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Summer 2023

"Nothing is ever too much to do for a child."

Calendar

June

- 6, 13, 20, 27** Open for members
9:00 AM to NOON
- 7, 14, 21, 28** Open for members
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 19** Board Retreat -Desmond
Conference Room AM
- 26** In Memoriam Mass - Little
Flower 8:30 AM

July

Happy July 4th!

- 11, 18, 25** Open for members
9:00 AM to NOON
- 5, 12, 19, 26** Open for members
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 17** Board In/Board Out Meeting
Client Waiting Room 9:00 AM
- 25** In Memoriam Mass - Little
Flower 8:30 AM

August

- 1** **Clothing Center Training
Day** begins at 8:30 AM
- 9** **Clothing Center Opening
Day** 8:30 - 10:00 AM
- 21** Board Meeting - Desmond
Conference Room 10:00 AM
- 14** Fall Newsletter Deadline
- 25** In Memoriam Mass - Little
Flower 8:30 AM

Clothing Distribution

Wednesday, 9, 16, 23, 30
8:30 - 10:00 AM
Thursday, 10, 17 4:30-6:30 PM
Sunday, 27 1:00-2:30 PM

Jean Fuehrmeyer Receives Merrick Award

The Mary Virginia Merrick award is presented biennially to a member who goes above and beyond, who is a beacon and leader - as well as a worker bee - in The Christ Child Society. Jean Fuehrmeyer joined Christ Child in 2008 and since then has actively volunteered, served and guided as a board member and has been a true steward of its history and an inspiration for the future. As one member who nominated Jean noted, "Jean puts her heart and soul into her volunteer work... with a smile, a kind word, and an attitude of gratitude. Jean is truly a blessing to the Christ Child Society."

Jean led the National Day of Service, an annual project done nationwide that emphasizes the NCCS goal of challenging poverty, one child at a time, through educational and literacy initiatives. Each year, she plans and organizes a new way to instill a love of reading and learning in local children.

Taking the Challenging Poverty Initiative to heart, Jean not only led the SUCCESS program at St Adalbert's, she dedicated herself to furthering the education of hundreds of its students through improving the library, working directly with children and formulating a plan for how St Adalbert's and Christ Child interact. Under her leadership, the program was strengthened into a true partnership with the school, earning the program the 2020 National Christ Child Society Red Wagon Award for an outstanding program.

Jean has led the Book for a Child program with dedication, spending countless hours collecting, soliciting and selecting appropriate books and activities for children, taking delight in their smiling faces when they find just the right book.

From organizing the 70th anniversary brunch and researching for the History

Museum exhibit to researching the 75th Anniversary photos and stories, Jean has a deep knowledge of where CCS has been. Her appreciation for that past informed her leadership in developing the current strategic plan. Her meticulous attention to detail and thoughtful analysis have guided several boards in leading the organization into the future. She didn't devise a plan and let it sit; she regularly tracks its development. Another member noted, "She has given much time, energy and financial aid to further the goals of our many programs."

The namesake of this award founded The Christ Child Society while facing physical difficulties that would deter most of us. She faced those challenges with faith, fortitude, grace and courage. Jean receives this award while facing her own challenges with a resilience and strength that are inspirational.

As one member noted, "Jean has been a wonderful, inspiring volunteer... an example to all of us. She always steps up to help, even with her health challenges."



Sue Seall **Co-President**

It is my great pleasure to share with you some exciting updates. As you know, our mission is to provide new clothing to underserved children aged newborn to fourteen, and I am proud to say that we continue to make great strides in fulfilling this mission.

One of the ways we are doing this is by investing in new software that will help us better manage our clients. We recognize that in order to provide the best possible service to the children and families we serve, we need to be as efficient and effective as possible. This new software will allow us to do just that, and I am thrilled about the possibilities it will unlock for us.

Another area where we have had great success is with our scholarship program. We received an impressive nine applicants this year for our four scholarships, and after careful consideration, we have decided to increase the amount so all four scholarships are \$2000. Two of the scholarships have been increased from their original amount, which is a testament to the quality of the applications we received.

