



Chapter & Verse

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND

Mission: "To foster a personal love of Christ expressing itself in service for needy children regardless of race, color, or creed."

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RED WAGON LUNCHEON

September 7

9:30 a.m. Boutique Opens – 12 Noon Luncheon Served

REMINDERS

- Self-park/no valet parking.
- Enter through the **SIDE BALLROOM ENTRANCE**, not the front.
- Bring hats and mittens for the Winter Jackets Program.

COUNTRY KITCHEN: OPTIONS FOR DROP OFF

- Drop off before noon on Tuesday, September 6 at Lorene Varley's home (east side) or Arlene McNamara's home (west side)
- Deliver to the Embassy Suites between 9 - 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7.

If you have questions or concerns about delivery, please call Lorene Varley.

LAYETTE PROJECT

...where it all began...

The Layette program is the heart of the *Christ Child Society*. In 1894, a compassionate Mary Virginia Merrick heard about a woman soon to give birth who had no clothing for her baby. Mary Virginia and her friends provided a complete layette for the child. This was the beginning of what has become the "cornerstone of the *Christ Child Society*". Today, the program continues to bring hope to struggling mothers and their newborns.

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Remembrance/Endowment Report

Memorial

John Babich
 Bruno Botti
 Maggie Butchko
 Russ Connors
 Margaret Donkin
 Raymond Fox (7)
 Anne Hocevar
 Erma Krzepina
 Martha Lahetta (2)
 Catherine Merriman (2)
 Susan Pesce
 Mary Ann Pryatel
 Tina Shtiop
 Joseph Stano
 Chastity Tekien
 Anthony Zaverl

Honor

Dr. Robert McAvoy happy birthday
 Herman Wesemeyer..... happy birthday

In Our Thoughts

Julie Dzuban sympathy death of sister (Karen Elbin)
Pauline Fiegelist sympathy death of brother (John Babich)
Pat Schrader sympathy death of mother (Harriet Drake)

Total This Report Period	\$ 740.00
Previous Year to Date	<u>225.00</u>
Total for Fiscal Year 2010-2011	\$ 965.00

Please notify the *Christ Child* office regarding deaths of CCS members or their immediate family members. Call (440-843-1632) or send email (ccs_office@yahoo.com). Each deceased person is remembered in the monthly Mass at St. John's Cathedral and is listed in the Remembrance report in *Chapter & Verse*.

Please send your Remembrance/Endowment check to:
Christ Child Society
 c/o Parmadale
 6753 State Road
 Parma, OH 44134
 ATTN: **Abby Sammon**

Starlight Ball

Saturday, December 3rd - Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
COME & CELEBRATE our 60th Diamond Anniversary Charity Ball!

Help us support our mission by attending an evening full of entertainment, surprises, good food, raffles, silent auction, and the company of friends, neighbors, and associates.

START PLANNING NOW!

Spend the night: The Renaissance has offered a special deluxe-room rate of \$119 plus tax for the night of the ball. There is a limited number of rooms available at the special rate so reserve prior to the November 2nd cut-off. To reserve a room, call 1-800-HOTELS-1 and identify yourself as part of the *Christ Child* Society of Cleveland.

Patron & Corporate Reservations: Consider reserving a patron or corporate table. It is a wonderful way to bring your family and friends together for a great cause and a delightful evening. Do you know a business or corporation that should be on our list? Do you need a patron or corporate invitation? Contact **Jean Canestraro**.

Reservations: If you know of anyone who would like to receive a Starlight Ball invitation please contact **Mary Cay McConnell**. (All members will receive their invitations late September/early October.)

Grand Raffle: In celebration of our 60th ball, we will have a special \$6,000 drawing and a bonus \$600 drawing. The raffle will be held the night of the Starlight Ball, and the winner need not be present to win. Watch your mail and the newsletter for ticket request forms. Any questions call **Mary Mackert**.

Jewelry Raffle: Marlen Fine Jewelers will once again donate an exquisite piece. Watch for a sneak preview coming soon. The jewelry raffle tickets will be sold the night of the ball. Contact **Marion Krohn**.

Program Ads & Messages: Advertise your business. Express your well wishes in the Starlight Ball program! We can assist with set-up and artwork if needed. Please call **Lorraine Muldoon**.

Silent Auction: We need enticing items for our silent auction tables: electronics, gadgets, vacation condos, trips, entertainment tickets, children's items, holiday/home-decor items, wine and spirit baskets, spa packages...and the list goes on. Contact **Janie Nickodem** or **Terri Parker** about your silent auction donations.

