



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY[®]

OF CLEVELAND

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Christ Child Members,

It has been an interesting time in my life since my last article. In this past week, our elder son was married (the last of our children), our daughter officially announced she was pregnant with our second grandchild (due after the Ball), we celebrated our 38th anniversary, and in April, our younger son dodged a major health issue. We are feeling very joyous and blessed by all of these events, and realize how lucky we are to have a wonderful family who offers each other unfettered support.

Sadly, many of the children we serve do not have that strong family bond. The care our members take in choosing books to read to children, in making suggestions of books, in listening to a child read

aloud, in packing a layette so it is just perfect, and in filling each "My Stuff" bags with a soft, handmade blanket and special outfit is our way of supporting the children we serve. We put a little extra love in their lives.

This year's Mary Virginia Merrick honoree, **Terri Parker**, said she loves the Christ Child Society because of what it does for the children. She has been involved in so many parts and pieces of our chapter, but just like you, everything has been for the children. Thank you, **Terri**, for all you have done, and thank you to our members for making a difference in the lives of children. Have a wonderful summer!

Janie

DIFFERENT WAYS TO DONATE

United Way Contributions

Although the Christ Child Society of Cleveland is not listed as a United Way Agency, you can write us in and your contribution will come to us.

Employer Match

If your company has employer match for donations, be sure to get the form from your company's HR department.

SHOWCASE

Come Celebrate Showcase's 60th Birthday!

A birthday this big deserves an entire week of celebration! Daily specials and surprises begin on Tuesday, August 1 and culminate with cake and punch at noon on Saturday, August 5. This will be a great week to volunteer and enjoy the festivities – party! Please contact **Pat Givens** or **Joan McAuliffe** if you would like to volunteer during the celebration week.

The next bag sale will run from Saturday, August 12 through Wednesday, August 16. Fall Changeover will take place Thursday, August 17 and Friday, August 18. Changeover is a great opportunity to get volunteer hours! It is a lot of work, but a lot of fun! Lunch will be provided both days. Please contact **Pat Givens** to volunteer for Changeover.

"Nothing is ever too much to do for a child." - Mary Virginia Merrick, Founder

RED WAGON INFORMATION

WANTED: JEWELRY

If you missed the Spring Luncheon, you have another opportunity to help. Please go through your jewelry and consider donating pieces that you no longer want or wear to our Christ Child chapter. **Marlene Lentz** takes the donated pieces and refashions them into "new" pieces to sell. All jewelry sale profits go directly to our Christ Child projects and programs. There will be a jewelry collection box at the Christ Child Jewelry Table at the Red Wagon Luncheon. Your help is greatly appreciated!

REMINDER:

Hats and Mittens for Winter Jacket Program

Please remember to bring hats and mittens for the Winter Jacket Program to the Red Wagon Luncheon. There will be a special collection basket set up for your donations. If the items were purchased, you are entitled to one hour of service. If the items are handmade, please keep track of the hours spent on the project. There will be a sheet at the donation site to record your hours.

COUNTRY KITCHEN ATTENTION ALL BAKERS

Last chance to request your homemade bakery treats to sell at the Country Kitchen. We look forward to all the delicious items that will be donated. The Red Wagon event will open at 9:30 A.M. The earlier you can get your items to Landerhaven that day, the better. The most popular items in the past have been:

Mini Loaves (nut, banana, pumpkin, and zucchini), Small Cakes, Cupcakes, Muffins, Brownies, Kolachky's, Biscotti, Lemon Bars, Cookies, Candies, Chocolate covered Pretzels, or Surprise us with something new. Gluten Free items are in demand!

A few helpful suggestions:

- Smaller portions are better sellers
- Need items that are easy to transport and carry home
- Try to wrap everything in saran wrap
- Use plates/containers, etc. that you don't want back
- Label your donations including ingredients i.e., contains nuts or gluten free, etc.

Please call **Sharon Skotko** or **Marsha Gleine** with questions.