This success is a reflection of our commitment to serve. We believe that by providing quality clothing and educational opportunities to those in need, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families in our community.

As we move forward, I am excited about the many possibilities that lie ahead for our organization. I am grateful for your continued support and partnership in this important work.

2023-24 Board Members Announced

The Nominating Committee met on March 1 to review the 22 candidates who received nominations to fill four Board positions for 2023-2024. The Committee consisted of: Monique Deguara, Diane Quinn, Mary Ann Chandler, Susan Wendowski and Barb Reihl.

Mary Liddell, Mary Hazel, Tricia Shafer Bradley and Sherry North all agreed to have their names submitted for election to the board and they were approved at the Spring Meeting. In addition, Melissa Baltz was approved to serve a second term on the board as Co-President.

Mary Liddell joined in 1995 as a legacy member following in the footsteps of her mother, Jeanne Desmond. Starting in layettes, she has worked in many capacities such as co-chairing Let Love Shine and the Annual Appeal and serving as VP of Membership and Board President.

Mary was integral to the successful moves to St. Patrick's and then to Town & Country, managing the logistics and working with the contractors. Most members know Mary as our go-to tech expert. She is currently developing the design of

the new client database.

Mary Hazel has been a part of the Christ Child Society her whole life through her mom, Joan Hardig, but a member for over 25 years. For the past 28 years she worked in Catholic schools as both a teacher and a health office worker. She has also been raising her two children who are now in college. Mary worked in a few different departments at the Center in the past, but now enjoys working in the Intake Room as a data specialist. She is looking forward to serving on the board.

Tricia Shafer Bradley is another legacy member, a third-generation member following in the footsteps of her mother, Rosie Shafer and grandmother, Rosemary Hardig. Tricia volunteered in the Used Clothing Room and chaired Derby Day. She hopes to serve on the board to help keep the mission vital.

Sherry North, a wife and mother of three, was an active volunteer in school and extracurricular activity organizations when her children were younger. She notes, "God led me to this wonderful organization through my mother-in-law and sister-in-law... [He puts] the giver



Joining the Board are Melissa Baltz as Co-President and Mary Liddell, Trish Shafer Bradley and Mary Hazel. Not pictured: Sherry North.

and receiver of needed items together." This proved true when Sherry started volunteering in Mary's Boutique in August 2021. With her background in retail management, it seemed like a good fit and the first season of interacting with, and hearing clients share stories, confirmed she was at the right place. Sherry currently serves as Chair of Mary's Boutique and she recently agreed to co-chair the receiving/dock area.

Thanks to retiring board members Patti Banet, Beth Barrett, Barb Mickow and Kae Sobczyk for sharing your time and talents.

Layettes of Hope Continue to Help New Moms

The Christ Child Society's Layettes of Hope Program began in 2004. In an effort to remind women with a positive pregnancy test that they are carrying a human life, CCS partnered with Women's Care Center to provide women with a small gift of an infant bodysuit and a prayer card. Once the idea was suggested to Women's Care Center, they were pleased to join this program.

These little gifts are assembled and delivered annually to WCC in the spring. Between 10 and 60 Christ Child dedicated volunteers gather over several weeks to package the items in a small bag with a Christ Child Society seal. This year, 4,000 were delivered to Women's Care Center here in South Bend. They, in turn, redistribute them to the other local Women's Care Centers.



Joan Hardig, Bette O'Malley, Rilla Campbell, Judy Burmeister, Mary Heller and Kathy Jaroszewski put together Layettes of Hope under the watchful eye of Chair Susan Wendowski.

As one woman who was given a Layette of Hope noted, she received "this little baby onesie. I still remember it was yellow, it had little cats on it, and I cried. That's when it became real. It's my favorite baby thing he ever had."

The program has helped increase the number of women who choose to keep their babies with the support of WCC and organizations like The Christ Child Society which gives new Moms a "baby shower in a bag" when they receive a Layette.

Informational Coffee Draws a Crowd

On May 10, an Informational Coffee was held at the Christ Child Center with 23 ladies in attendance. Some guests were friends or acquaintances of current members and others had heard about the event through church bulletins, social media and community events.

