



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY[®] OF CLEVELAND

WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The dog days of summer...conventionally the time of summer when it is so hot, that we want to lay around like lazy dogs because the heat has sapped us of our energy. Wishful thinking! For our members, the dog days of summer are a signal to shift into high gear. Of course, our Layette, "My Stuff", sewing and Merrick House pre-school literacy programs run through the summer, but right now, other programs and committees are revving up. Showcase will be celebrating its 60th birthday the first week of August. Our new Provisional class will be having their orientation meeting this month. The Red Wagon Committee is busy putting finishing touches on what promises to be a fabulous luncheon. The libraries will be getting ready for school to start. St. Rocco's will look forward to implementing their accelerated reading program, and St. Francis will start computerizing their library this year. Parmadale Headstart will be finding out their new location (and maybe getting a new name!). The Ball committee is bursting with new ideas to make our Ball even better this year. Planning will begin for our national Christ Child Day of Service to be held in October. So much to do! It's hard to decide which project to join. As we leave the dog days of summer behind, I thank all of you who give so much to our chapter. No laying around like lazy dogs for us!

Janie Nickodem

REFLECTING WITH FATHER RALPH

Welcoming a new Bishop to our diocese has only happened eleven times in 170 years! As Bishop Nelson J. Perez becomes our eleventh shepherd, how good it is to welcome him with prayer and good works. As the Christ Child Society seeks to serve the needs of God's children, it is one sign of the vibrancy of the life of the Church in our area and of how we respond to the Gospel call to care for those most in need among us. One of the best ways we could welcome the new Bishop is by redoubling our efforts to live up to the motto of the Christ Child Society that "nothing is ever too much to do for a child."

Fr. Ralph



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.

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

It is time to renew your Christ Child membership, update/confirm your contact information and submit your volunteer hours. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the Annual Membership Renewal Form and Volunteer Hours Record Form. Please fill them out and return the forms to the Christ Child Office along with your payment. It is important that dues are received no later than **August 15, 2017** to remain a member in good standing and maintain your listing in the roster.

Things to consider:

- Please complete the **Membership Renewal Form** regardless of your membership status (Active, Sustaining, Supporting or Life). This enables us to accurately maintain all your membership information.
- If you would like to be the Membership Representative for the Mary Virginia Merrick Award committee, please check "yes" on the Renewal form where it asks if you would be willing to serve in that capacity. One Representative is selected from the pool of members who checked yes on their renewal form. The time commitment is minimal – one meeting.
- Please fill out the **Volunteer Hours Record Form**. Not only is this information provided to the National Christ Child Society, it is valuable information that can be used for grant requests we submit and some of our publications.

New this year on the Annual Membership Renewal Form:

- A new look/feel, but the same content
- A check box to indicate that you are not renewing your membership

If you have any questions contact **Robbie Wolan**.

ST FRANCIS LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

One of the Christ Child Society's goals is to improve literacy in our children. If you feel that reading is important in children's lives, you can make a difference in the lives of the students at St. Francis School by being a library volunteer. It takes a commitment of one day a month (but of course, we always welcome more days). If one day a month is too big of a commitment, how about volunteer-sharing a day with another person? Just like job-sharing. We can be very flexible!

Hours are approximately:

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Grades K-3

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Grades 4-8

Please consider this opportunity to share your love of reading/books with the children at St. Francis School. We need volunteers to fill the following positions:

First Tuesday of the month

Second Tuesday of the month

Second Wednesday of the month

Third Wednesday of the month

Please contact **Irene Fitzgerald** or **Liz Niehaus** if you need any further information or if you have any questions.

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, 21, 25, 27

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.

RED WAGON INFORMATION

MINI MART REVISITED

Back in the day (1976-mid 1990's to be exact), Christ Child members donated handmade items/handicrafts to be sold at certain luncheons, creating Mini Marts. We are planning a "mini" Mini Mart at this year's Red Wagon Luncheon – one table for members to showcase their talents. Interested in donating one (or more) of your creations? Contact **Mary Graves**.

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.

2017 DATES TO REMEMBER

Red Wagon Luncheon.....	September 6
Fall Business Meeting (Detroit Road location).....	September 20
National Christ Child Conference (Information at nationalchristchild.org)	September 29 & 30
Christ Child National Day of Service	October 28
Starlight Ball	December 2

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.