Ball History: In celebration of our 60th charity ball we are looking for old photos, invitations, media articles, program books, etc. from the early ball years. If you have any of these items to share, please contact Janie or Terri.

Janie Nickodem and Terri Parker
Starlight Ball Co-chairpersons

Supporting Our Christ Child Mission

CHRIST CHILD CLASSIFIEDS IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Merrick House Reading Enrichment Program
NEW HOURS 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. First & Third Tuesday

Grandmothers at Merrick House

Assist the Merrick House staff with rocking, cuddling, and playing with infants in the daycare program.

- **Location:** Infant Room at Merrick House, 1050 Starkweather Avenue, (Tremont) Cleveland.
- **Time:** Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. (Volunteers are welcome any day. If a volunteer can assist for only one or two hours, she should inform the daycare staff upon arrival.)
- **Scheduling:** Volunteers should contact **Stephanie West** with available dates. Stephanie will advise the staff that a *Christ Child* member is coming.
- **Upon arrival at Merrick House:** The volunteer should ring the door bell for entrance and check in at the front desk. The receptionist will escort volunteers to the Infant Room.
- **Specific instructions:** The daycare staff will give specific instructions as necessary.
- **Hours:** Merrick House will record hours served.

Thank you for considering volunteering as a Christ Child Grandmother!

Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment

Volunteers are needed to staff the library at Parmadale's Head Start Reading Enrichment Program for 3 – 5-year old children.

- The program begins September 13 and ends June 5, 2012
- It is held **every Tuesday from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.**
- Duties include reading to the children and re-shelving books.
- Volunteers can work either morning or afternoon shifts or both sessions if their schedules permit.
- Please contact **Jo Dodge** or **Mary Ann Protzik** for more information.

Co-Chair for Cribs & Beds Program

We are recruiting a co-chairperson for the CCS Cribs & Beds Program, part of the Children's Closet project.

Following are the responsibilities for this position:

- Check the CCS voicemail 3 times per week or as needed.
- Keep a log of all calls received with details re: date, caller's name, organization, contact information, reason for call.
- Inform the appropriate CCS individual (e.g. **Andrea Dean** for Cribs & Beds or **Gina Muffet** for Uniforms) re: the request(s) and caller(s).
- Send e-mail messages to the appropriate CCS individual (e.g. Andrea or Gina), and specify details of the request(s).
- Return phone calls from individuals who need assistance that is not specific to CCS. An example would be a person requiring a social worker or someone who does not specify the reason for the call.

This is a great position/way to earn hours for a *Christ Child* member who is working. If you are interested, please contact **Marybeth Bauccho**. Thank you.

Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival

Saturday, September 17 – 11a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 18 – 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Lincoln Park – 1208 Starkweather Avenue

Christ Child Society of Cleveland will have a table on Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th at the Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival that will be held at Lincoln Park in Cleveland's historic Tremont neighborhood. The festival is comprised of four categories or program areas which include: children's-hands-on arts, historical, and educational projects; community-area non-profit organizations presenting material about their mission and services; cultural-food sales by Tremont churches, other non-profit organizations, and Tremont restaurants; and sales of paintings, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, and photographs created by Tremont and Northeast Ohio artists. If you would be interested in working a shift at the *Christ Child* table, please call **Marybeth Bauccho**.

Winter Jackets - Begins September 9

The **Winter Jacket** program will begin on Friday, September 9th with the general sorting of jackets according to size. We will be in the same location at Parmadale across from cottage 11 in the old school. All volunteers are welcome. To volunteer or for more information, please call **Carole Moran** or **Donna Scarcella**.

Winter Jacket Packing

Hours – 9:30 – Noon

Mondays, Wednesdays,

Fridays in September

Carol Panek, Membership Chairperson, is requesting forwarding addresses for **Claire Koltcz** and **Lucille Mann**. Please inform Carol or **Donna D. Fife** if you have current addresses for these individuals.

JUNE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

- *Christ Child* Society received \$5,200 from the 2011 PNC Golf Outing.
- An article about CCS is planned for the Universe Bulletin in the near future.
- **Marybeth Bauccho & Meg Kearns O'Neil** are working on the annual report.
- **Showcase: Melanie Close** reported a record-breaking receipt of \$1285 on April 2nd! Sue Gingis is the new manager of Showcase. The coupon program – customer spends \$20 and receives a \$5-off-purchase coupon – has been suspended because Showcase prices are so reasonable without discounting further.