All the guests were thoroughly impressed by the tours of the Center which were first on the agenda for the day. The small group tours were led by Melissa Baltz, Marti Moriconi, Sue Seall, Kathy Seidl, and Karen Van Meter. Then, the guests were treated to delicious refreshments (prepared by Judy Kuzmich) in the Desmond Conference Room as they listened to presentations by several current members.

Since there is so much more to CCS than what can be seen on a tour of the Center, it was a morning jam-packed with information. Presenters included Patti Banet, Sue Seall, Melissa Baltz, Joan Hardig, Susan

Wendowski, Barb Reihl, and Lisa Smessaert. It was a wonderful day for the guests, the members who volunteered, and those who attended with their guests. It was an event sure to make our membership grow.

Executive Board

Co-Presidents
Patti Banet
Sue Seall
President Elect
Melissa Baltz
Vice President (Fundraising)
Lisa Smessaert
Vice President (Membership)
Kae Sobczyk
Vice President (Clothing)
Vickie Sleevi
Vice President (Communications)
Beth Barrett
Board Secretary
Karen Van Meter
Treasurer
Sue Kinnucan

Day of Reflection Begins Lenten Season

Have you ever wondered what the Day of Reflection actually entails? Are you hesitant to sign up?

The 2023 Day of Reflection was held in February at Moreau Seminary. The day started out at 9:00 with pastries, juice, tea and coffee.

Father Peter Rocca gave a great presentation about God's love and staying in the present, not worrying about the "oughts" of the past and the "ifs" of the future. His talk included readings by volunteer participants and a group discussion. Next was 30 minutes of reflection in the Moreau Chapel. Father gave some prompts to reflect upon but just sitting in silence and looking at the beautiful stained-glass windows gave a sense of peace.

Mass, a delicious buffet lunch and benediction followed. The day ended at 2:00. Everyone agreed it was a perfect way to begin Lent.

Spring Luncheon Brightens a Snowy day

The Spring Mass and Luncheon on March 29 turned out to be a perfect Indiana Spring day – rain, sleet, and snow all in the same day. Bishop Rhoades celebrated the Mass at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church at 11:00 am. Members participated in the music liturgy, and were invited to bring layette items to both the Mass and the luncheon.

After the Mass, 80 members gathered at Morris Park Country Club to welcome spring by enjoying each other's company. A lovely luncheon was served which included salad and rolls, entrée, and mini-tarts for dessert.

Co-President Patti Banet and incoming President Melissa Baltz welcomed members to the luncheon and called the meeting to order. Bishop Rhoades led everyone in prayer.

The event began with a special presentation of the Mary Virginia Merrick Award by Beth Barrett to dedicated member Jean Fuehrmeyer. Patti Banet presented the minutes of the 2022 Fall Business Meeting. Sue Kinnucan presented the Treasurer's Report for approval. Patti Banet introduced the new Board members for 2023, and provided Center updates. Melissa Baltz listed announcements, including official Center Opening Day of August 9.

As the event adjourned, members were invited to check under their chairs for a butterfly, signifying being the lucky winner of the *Let Love Grow* potted primrose centerpieces. It was gratifying to gather to reaffirm our mission and celebrate our common goals.



Bishop Kevin Rhoades, Spring Mass celebrant, and Betsie Pendarvis, pianist and liturgy planner.



Susan Wendowski, Anne Choinacky, Mandy Skwarcan, Loretta Chrobot, Mary Regnier, Diane Quinn and Chris Reilly prepare the donated layette items for presentation at the Offertory.



Jim and Jean Fuehrmeyer relax after Jean received the 2023 Mary Virginia Merrick Award.



Sharon James, Marie Burt, Julie Bussert, Anne Housemeyer and Karen Van Meter are ready for the meeting to begin.



Mary Lou Mullen, B.J. O'Brien, Maureen Cahir, Alice Crowley, Mary Jean Osberger and Sue Cierzniak enjoyed a delicious lunch at Morris Park Country Club.



Spring Luncheon Chairs Barb Reihl and Barb Mickow relax after planning a wonderful event.