THE RAFFLE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

BASKETS

Chinese Raffle Baskets are needed for the Red Wagon Luncheon. The possibilities are endless. Contact **Anne Mooney** for donation forms and/or information on how you can get involved in the raffle committee.

TICKET SALES

Volunteers are needed to sell Raffle Tickets at the luncheon. It's a fun way to be part of the event and meet and greet everyone attending. Contact **Anne Chorba** to sign up.

Volunteer Opportunities for Winter Jackets

New Location: The Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio

New Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dates: September 15, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27

2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

Day of Recollection (St. Barnabas Church) July 26
 Red Wagon Luncheon September 6
 Fall Business Meeting September 20
 National Christ Child Conference (Information at nationalchristchild.org) September 19 & 30

Bridge-A-Rama

It is time to sign up for the 2017-2018 Bridge-A-Rama season. Do you enjoy a friendly game of bridge? Come and join us. We always need new players. Christ Child membership is not required. Registration deadline is August 25.

Congratulations to the 2016-2017 season
 Bridge-A-Rama winners:

High points: Elvera Gruttadauria and Natalie Tricarichi
Award points: **Julie Paulus** and Virginia Scholl

Any questions, please contact **Barb Pugel**

An Invitation

General Business Meeting

Mark your calendars and join us for
 our general business meeting on
 Wednesday, September 20, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.
 Christ Child Society of Cleveland
 7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300
 Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Please contact **Janie Nickodem** with any questions.

Remembrance/Endowment Report

April 21 - June 22, 2017

Memory

Jeff Ast	Catherine McConnell
Kayleigh O'Brien	Michelle Mirande
Terry Blazier	Jack Nantz
Mary Ann Celebrezze	Lud Pugel
Joseph Forristal	Jannie Quimbly
Larry Hogan	Ruth Schneider
Alison Hollo	Mary Lou Spiess
Richard Jefres	Wally Votteler
Joe Leary	Kitty Webster

Please notify the Christ Child office regarding deaths of CCS members or their immediate family members.

Send Remembrance/Endowment checks to:
 Christ Child Society of Cleveland
 7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300
 Cleveland, Ohio 44102
 Attn: Abby Sammon

Honor

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Ananick
 Norm Naim
 Terri Parker (2)
 Sam Petras
 Tom & Leanne Weinrich
 Georgeann Witkowski
 Provisional Class of 2016

St. John Cathedral Mass
 For Christ Child Members, Living and
 Deceased and for their families.
 Tuesday, July 25, Noon
 Friday, August 25, Noon
 Monday, September 25, Noon

In Our Thoughts

Pat Ferry - death of brother (Joe Leary)
 Kathy LaPorte - death of sister (Mary Lou Spiess)
 Mary Cay McConnell - death of mother-in-law (Catherine)
 Family of former member Lee Bennett
 Family of former member Ethel McGuigan
 Family of former member Kitty Webster

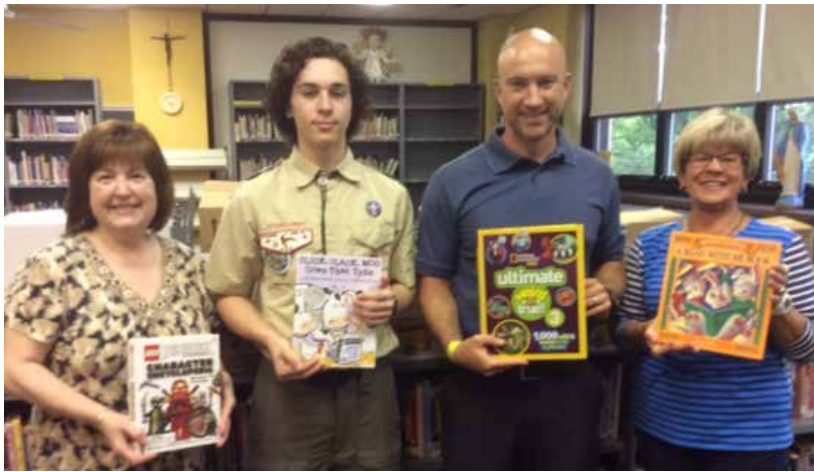
Donations this report period	\$1,970.00
Previous fiscal year to date	<u>\$20,270.00</u>
Total for fiscal year	<u>\$22,240.00</u>

Legos Needed!