Spotlight

ANDREA DEAN

Andrea Dean joined *Christ Child* in 2007 and was sponsored by **Jean Canestraro**. She became chairperson of the Beds & Cribs project two weeks after her installation as a full-fledged CCS member. She has worked on Layettes, including sewing and delivering the finished products, on Uniforms, and has helped at The Fest. In the community, Andrea volunteers at the Thea Bowman Center that provides programs, services, and a safe haven to the residents of Mt. Pleasant. Like most CCS members, Andrea is very active in her church, Saint John of the Cross. She is a Eucharistic Minister; Lector; Hospitality Minister; a coordinator for Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Network), for Giving Tree, and for Ministry Fairs; and part of the Social Justice Ministry.

A graduate of Regina High School, Andrea received a B.S. in education from Ohio University and a Master of Education from Kent State University. She spent 30 years as a classroom teacher in the Euclid Public Schools. Her brothers, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews are her family. Andrea loves to travel and has been as far north as Iceland and as far south as Australia. Reading is a favorite pastime – especially mysteries. Andrea strives to be an advocate for social justice, individuals with developmental disabilities, and world peace. It is obvious she has been successful.

BEDS & CRIBS

“As I read the referrals for beds and cribs, I often wonder what Cleveland would do without the Christ Child Society.”
Andrea Dean

The Beds & Cribs Project is one of the newer *Christ Child* Society programs. **Andrea Dean** is the chairperson and, at the moment, the entire committee. (We are recruiting a co-chairperson. Please see the role description in this newsletter.) Prior to Andrea’s tenure, **Jean Canestraro** and later **Connie Kinner** each managed the program for several years.

Beds & Cribs is a voucher program and is part of the Children’s Closet chaired by **Ann Ertle**. Choosing the recipients of a crib or bed is a unique process. Referrals are received once a month from various social-service organizations. Each application is read thoroughly because we get three-to-four more requests than we are able to fill. Priority is given first to families where there are disabilities or illnesses and then to those who have babies younger than one year. Once the family is chosen, Andrea gives a voucher to the referring social worker who passes it on to the family.

Monthly, Andrea places orders for the beds and/or cribs with two local stores that she believes provide quality merchandise. Both store owners have a high regard for the mission of *Christ Child*. The voucher recipients can either pick up the bed or pay a delivery charge. There is no formal follow-up, but over the years, some families have sent thank-you notes and photos of their children.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Congratulations on a Job Well Done!

This year we proudly served 55 agencies and schools whose program managers, in turn, delivered our uniform packages to nearly 2,000 children in need. Our goal is to provide two pairs of navy pants, two white collared-shirts, a package of socks, and a package of underwear to each student. The overwhelming majority of agency contacts are incredibly grateful for the work we do and the support we show them year after year.

Thank you to this year’s Provisionals for participating in the program and doing a wonderful job in the classroom. Thank you as well to the many returning volunteers who filled uniform orders again this year. Please remember that attendance and/or participation at the Red Wagon Luncheon and the Starlight Ball make this program possible each year, so thank you in advance for supporting those events! Congratulations on a job very well done!

Gina Muffet
School Uniforms Chairman

REFLECTING WITH FATHER RALPH



It's hard to believe that ten years have gone by since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. When we look around now, we see how security measures have increased and

become a major concern in traveling and entering into major public events. Pray for those who lost their lives ten years ago and for all victims of terrorist activities, and pray, too, for the protection of all those in the safety forces who put their lives on the line for us every day. Children growing up today have so many burdens placed on them that most of us never could have imagined. The good works of the *Christ Child* Society are a wonderful sign that in a world that has become so complex and difficult there are still those who are willing to provide signs of caring, love, and gentleness to those who do not often experience such things.

Father Ralph

LAYETTE PROJECT

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Our layettes have come a long way through the years. Originally, the 25-50 layettes that were packed contained homemade diapers, rubber pants, kimonos, bibs, burp clothes, blankets, nightgowns, and a knitted sweater. Currently, our goal is to pack 150 layettes sets on the first Monday of each month. We serve thirty-three agencies whose representatives pick up the layettes at Parmadale or Showcase. We now have quilted pink and blue fabric made just for *Christ Child* Society. Each layette consists of two receiving blankets, a dozen DISPOSABLE diapers, three onesies, three sleep-and-plays, a fleece sleeper, socks, bibs, a bar of soap, a warm-up suit or sweater set, a copy of *Goodnight Moon*, plus a pamphlet describing Shaken Baby Syndrome. The items are assembled and packed in a handmade, quilted blanket. On top of the packet, we place a pink or blue card that describes the *Christ Child* Society and offers a welcoming message to Mother and Child.