Joan Hardig, Kathleen Lawton, Marge Hosinski and Judy Kuzmich enjoy CCS camaraderie as Mary Ann Chandler finds her table.

Fourth Annual Diaper Drop - Another Success

The 4th Annual Diaper Drop was held at the Christ Child Center on Wednesday, April 26. The collection of diapers at the front curb began at 9:00 AM and continued until 2:00 PM when diapers were loaded into cars, trucks and even a donated U-Haul truck for delivery to the nine agencies receiving diapers. Volunteers who worked tirelessly through the day included: Melissa Baltz, Patti Banet, Beth Barrett, Linda Botich, Marie Burt, Sara Conroy, Monique Deguara, Joan Hurley, Chris Krueper, Sherry North, Betsie Pendarvis, Lisa Smessaert, Maggie Smith, Kae Sobczyk, Colleen and Kayla Toul, Karen Van Meter and Suzanne Wiwi.

WNDU aired a wonderful series of segments about the Diaper Drop on Monday, April 24 to encourage viewers to buy diapers and drop them off. On the day of the diaper collection, WSBT visited to promote the event.

Local businesses, organizations and churches joined in the effort to collect diapers. Weichert Realty - Jim Dunfee and Associates was the #1 donor with over 6,000 diapers.

Kay Sobczyk once again worked her magic to register diapers by size and when possible, by donors. The diapers were then sorted by receiving organizations based on their requests for certain sizes.



Diaper Drop 2023 volunteers: Karen Van Meter, Beth Barrett, Maggie Smith, Kae Sobczyk, Marie and Joe Burt, Sara Conroy, Monique Deguara, Betsie Pendarvis, Patti Banet, Linda Botich, Lisa Smessaert and Colleen Toul.

With assistance from Melissa Baltz, Linda Botich, Marie Burt, and Karen and Tom Van Meter all of the diapers were delivered. Linda Botich picked up the U-Haul truck and her husband Jeff helped with loading the truck with diapers. This awesome couple delivered many boxes of diapers to three of the designated organizations receiving diapers.



Colleen Toul and Linda Botich load diapers into the U-Haul for delivery to three agencies.

The nine organizations receiving diapers were: St. Vincent de Paul Society, YWCA, Salvation Army Kroc Center, Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry, Center for the Homeless, La Casa de Amistad, El Campito, St. Margaret's House and CCS program Foster Hope. The Northeast Neighborhood Food Pantry noted, "We have supplied families with diapers whenever we have them. Your donation will mean we shouldn't run out for a *long* time." The Salvation Army wrote, "Each year, with the help of donors like you, we are able and honored to serve this community which would not be possible without your generosity."

By the end of the day, 45,000 diapers had been collected. Along with monetary donations and packages of diapers that are still rolling in, the total will exceed 46,000 dry bottoms and happy babies.



Diaper Drop Chairs Lisa Smessaert and Marie Burt bring diapers to Kae Sobczyk (middle) to add to the tally.



Maggie Smith and Lisa Smessaert deliver diapers to the Center for the Homeless.

Thanks to the businesses, churches and organizations who collected diapers!

Weichert Realty
St. Pius X Parish
Mishawaka Catholic Schools
St. Anthony de Padua Church
St. Jude's School
AC3
Farmington Square Neighbors
Christ the King Lutheran Church
RE/MAX 100 Realty
Corpus Christi Parish
Laidig Systems, Inc.
Elks Lodge #235
St. John the Baptist Parish
First United Methodist Church
St. Therese Little Flower Parish

Gifts and Memorials

The Christ Child Remembrance Card is a convenient way to send donations in any amount to The Christ Child Society to honor a memory or special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary or accomplishment. Deceased friends or relatives will be remembered in a perpetual monthly Mass. When requesting a Remembrance Card, please print legibly. 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 (574.277.7787).