Remembrance/Endowment Report

June 23 - July 22, 2017

Memory

Robert Anderson
 Walter Anderson
 Mrs. Olson
 Thomas Platten
 Janice Pophal
 Ronald Robbins
 Frank Scialino
 Irene Soltis
 Emily Stohler
 Virginia Smith Stohler
 Kitty Webster

Honor

Terri Parker - congratulations (2)
 LaVerne Madigan - happy 90th birthday (2)
 Peg Callinan - happy 80th birthday

In Our Thoughts

Sue Eagan - death of cousin (Caren Landgelaar)
 Arlene Platten - death of brother-in-law (Donald Platten)
 Family of Theresa Salerni
 Marybeth Baucce - speedy recovery

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

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

Donations this report period	\$415.00
Total for fiscal year	<u>\$415.00</u>
(Fiscal year began July 1st)	

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

August, September & October 2017

Layette Packing

First Monday, 10:00-12:30
 August 7 - *distribution only*,
 September 11, October 2
 Contact: **Donna Kelly**

Euclid -St. John of the Cross Sewing Group

Third Wednesday, 12:30-3:30
 August 16, September 20, October 18
 Contact: **Andrea Dean**

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, October 17
 Contact: **Irene Chalko**

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

Highland Heights Sewing Group

Third Friday, 10:00-2:00
 August 18, September 15, October 20
 Contact: **Patty Welsh**

Independence Sewing Group

Second Wed. and Thurs., 10:00-2:00
 August 9, 10; September 13, 14;
 October 11, 12
 Contact: **Laura Cengic**

Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays 9:30-11:00
 August 1, 15, 29; September 5, 19;
 October 2, 16 30
 Contact: **Kathy Yoakum**

"My Stuff" Packing

Third Monday, 10:00-12:00
 August 21, September 18, October 16
 Contact: **Rose Dziak**

Parmadale Head Start Reading Enrichment

First and Third Tuesdays
 9:30-11:00 / 1:30-3:00
 Begins in October
 Contact: **Sue Simon** or **Marlene Suchma**

St. Francis Library

Tues. during the school year 9:30-2:00
 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.**

Angels for Christ Child Annual Giving

Angel Levels

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir of Angels \$1,000 & above | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian Angel \$300 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cherub \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archangel \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Angel \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ |

\$ _____ "Angel" donation amount enclosed

I wish to remain an anonymous donor

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Make checks payable to: Christ Child Society -or- Charge my credit card:

- VISA MasterCard AMEX Discover

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Thank you for being an "Angel" for the Christ Child Society of Cleveland!

Mary Virginia Merrick Award

The Christ Child Society was founded by Mary Virginia Merrick, a woman whose profound faith and genuine concern for others manifested themselves in service to children. Today, more than 125 years later, 43 chapters of the Christ Child Society continue her legacy by serving thousands of under-resourced children throughout the United States.

Each year, the Christ Child Society of Cleveland honors the legacy of Mary Virginia Merrick by awarding the Mary Virginia Merrick Award to one of its members whose values of faith and service exemplify those of the organization's foundress. This year's award winner is Terri Parker. In her 18 years of membership, Terri has volunteered over 7,000 hours in service to the children of the Greater Cleveland Area. She is a past president of the Christ Child Society of Cleveland, has been extremely active in its fundraising efforts, and has served on the executive board for many years. She has worked tirelessly and consistently for many years, never losing her enthusiasm for the organization's mission.



Terri Parker

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.

Amazon

Did you know that Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to the Christ Child Society of Cleveland?

When you are ready to shop, go to: smile.amazon.com

Select Christ Child Society of Cleveland as your charity.

Every little bit helps!



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 (\$15 tax deduction) • ____ Silver Patron Tickets: \$75 each (\$40 tax deduction)
____ Gold Patron Tickets: \$100 each (\$65 tax deduction)

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
- 3. _____ M G O
- 4. _____ M G O
- 5. _____ M G O
- 6. _____ M G O
- 7. _____ M G O
- 8. _____ M G O
- 9. _____ M G O
- 10. _____ M G O

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

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**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**

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**

**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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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 September/October issue will be due by Monday, August 14th.

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