniak (Dr. John /Marilyn Toepp)
 Polly DeCicco (Margaret Hosinski)
 Jeanne Desmond (Tom Desmond Family)
 Roger Gurthet - Good Health (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)
 Sue Messaglia - Birthday (Mary Lou Mullen)
 Jim Reilly - Get Well Soon (Lee/Sparky Tavis)
 Dorothy Rowland - Happy Birthday (Christ Child Society)
 Catherine Thurin - Good Health (Dr. John/Marilyn Toepp)

CAC II Report

In November 2016, the Clothe A Child II Campaign received \$7,036 from Martin's Supermarkets. This check with the donations from Mutual Bank and Notre Dame Credit Union total \$18,667.01. What a great outpouring of love and support from the St. Joseph County Community, sharing our success \$1 at a time.

Book Club

January 18
The Scarlet Feather
 by Maeve Binchy
 Terri Slamkowski (256-2650)

Christ Child Society of South Bend

Annual Report

7/1/15 to 6/30/16

Cash Balance on Hand at 7/1/15- Per prior year annual report	\$1,429,842
Cash adjustment from debit card not reported in prior year	\$121,827
Corrected Beginning Cash Balance at 7/1/15	\$1,551,669
Receipts:	
Membership and Dues	\$42,476
Fundraising	\$301,363
Donations, Grants, & Other	\$72,839
Endowment	\$3,000
Funds Transferred into Operations from Indiana Trust	\$41,000
Total Receipts	\$460,678
Disbursements:	
Contributory	\$334,481
Fundraising	\$46,703
General and Administrative	\$41,759
Occupancy	\$42,145
Funds Transferred to Indiana Trust - Endowment	\$12,000
Total Disbursements:	\$477,089
Net Cash Receipts/Disbursement related to Operations	(\$16,411)
Indiana Trust Operating Fund Net Change	(\$22,601)
Indiana Trust Endowment Fund Net Change	(\$33,592)
Net Cash change for 2015-2016 year	(\$72,604)
Cash Balance at 6/30/16	\$1,479,065
Cash Balance Detail at 6/30/16:	
Unrestricted Funds:	
1st Source Bank	\$448,666
Indiana Trust	\$344,193
Total Unrestricted Funds:	\$792,859
Restricted Funds:	
Indiana Trust Endowment Fund	\$686,206
Total Cash at 6/30/16	\$1,479,065

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

Take a Day Off Just for You

Christ Child Day of Prayer and Reflection at Moreau Seminary on Moreau Drive

Reflections by Rev. David Scheidler, C.S.C.

He is currently the associate rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart
and is part of the Campus Ministry team at Notre Dame.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

9:00 - 2:30

Doughnuts, fruit, coffee, tea	9:00-9:30
Morning Reflection	9:45
Mass	11:00
Lunch	12:00
Reflection and Benediction	1:00-2:30

Please send reservations with your check for **\$17.00** payable to The Christ Child Society to
PO Box 1286 South Bend, IN 46624

Price includes all food, drinks and the retreat. **Please include any special dietary needs**

Names(s) _____ phone _____

Deadline: Monday, February 13, please

Please park in the 'East Lot' off Moreau Drive (old Douglas Rd.) and enter through the lower level. Someone will be at the door to greet you and direct you. An elevator is available to take you to the main level.

Questions: contact Jean Fuehrmeyer 574-855-3028 or jfuehrmeyer@gmail.com or
Joanne VanAvermaete 574-291-3089 or jvanavermaete@gmail.com

Dear Christ Child Members:

The Board would like to again give the Mary Virginia Merrick Award to one of our dedicated members. We have many outstanding members who deserve this award. This award was given previously to Mary Liddell in 2008, Marjorie Bycraft in 2013 and Marge Hosinski in 2015. It will be given at the Spring Mass and Luncheon on March 29, 2017 and given bi-annually.

We would like to have all Christ Child Members participate in choosing the member who will receive this award so we are asking for **your nominations**. Please complete the ballot and either mail it to the Christ Child Society office, email to president@christchildsb.org, or drop it in the ballot box at the Center.

All ballots must be signed. One ballot per member please.

Nominees for the Award shall have demonstrated in whole or in part the following:

1. Inspiration and example for others to participate in or support the work and mission of Christ Child Society.
2. Visibility at Christ Child Society events in the form of attendance, advocacy and promotion.
3. General support of the Society by virtue of giving the gifts of time, work or financial resources.
4. Outstanding service to the work of the Society as a volunteer or officer of the Board of Directors.

**NOMINATION FORM
FOR THE MARY VIRGINIA MERRICK AWARD TO BE GIVEN ON MARCH 29, 2017**

I would like to nominate _____ for the Mary Virginia Merrick Award.

In a few words tell us why you have chosen her/him for this award. _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Deadline for nominations to be received is February 15, 2017

Mail completed nomination forms to:

Christ Child Society, Attn: Peg Riggs, P.O. Box 1286, South Bend, IN 46624, or attach to an email and send to president@christchildsb.org, or drop it in the ballot box in the office at the Center.