Christ Child volunteers sew quilts and blankets, knit sweaters, and make up the layettes. Great teamwork and a loyal network of dedicated volunteers make packing day fun. We really know, at the end of the day, that this is what serving the *Christ Child* is all about!

Jean Boldt
Layettes Chairperson

2012-2014 EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS

Our Chapter Bylaws dictate that at the final meeting of their term, the outgoing Board of Directors elect a Nominating Committee of five members. In June 2010, **Jean Canestraro (Chairman)**, **Monica Bruck**, **Paula Conrad**, **Carol Mrazik**, and **Grace Starinsky** were so elected, and have now begun working on the slate of officers for the 2012-2014 Executive Board.

The application for Executive Board positions will appear four times in *Chapter and Verse* (August – November issues). In December, the Nominating Committee will meet to review all applications and develop a slate of officers. This slate will be announced in the newsletter and then put to vote at the 2012 Winter Business Meeting. PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who has served on the Board of Directors (either past or present) is eligible for any and all Executive Board positions. Questions can be directed to any member of the committee.

*IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE A GOOD CANDIDATE,
PLEASE ENCOURAGE HER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION.*

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Nominees for elected office must have served, or be presently serving, a minimum of one term on the Board of Directors.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please indicate any position(s) you are willing to accept. The duties of each position are outlined in Article V (Officers) of the *Christ Child* Bylaws.

- President • President Elect
- Service Vice President • Organizational Vice President
- Recording Secretary • Corresponding Secretary
- Financial Secretary

Board positions and years served: _____

Comments: _____

Signature _____

Please return directly to: **Jean Canestraro**

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Chagrin Falls Sewing Group Contact: Donna Kelly</p> <p>Euclid – Our Lady of the Lake Sewing Group Contact: Mary McKown</p> <p>Far West Sewing Group Contact: Connie Kinner</p> <p>Heights - St. Dominic Sewing Group Contact: Irene Chalko</p> <p>Jennings Monthly Social Contact: Mary Ann Petrancek</p> <p>Layette Packing – Parmadale Contact: Jean Boldt</p> <p>Little Sisters of the Poor Monthly Social Contact: Pat Coviello</p> <p>Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment Contact: Stephanie West</p> <p>My Stuff Packing Contact: Carole Kealy</p> <p>Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment Contact: Jo Dodge</p> <p>St. Francis Library Contact: Liz Niehaus</p> <p>Showcase Contact: Meg Kirkholder (Tues.-Wed. scheduling) LaVerne Madigan (Thurs.-Sat. scheduling)</p> <p>West Park Catholic Academy Library Contact: Judy Votteler</p>	September Calendar Refer to the August issue of Chapter & Verse					1 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00
	3 <u>Showcase</u> Closed <u>Layettes</u> 10:00-12:30	4 <u>Far West Sewing Group</u> 9:00 –Noon <u>Merrick House Reading Enrichment</u> 9:30-11:00 <u>Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment</u> 9:30-11:00 & 1:30-3:00 <u>St. Francis Library</u> 9:45-2:15 <u>Showcase</u> -10:00-4:00 <u>Jennings Monthly Social</u> -1:00-3:00	5 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00 <u>St. Francis Library</u> 9:45-1:45	6 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00	7 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00	8 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00
	10 <u>Showcase</u> Closed	11 <u>Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment</u> 9:30-11:00 & 1:30-3:00 <u>St. Francis Library</u> 9:45-2:15 <u>Showcase</u> -10:00-4:00 <u>“My Stuff” Packing</u> 10:00-Noon	12 <u>St. Francis Library</u> 9:45-1:45 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00 <u>Euclid Sewing Group</u> 12:30-3:30	13 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00 <u>Chargin Falls Sewing Club</u> 10:00-2:00	14 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00 <u>Chargin Falls Sewing Club</u> 10:00-2:00	15 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00
	17 <u>Showcase</u> Closed	18 <u>Merrick House Reading Enrichment</u> 9:30-11:00 <u>Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment</u> 9:30-11:00 & 1:30-3:00 <u>St. Francis Library</u> 9:45-2:15 <u>Height-St. Dominic Sewing Group</u> 10:00-2:00 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00	19 <u>Day of Recollection</u> Jesuit Retreat House 8:45-1:00 <u>St. Francis Library</u> 9:45-1:45 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00	20 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00	21 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00	22 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00
	24 <u>Showcase</u> Closed	25 <u>Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment</u> 9:30-11:00 & 1:30-3:00 <u>St. Francis Library</u> 9:45-2:15 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00 <u>St. John Cathedral Mass</u> - Noon <u>Little Sisters of the Poor Monthly Social</u> 1:30-3:00	26 <u>St. Francis Library</u> 9:45-1:45 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00	27 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00	28 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00	29 <u>Showcase</u> 10:00-4:00
	31 <u>Showcase</u> Closed					

