



# CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY<sup>®</sup> OF CLEVELAND

## WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

### CHAPTER AND VERSE

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

August brings upon us the beginning of an exciting and busy time of the year for the Christ Child Society of Cleveland. Our two major fund raisers; The Red Wagon Luncheon on Wednesday, September 5th followed a few months later by The Starlight Ball on Saturday, December 1st.

We are truly grateful to all of our volunteers who step up and dedicate their time to the success of these events but also for your continued generosity in supporting these events, of which that support goes directly to the children we serve.

On the provisional bus tour, a lady asked me what I tend to spend my time volunteering for in our organization. My response was quick, Layettes and "My Stuff" Bags, when I chaired the project. I told her I enjoy the interaction and conversations with the social workers we distribute to, the children and mothers they tell us about, but mostly, I am always amazed at their reactions when they come to pick up their orders.

This little story below appeared in the April issue of the Magnificat and it reminded me of the how the social workers "see" our volunteers...as a beautiful room of loving, open hearts, sharing and spreading their love to the children in need who we serve, by their hard work and dedication.

Cathy Caruso

'Shalom had come to me sitting there at the sticky farm table, come with her heart cut of white paper.

She brought the paper heart and this roll of tape to me and asks, "Will you do it, Mama? I can't make it work." And she holds out a roll of mangled clear tape.

I'm sitting there half bent over her brother and his spelling words. "What are you trying to do, Sweet?" Tape it in half? Tape it to the wall?

"I just want the heart taped to me. Just right here." Shalom staccatos her finger off her chest.

Her brother's erasing his paper too hard, wearing a hole right through. Trying to erase everything he'd got wrong.

"Just tape it right here." Shalom points just above her own thrumming heart.

"And why are we doing this exactly?" I'm on my knees in front of her, half smiling, looking up into her face, my thumb smoothing the tape line of this exposed heart.

I asked the question, even though we'd just talked it over that morning at breakfast, about how we need to give love to others. So of course, she's trying to put into practice her mother's half-baked words and I'm going to have to tell her this is bold and brilliant, making herself into a walking sign of my little breakfast lecture.

Usually I'm the one cupping her face in my hands, but now she's got me here, kneeling in front of her, so she takes my face into her hands. And she bends so close I can feel her breath warm.

"We need to tape hearts right to us, Mama. So we always know." She strokes my cheek. "So we always know his love's around us everywhere."

His love's around us everywhere....

When you feel in your marrow how you're his beloved, you do more than look for signs of his love in the world, more than have a sign of his love; you actually become a sign of his love.

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

# RED WAGON INFORMATION

## Red Wagon Luncheon

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

*Vendor Boutique opens at 9:30 AM • Lunch seating is 11:30 AM*

Join us for our annual luncheon and fundraising event to help support our Chapter's many projects. Shop our vendors, take a chance on our Raffles, enjoy a luncheon at Landerhaven and the style show presented by Chico's! The reservation form is in this newsletter. Invite your family and friends and make sure your reservation form arrives at our office by **Friday, August 24th**.

We look forward to seeing you!

We are looking for vendors for the 2018 Red Wagon Luncheon. Please send your recommendations and/or contact information to **Karen Bush**.

Current list of vendors:

The BZY Bead	Mariano Jewelry
Bling Fashions	Pinless Posies
Chocolates by Erin	PurseLove.com
Creatively Yours-	Simply Silver
Floral Arrangements	Sophia Boutique
Diane Marksz	Susan's Signature Creations
FASHION FLAIR	Thirty-One Gifts
LuLaroe Jackie Passerell	

### 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 nut, banana, pumpkin, and zucchini bread loaves, cakes, pies, muffins, cupcakes, kolachkys, lemon bars, cookies, chocolate covered pretzels or surprise us with something NEW! Gluten free items are in demand!

A few helpful suggestions:

- Bring items that are easy to transport and carry home.
- Try to package everything in Saran wrap or see through bags.
- Use plates or containers, that you don't want back.
- List the ingredients of your baked goods.