If you have any small Lego pieces that are no longer being used – especially wheel, tire, window and door pieces – please contact **Donna Mintz**, who is putting a project together for the reading enrichment program at Merrick House. Thank you.

1000 BOOKS DONATED

Harrison Kimatian, who just finished his sophomore year at St. Ignatius High School, is a member of Boy Scout Troop 810 at Assumption Parish in Broadview Heights. To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, Harrison needed to plan and carry out a major service project. His fine organizational skills and hard work resulted in the collection of over 1,000 books for the libraries at St. Francis and St. Rocco schools. Harrison's mom, Christ Child member **Pam Kimatian**, said, "I'm so honored he could use his service for Christ Child!" Thank you, Harrison!! Your caring efforts will truly make a difference as we work to promote the love of reading!



PROVISIONAL BUS TOUR 2017

Twenty members of the Provisional class of 2017 attended the Bus Tour of our Service Project locations on Monday, May 1. They are pictured here in the library at St Francis School.



RED WAGON LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Landerhaven - Mayfield Heights

6111 Landerhaven Drive, Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124
Complementary Valet Parking • Self-Parking

9:30 A.M. Boutique Begins – 12 Noon Luncheon
Fashions presented by *Toni In Style* of Chagrin Falls



RESERVATION DEADLINE: Friday, August 25, 2017

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PLEASE RESERVE:

_____ Tickets: \$50 each _____ Silver Patron Tickets: \$75 each _____ Gold Patron Tickets: \$100 each
Total enclosed: \$ _____ I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation of \$ _____

NO REFUNDS

Payment Options: Check made payable to **Christ Child Society** or
 Master Card **Visa** **Discover** **American Express**

Cardholder Name _____ Account Number _____

Signature _____ Expiration Date _____

SEATING REQUEST (Tables of 10) PLEASE PRINT your name and the names of those you have contacted and have agreed to share your table.
Only paid reservations will be considered for seating. Incomplete tables will be filled with other Christ Child members and their guests.

I have no seating preference. Feel free to seat me anywhere. • I prefer the vegetarian option

Indicate: (M) for Member • (G) for Guest • (O) for Member - Other Chapter

- 1. _____ M G O
- 2. _____ M G O
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- 10. _____ M G O

Send Reservations to: Christ Child Society, Attn: Red Wagon, 7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300, Cleveland, Ohio 44012

Day of Recollection

Presented by

Mary Lou Beers
"The Greatest of Gifts is Love"

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

St. Barnabas Parish – 9451 Brandywine Road, Northfield, Ohio

Parish of our Spiritual Advisor Fr. Ralph Wiatrowski

9:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



The day will begin with registration and coffee at 9:15 a.m. Mary Lou Beers' presentation will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. Between the presentation and Mass, we will have the opportunity to enjoy St. Barnabas' Rosary Walk and gardens. The celebration of Mass will be at noon and we will conclude the day with lunch. We look forward to seeing everyone on July 26th.