SPECIAL OCCASION

Doug Archer – Get well (Bette O'Malley)
 Steve & Louise Anella (Jim/Pat Short)
 Brother Bob – 50 yr. celebration (Bette O'Malley)
 Taine Conboy – Get well (Bette O'Malley)
 Julie Dickson (Jim/Pat Short)
 Kathy Gallivan (Jeanine/Dave Wideman, Suzanne Cierzniak)
 Margaret Gerstbauer – Get well/recovery (Nancy/ Del Meyer)
 Phil Hayes, Deacon (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Helga Jean – Get well (Bette O'Malley)
 Hubert & Judy Kuzmich (Esther Cyr, Nancy/Del Meyer)
 Maeve's First Communion (Katy/John Gregg)
 Mary Liddell – Happy Birthday (Kathy Seidl, M/M Mark Wiwi, John/Monique Deguara, Patti Banet, Sue/Rick Seall)
 Neil Martin - Recovery & better health (Pat/Joe Nahas)
 Phyllis Miller – 99th Birthday (Joe/Marie Burt)
 Marietta Squibb – Birthday wishes (Carol Bauer)
 Veronica "Ronnie" Taylor – Health concerns (Nancy/Del Meyer)
 Helen Voth – Get well (Bette O'Malley)

IN MEMORIAM

John Badey (B.J. O'Brien)
 Barbara Baumer (Bette O'Malley)
 Fred Baumer (Carol Bauer)
 Jackie Blue (Deb/Mike Low)
 Peter Blum (Esther Cyr)
 Father Walter Bly (Joan Frances Hurley)
 Mary Ann Butts (Sheila Emge, John/Suzy Halloran, Helga Jean, M/M Mark Wiwi, Deb/Mike Low, Sharon James, Kathy/John Seidl, Esther Cyr, Bette O'Malley, Peg Riggs)
 Winifred Caponigri (Mary Anne Cilella)
 George Chapman (Barbara Dillon)
 Margaret Christ (Marti/Frank Moriconi)
 Lucille Cobb (Toni Pikuza)
 Tim Conyers (Greg/Jean Mee)
 Kendra Leidecker Cowan (Patricia Brady)
 Frank Criniti (Joan Hurley)
 Mark Crutcher (Esther Cyr)
 Linda DeCicco (Sue/John Shirrell, Betty Ann Gibbons)
 Mary Ellen DeLeonardis (Esther Cyr)
 Helen Domnanovich (James/Kimberly Keultjes)
 Robert Dunbar (C.M. Sergio)
 Colonel Daniel L. Falvey (Kae/Mike Sobczyk, Phil/Susan Wendowski, Tom/Mary Wisniewski, Pat Short, Terry Slamkowski, Sue/

Deceased Members

Ann Bartley
 Mary Ann Butts

Deceased Spouses

Jack Regan
 Gerald Mittendorf
 Daniel Falvey
 Lee Tavis
 Edward Healy
 Fred Baumer
 James Gaughan
 George Schilling

Rick Seall, Mary Lou/Pete Mullen, Nancy/Del Meyer, Monique/John Deguara, Esther Cyr, Pat Corcoran, Anne Choinacky, Melanie Chapleau, Vickie Sleeve, Kathy/John Seidl, Sharon James, Deb/Mike Low, M/M Mark Wiwi, Diane Quinn, Rolande Parent, Judy Kuzmich, Marti/Frank Moriconi, Judy/Jerry Kearns, Mary Heller, Patti Banet, Steve/Louise Anella, Beth/Dan Barrett, Joe/Marie Burt, Ed/Joan Hardig, Bette O'Malley, Donald/Sharon Canaday, Jean Fuehrmeyer, Margaret Hosinski, Mary/Dick Reineke, Barb Reihl, Donna/Ed Pacheco, Phyllis/Michael Largey, Kristy Botich, Sue Walsh, Robinson Community Learning Center, Indiana Trust)
 Ed Healy (Ann/Dave Jones)
 Marge Hershberger (Mark/Sherry North)
 Steven Hollre (Steve/Louise Anella)
 LaVerne Barezy Howski (Esther Cyr)
 Gene Hunter (Sue/John Shirrell)
 Frank Jermano (Sam/Teresa Jermano)
 Morris Jones (Sue Walsh)
 Jacqueline Thilman Kelley (Esther Cyr)
 Richard Kesler (Patti/Lowell Paschke)
 Walter Kroll (Peg Riggs)
 Kenneth M Lalla (Otto/Marlene Martinec)
 Karen Leep (Donna/Don Kyle)
 Ken McCormick (Jim/Pat Short)
 Lillian Zimmerman Masters (Peg/Dean Riggs)
 Tony Mersits, II (Peg Riggs)
 John Murray (Esther Cyr)
 Joe Niemann (John/Suzy Halloran)
 Anita Nolasco (Donna/Don Kyle)
 Barbara J. O'Brien (B.J. O'Brien)
 Gabor Oross (Esther Cyr)
 Janis A. Pauluzzi (Peg Riggs)
 Kent Perry (Sue Walsh)
 Pat Pierpont (Joan Hurley)
 Harold Price (Patti/Lowell Paschke)
 Lynn Przygoda (Tricia Shafer)
 Ann Pukrop (Suzanne Cierzniak, Art/Julie Zielinski)