Please call **Sharon Skotko** or **Marsha Gleine**.  
MANY THANKS FOR YOUR TASTY DONATIONS

### THE RAFFLE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

#### BASKETS

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

# RED WAGON LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

## 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 *Chico's* now at Beachwood Place moving to Legacy Village August 1st.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: Friday, August 24, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RESERVE:**

\_\_\_\_ Tickets: \$55 each (\$20 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

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**Send Reservations to: Christ Child Society, Attn: Red Wagon, 7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300, Cleveland, Ohio 44102**

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# Remembrance/Endowment Report

June 11 - July 31, 2018

## **Memory**

Tony Dziak (32)  
Teresa Giarelli  
Michael Koppel  
Thomas Lessinger  
Gerald McAuliffe  
Michael Pitt  
Constance Velotta

St. John Cathedral Mass for Christ Child members,  
living and deceased, and for their families.  
Friday, August 24, Noon  
Tuesday, September 25, Noon  
Thursday, October 25, Noon

## **Honor**

Jean Canestraro-Happy Birthday  
Cathy Caruso-congratulations (3)  
Paula Conrad-congratulations (5)  
Mary Herrick  
Carol Janas  
Meg Kearns  
JoAnn Lamb  
Janie Nickodem (2)  
Liz Niehaus  
Sue Simon

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

## **In Our Thoughts**

Rose Dziak-death of husband (Tony)  
Family of Jeanette Barry

Donations for period of fiscal year ending 6/30/18	\$420.00
Previous fiscal year	<u>\$13,115.00</u>
Total for fiscal year 7/1/17-6/30/18	\$13,535.00

*Donations for new fiscal year -\$2,915.00*

## IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It is time to renew your Christ Child Membership, update/confirm your contact information and submit your volunteer hours. The Renewal form and Volunteer Hours Record form are available in the July Chapter and Verse, CCS Cleveland Office and Showcase. Please fill them out and return them to the Christ Child Office as soon as possible. To guarantee that you are listed in the 2018-2019 Roster, your Member Renewal Form and dues must be post marked or hand delivered to the Christ Child Office by Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Only paid members and life members will receive a roster.

Thank you!

## WINTER JACKETS

Come join us for Winter Jackets Packing.

The Center for Pastoral Leadership  
28700 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

October 3rd, 5th, 8th, and 10th from 10:00 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Watch for an email blast with the date and time requesting help when the jacket delivery truck arrives.  
For more information or to volunteer please contact **Carole Moran** or **JoAnn Nally**.



# THE STARLIGHT BALL

Saturday, December 1, 2018  
Hilton Cleveland Downtown

Planning is beginning for our biggest fundraiser, The Starlight Ball. The children we serve through our projects depend on the Ball being a smashing success. Many hands make light work, and we are hoping to add more members to the planning committee. If you aren't able to serve on the committee, there are other ways you can help:

- Donate an item to the Silent Auction, or ask a merchant or service provider to donate to the Silent Auction. When you eat out, ask the restaurant if they would donate a gift card to the Silent Auction. Sports and entertainment tickets, experiences, trips, wine and technology items are always popular. If you have questions about the Silent Auction, contact **Kathleen Printy** or **Kathleen Beharry**
- Consider an Individual or Corporate Sponsorship table or donation. Contact: **Terri Parker** or **Jean Canestraro**
- Place or secure an individual or business advertisement in the Ball program, ad Submission deadline is November 1. Contact: **Karen Kirk**
- Invitations will be mailed the beginning of October; start planning your tables now! Contact: **Jean Canestraro** or **Terri Parker**
- Purchase \$5,000 cash raffle tickets-1/\$25 or 5/\$100! Drawing is the night of the Ball; winner need not be present to win! A special \$100 pre-ball drawing will be held September 19 at the General Business Meeting. For every \$100 worth of raffle tickets purchased, your name will be entered in the drawing. Tickets must be purchased prior to the drawing. Contact: **Diane Anker** or **Marilyn Palisin**

Spend the night! The Hilton Cleveland Downtown is offering a special Starlight Ball room rate of \$129. Deadline for room reservations is November 2. Call 216-413-5000 and use group name: Starlight Ball. Book online at <http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/ohio/hilton-cleveland-downtown-CLEDOHH/index.html> and use reservation code SLB

Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Herrick** or **Jane Nickodem**.