Day of Recollection Reservation Form

Guests are welcome

Reservation deadline: Monday, July 17, 2017

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Guests: _____

attending _____ @ \$25.00 each \$ _____ total enclosed

Payment options: Check made payable to Christ Child Society
or MasterCard _____ VISA _____ American Express _____ Discover _____

Cardholder Name as it appears on the card: _____

Account Number (print clearly): _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please send reservation form along with payment to:
Christ Child Society of Cleveland
7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300
Cleveland, Ohio 44102
Attn: Day of Recollection

**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS
CREDIT CARD INFORMATION**

Name of Member:	
Telephone Number (in case of questions):	
Name on Card:	ZIP Code:
Type of Credit Card (please circle):	MasterCard VISA American Express Discover
Total Amount Charged: _____	
Account Number:	Exp. Date:
Signature:	

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES July, August, & September 2017

Layette Packing

First Monday, 10:00-12:30
July 10, August 7-distribution only,
September 11
Contact: **Donna Kelly**

**Euclid -St. John of the Cross
Sewing Group**

Third Wednesday, 12:30-3:30
July 19, August 16, September 20
Contact: **Mary McKown**

**Grandmothers' Program
Merrick House**

Note: Volunteers must wear socks.
Contact: **Kathy Yoakum**

Heights-St. Dominic Sewing Group

Third Tuesdays, 10:00-2:00
September 19
Contact: **Irene Chalko**

*Heights-St. Dominic Sewing Group
does NOT sew in June-August. Next
sewing date is September 19th.*

Highland Heights Sewing Group

*We will now meet on the third Friday
each month.*
Third Friday, 10:00-2:00
July 21, August 18, September 15
Contact: **Patty Welsh**

Independence Sewing Group

Second Wed. and Thurs., 10:00-2:00
July 12, 13; August 9, 10;
September 13, 14
Contact: **Laura Cengic**

**Merrick House Pre-School
Reading Enrichment**

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays 9:30-11:00
July 18; August 1, 15, 29;
September 5, 19.
Contact: **Kathy Yoakum**

"My Stuff" Packing

Third Monday, 10:00-12:00
July 17, August 21, September 18
Contact: **Rose Dziak**

**Parmadale Head Start
Reading Enrichment**

First and Third Tuesdays
9:30-11:00 / 1:30-3:00
July 18; August 1, 15; September 5, 19
Contact: **Sue Simon** or
Marlene Suchma

St. Francis Library

Tues. during the school year 9:30-1:30
Wed. during the school year 9:30-2:30
Contact: **Irene Fitzgerald**

St. Rocco Library

Mon. during the school year 8:45-12:00
Contact: **Paula Conrad**

Showcase

Shifts available on Tuesday-Saturday:
10:00-2:00 / 10:00-4:00 / 12:00-4:00
Contact: **Joan McAuliffe**

***Contact information can be
found in our Chapter roster.**

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY of CLEVELAND - VOLUNTEER HOURS RECORD FORM

Member Name: _____

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>WAYS & MEANS: FUNDRAISING</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>COMMUNITY SERVICE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Administration	_____	Worked on or at the following:	_____	Children's Closet	_____
Board Meetings	_____	Red Wagon Luncheon	_____	Beds/Cribs	_____
Meeting Attendance (2 hours each – no drive time)		The Starlight Ball	_____	School Uniforms	_____
Merrick House Bench Dedication	_____	Legacy Luncheon	_____	Winter Jackets	_____
Fall Luncheon (Red Wagon)	_____	Spring Luncheon/Annual Bus. Mtg.	_____	Layettees (packing and sewing)	_____
September Bus. Mtg.	_____	Showcase		Merrick House Grandmother Program	_____
Museum of Divine Statues Tour	_____	Store Work	_____	Merrick House Literacy Enrichment	_____
February Bus. Mtg.	_____	Showcase Pick-up	_____	"My Stuff" Bags	_____
Legacy Luncheon	_____	Donation Drop-off	_____	Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrich.	_____
Spring Luncheon/Annual Bus. Mtg.	_____	<i>Please note: 1 hour per quarter (up to 4 hours per year) is acceptable as volunteer hours for donation drop-off at Showcase</i>		St. Francis School Library	_____
CCS 100 th Anniversary Committee	_____			St. Rocco School Library	_____
Day of Recollection	_____			OTHER:	_____
Development/Grant Writing	_____			_____	_____
Fundraising Committee	_____			_____	_____
Membership/Roster/Volunteer Hours	_____				
National Christ Child Society (NCCS)	_____				
Newsletter	_____				
Provisionals	_____				
Public Relations	_____				
Social Media/Website	_____				
Special Committees – List	_____				