Sandra Rager (Kathleen Lawton)
 Trena Ragsdale-Fry (Peg Riggs)
 Jack Regan (Bette O'Malley, Joe/Pat Corcoran, Steve/Louise Anella, Jake/Lynda Jacobsen, George/Sandy Peterson)
 Gregory "Buck" Riggs (Peg/Dean Riggs)
 Mark Roemer (Bette O'Malley)
 Dr. James Rogers (Catherine Sergio)
 Millie Seall (Kathy Seidl)
 Bonnie Jo Small (M/M James Keultjes)
 Lee Tavis (Ed/Joan Hardig, Suzy/John Halloran, Peg Riggs, Tex/Brigid Dutile)
 Charles Tull (Bette O'Malley)
 Mary Jo Vernasco (Janice/Joe Goossens, Betty/Jerry Vascil)
 Ronald E. "Mike" Watson (Patti/Lowell Paschke, Peg/Dean Riggs)



A special membership category was established in 1998. A one time \$1,000 enrollment fee for deceased members, spouses

and friends benefiting the Christ Child Society Endowment Fund will insure the Society's ability to continue future good works.

The Guardian Angels are remembered monthly and each year at our annual Mass.

Current members and spouses may pre-enroll in the program and will be officially enrolled upon their deaths. All Guardian Angels' names are recorded on a plaque that is located in the Christ Child Society office.

Please refer questions to Norma Villanucci at 574.243.0621.

Wanted for St. Adalbert's "Parish Closet"

First Communion dresses/veils, baptismal gowns & fancy dresses for Quinceaneras as well as boys' suits.
 Please bring items to the Layette Room

Scholarships: Empowerment Through Education

Since 2010, The Christ Child Society Scholarship has recognized the value of postsecondary education. This year saw an expansion of direction, scholarship opportunities, and funding.

A committee of four revisited criteria for applying and expanded the scope of what postsecondary education looks like to include technical or accredited vocational programs.

Since the program's inception, scholarships were awarded to two parents or guardians served by CCS.

Now, due to the generosity of the Incropera family, the **Andrea J. Incropera Scholarship** will be awarded to two more individuals, currently or formerly assisted by CCS, who are either a parent/guardian OR a graduating High School Senior.

In a time when the cost of education is increasing, CCS was concerned about the clients' ability to afford their dreams. In April, the CCS Board of Directors increased the CCS Scholarship and all current renewals

from \$1,500/year to **\$2,000 per year for up to four years**. The Andrea J. Incropera Scholarship was established at its inception for **\$2,000 per year for four years**.

Both scholarships were promoted widely with applications readily available. The committee was impressed by the applicants' recommendations, activities and community service as well as the obstacles they overcame in the pursuit of their goals. All have hopes and dreams for a better life for themselves and their families.

Both recipients of the Christ Child Society Scholarship are currently enrolled in postsecondary education programs: **Sandra Kelley**, Ivy Tech, South Bend, in Business Administration, and **Mohammad Khokar**, Nursing at Southwestern Michigan College. The two Andrea J. Incropera Scholarship recipients are: **LaKreasha Glass**, who currently attends Bethel University in Behavioral/Social Science with the goal of becoming a Social Worker,

and the first graduating high school Senior applicant from Riley High School, **Christian Jackson**, who will attend Indiana University, Bloomington, majoring in Business Administration/Marketing.