Day of Recollection

Jesus and Women: Some Surprises
Presented by Doris Donnelly, Ph.D.

Wednesday, October 19, 2011
8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Jesuit Retreat House – 5629 State Road

Christ Child is honored to have Dr. Doris Donnelly join us for our 2011 Day of Recollection. Her presentation on episodes in the Gospels where Jesus and women interact will offer a new understanding of their relationships that will edify, delight, and surprise us.

The day will begin with coffee and pastry at 8:45 a.m., followed by Dr. Donnelly's presentation starting at 9:30. We will celebrate Mass at 11:00 and conclude with lunch at noon. It is our hope that you also will make time to reflect while walking the beautiful grounds at the Jesuit Retreat House.

Doris Donnelly is Professor of Theology and Director of The Cardinal Suenens Center at John Carroll University. She has authored numerous books including *Learning to Forgive*; *Mary: Woman of Nazareth*; *Seventy Times Seven*; and *Spiritual Fitness: Everyday Exercises for Body and Spirit*. Her published works include interviews, articles, and book reviews. Dr. Donnelly is a much sought after speaker on our faith and Catholic identity. Please join us for what promises to be a very thought-provoking day.

Kathy Michael & Ann George
Religious Activities Co-chairpersons

Day of Recollection Reservation Form

Guests are Welcome

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Name _____ Phone _____

Guests:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

_____ attending @ \$35.00 each \$ _____ total enclosed

Payment Options:

Check made payable to **Christ Child Society** or

MasterCard ___ Visa ___ American Express ___ Discover ___

Cardholder Name _____

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Please send reservation along with payment to:

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c/o Parmadale, 6753 State Road, Parma, OH 44134
ATTN: **Carol Panek**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**DATED MATERIAL:
Please deliver by September 6th**

PAT GIVENS RETIRES

Retired Showcase manager Pat Givens, accompanied by her husband Ed, was honored at a reception held at Lakewood Country Club on Sunday, July 24. On a beautiful sunny day, approximately 50 ladies gathered to express their appreciation for her years of outstanding service and to wish her well as she begins the next phase of her life. During the 2 hour reception, everyone enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and beautiful flower- decorated cupcakes. Pat was presented with a two-tone Pandora bracelet with three charms as a gift from her Showcase ladies. The charms included a two-tone round initial 'P' ball, a sterling silver heart with an imbedded cubic zirconium on each side to represent how much we love her, and a sterling silver angel to represent *Christ Child*. She was also given a gift certificate for Marlen Jewelers so she can choose additional charms for her bracelet – or anything else she'd like! It was a bittersweet afternoon for everyone – sad to have to say good-bye, but happy for all the things she and Ed are looking forward to doing in her retirement. We all appreciate and admire her never-ending devotion to Showcase, her infinite patience and kindness, and her friendship. She is a special lady and will be missed.

Melanie Close
Showcase Chairperson

THANK YOU



To all my Showcase ladies, I want to say **THANK YOU**. If I may steal a line from a famous song - "*thanks for the memories*". Together, we have laughed, cried, played, and shopped. We made the Showcase store a real showcase - a boutique!

The Christ Child has been good to me over these past nine years. I've been blessed in more ways than I ever imagined I could be. He always comes through for us.

I was deeply touched and totally surprised when **Melanie Close** presented me with the Pandora bracelet and gift certificate to Marlen Jewelers at my retirement party. You could not have chosen a better gift than jewelry. I will treasure it always - and I really mean that.

To all - God Bless.

Love,
Pat