Subtotal	_____	Subtotal	_____	Subtotal	_____

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS (JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017) _____

It is imperative that your volunteer hours record form and dues payment be returned by Aug. 15, 2017 to be a member in good standing and listed in the roster. Thank You!
 Call Colleen Wyszynski or Robbie Wolan with any questions

**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

MEMBER INFORMATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you have NO changes from last year	Please highlight/circle any changes from last year
Name: <i>As it should appear in the Roster (First, Middle Initial (optional), Last)</i>	
Spouse:	
Name: <i>As it should appear on The Starlight Ball invitation, <u>if you want a change from the 2016 invitation</u></i>	
Circle Preferred Title: Mrs. Ms. Miss	Maiden Name:
Address:	
City:	State: ZIP Code:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone: Parish:
Email:	Would you like to receive your newsletter via email? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Age Demographic: 30 and under <input type="checkbox"/> 31-45 <input type="checkbox"/> 46-60 <input type="checkbox"/> 61-75 <input type="checkbox"/> 76 and older <input type="checkbox"/>	
I am willing to serve as the Membership Representative for the Mary Virginia Merrick Award committee. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Check here if you are NOT renewing your membership (fill out Volunteer Hours Record Form on reverse side)

MEMBERSHIP DUES/REQUIREMENTS/FEES (JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018)

Please fill in the appropriate dues and fees for your membership classification

>>>> Dues must be paid by August 15, 2017 <<<<

\$ _____	ACTIVE – (\$60.00) You plan to volunteer 50 hours in Christ Child sanctioned projects by June 30, 2018.
\$ _____	2016-2017 ACTIVE "Difference" Fee – (\$25.00) You <u>did not meet the 50 hour volunteer requirement</u> for your 2016-2017 active membership. You are required to pay the \$25.00 difference between the past year's active and sustaining dues.
\$ _____	SUSTAINING – (\$85.00) You have completed 5 years of membership, including the provisional year, but are unable to fulfill the 50 hour volunteer requirement for active membership.
\$ _____	SILVER SUSTAINING – (\$60.00) You have been a member for at least 25 years including the provisional year, but are unable to fulfill the 50 hour volunteer requirement for active membership.
\$ _____	SUPPORTING – (\$120.00) You have completed the provisional year. There is no stated volunteer hour requirement, but you shall participate in or financially support one or more of the Society's major fundraisers.

LIFE MEMBERS, please check one of these classifications:

- SUSTAINING LIFE MEMBER** – (No dues are required. No volunteer hours are required.)
- ACTIVE LIFE MEMBER** – (No dues are required. 50 volunteer hours are required.)

\$ _____ **ADDITIONAL MONETARY SUPPORT** – Donations are always welcome and appreciated.

\$ _____ **TOTAL**

PAYMENT OPTIONS (CHECK ONE)

<input type="checkbox"/> By check	Make checks payable to: Christ Child Society of Cleveland
<input type="checkbox"/> By credit card	Provide credit card information on the attached form.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Please mail this completed form (front and back) along with your payment to:
Christ Child Society of Cleveland, 7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300, Cleveland, OH 44102

Membership/Roster Chairman – Robbie Wolan Volunteer Hours Chairman – Colleen Wyszynski

**ALL Members
PLEASE COMPLETE THE VOLUNTEER HOURS RECORD FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE**



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DATED MATERIAL: Please deliver by July 7th

MEMBERSHIP TIME IS HERE

You will find your renewal forms in this newsletter.

Articles for the newsletter

Please contact **Kate Johns** if you have any special needs or volunteer requests for the newsletter.
Articles for the July/August issue will be due by Monday, June 12th.

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Organization VP

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