CCS congratulates all these deserving scholarship recipients and wishes them a bright future! The recipients were thrilled and expressed gratitude to the Christ Child Society for all that was done for them. Since 2011, CCS has awarded twenty individual scholarships and has renewed several more, totalling over \$43,500.



Andrea Incropera Memorial Scholarship recipients Christian Jackson (left) and LaKreasha Glass (2nd from right) pose with Frank Incropera and Terri Chapman, Frank and Andrea's daughter.

Volunteer Opportunities, Just For You!

Calling all members! Volunteer opportunities are waiting for you! Consider taking on one of the following roles. There is a lot of information available from former Chairs but new ideas are welcome!

Event Planning: Do you love to plan parties but don't want to have to clean your house and spend your own money? Plan an event for Christ Child! We still need Chairs for the Spring Luncheon and Derby Day.

A new member is taking on the Co-Chair role for **Let Love Shine**, but she needs a Co-Chair. Committees are in place to cover decorations, computer input, working with bidding service One Cause, sponsor letters and bubble grab for the gift cards, but help is needed in all areas. Prices are currently being negotiated for a venue and menu.

Communications: Do you like to write? Help spread the word about CCS activities through the newsletter and marketing.

St. Adalbert-SUCCESS: A Chair is needed for this program which is ramping up after two years of the pandemic. This year's Chair has already met with the principal about next year's needs and can fill you in. If you are a former teacher or have been meaning to sign up to tutor at the school, please consider taking this on.

Grants: Maggie Smith is our amazing grant writer, but she needs some help. Have you written grants in the past? Could you help in this very important task? With prices rising and more children being served every year we need to be the recipient of even more grants.

The Layette Department is so grateful for all of the lovely baby items that were brought to the Spring Mass & Luncheon, five baskets full!

Over 200 clothing items were added to the inventory and each one will be a welcome addition to CCS layettes.

Thank you so very much for all of your generous donations!





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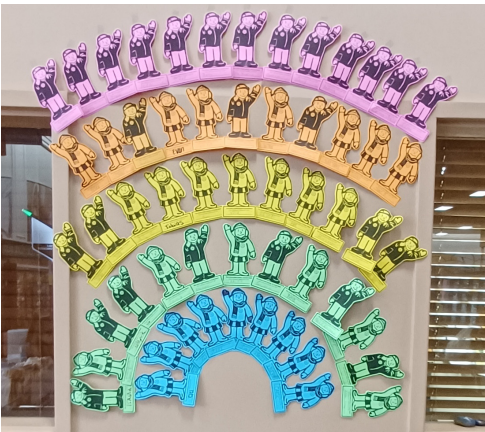
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This is why CCS loves this community!

Martin's Supermarkets sells CCS Dolls



Martin's hosted the Clothe-A-Child Campaign from March 27-April 16, 2023. A total of \$5,869 was raised. Thank you to everyone who participated!

The CCS Clothing Center
will open for clients on
Wednesday, August 9 with
training on Tuesday, August 1.
Volunteer and join the fun!

1st Source Bank Supports CCS

Trisha Vervynckt, Banking Center Manager of the 1st Source Osceola Branch, chose The Christ Child Society to receive a \$500 gift.

A Grand Reopening was held on March 2 to celebrate a total remodel of the bank. It included a ribbon cutting and the presentation of a check to Sue Seall, CCS Co-President. Ms. Vervynckt was able to select an organization to honor at the ceremony, and she chose The Christ Child Society.

Before the check presentation, Ms. Vervynckt noted, "To give you a little background as to why I chose The Christ Child Society as my choice of organization to donate to, the Osceola branch has been involved with the coat drive in the past and we really enjoy holding the drive here.

I've also attended the Let Love Shine

Gala for several years. I'm happy to have the opportunity to help the organization in this small way."



Trisha Vervynckt (right) presents a check to Sue Seall at the 1st Source Bank Osceola Branch.