## 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline for membership renewal.....	August 15
Red Wagon Luncheon at Landerhaven .....	September 5
General Business Meeting .....	September 19
National Christ Child Society Convention in Milwaukee .....	September 27-29
The Starlight Ball .....	December 1

### REFLECTING WITH FATHER RALPH

The lazy, hazy crazy days of Summer have been around for a while now a time we all look forward to and hopefully treasure. It is good to take note of the season around us and to treasure the enjoyable parts of each season. Some like it cooler some like it hotter... it makes me realize that I would hate to be God! It seems that whatever the season or the weather somebody is dissatisfied with it! Do you suppose it ever makes God wonder why he ever got into this creation business in the first place? But luckily God is so patient with us... Do you think there is a lesson here? Since we are never in a perfect situation patience is a virtue that not only can make life enjoyable a good amount of patience can even make life a delight.

Fr. Ralph

### SHOWCASE HELP WANTED

Do you enjoy treasure hunts? If you do, please consider joining the Showcase team as a pricer. Pricers sort through donations received and price items that are suitable for sale. Help is needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Training provided.

Contact **Mary Jane Miller** if you are interested in more information.

### TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Join Fr. Ralph on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan (including Petra), October 1-12, 2018. Mass will be offered daily at many wonderful and deeply spiritual sites. Cost is \$3,995 plus airfare. For more information, contact Magi Travel at [www.magitravelinc.com](http://www.magitravelinc.com), trip #1825 with Fr. Ralph Wiatrowski; call Magi Travel at 952-949-0065; or call Fr. Ralph at St. Barnabas Parish 330-467-7959. You won't be disappointed!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### August - October 2018

#### Layette Packing

First Monday, 10:00-12:30  
August 6, Sept. 10, October 1  
Contact: **Jean Canestraro**

#### Euclid -St. John of the Cross Sewing Group \*NEW DATE/TIME

**Fourth Thursday, 9:00-12:00**  
August 22, Sept. 26, October 25  
Contact: **Andrea Dean**

#### Grandmothers' Program Merrick House

*Note: Volunteers must wear socks.*  
Contact: **Stephanie West**

#### Shaker Heights.-St. Dominic Sewing Group

Third Tuesday, 10:00-2:00  
August 21, Sept. 18, October 16  
Contact: **Irene Chalko**

#### Highland Heights Sewing Group

Third Friday, 10:00-2:00  
August 17, Sept. 21, October 19  
Contact: **Patty Welsh**

#### Independence Sewing Group

Second Wed. & Thurs., 10:00-2:00  
*No sewing in August*  
Sept. 12, 13, October 10, 11  
Contact: **Laura Cengic**

#### Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays 9:30-11:00  
August 7, 21; Sept. 4, 18;  
October 2, 16, 30

Contact: **Stephanie West**

#### "My Stuff" Packing

Third Monday, 10:00-12:00  
August 20, Sept. 17, October 15  
Contact: **Kathy Moehring**

#### Parkview HeadStart Reading Program

*Starting in October.*  
First and Third Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00  
Oct. 2, 16; Nov. 6, 20  
Contact: **Marsha Gleine** or **Sharon Skotko**

#### St. Francis Library

Tues. during the school year 9:30-2:00  
Wed. during the school year 9:30-2:30  
Contact: **Anne Mooney**

#### St. Rocco Library

Wed. 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: **Marge Ansel**

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



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### Articles for the newsletter

Please contact **Kate Toma-Johns** if you have any special needs or volunteer requests for the newsletter.  
Articles for the September issue will be due by Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

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