

Christ Child Society of Geauga County



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

Mary Virginia Merrick



Dear Christ Child Members,

The first meeting of the New Year was well attended at the one o'clock hour. Outside it was sunny and beautiful but the temperature was extremely cold. Inside we were warmed by the fellowship we share and energized by getting started on our Spring agenda and the Red Wagon Luncheon plans.

It is all about The Red Wagon Luncheon now that the holidays are over and Spring is just a few months away. Sign up sheets to work and set up will be at all the meetings and the Donation/Ad forms are attached to this newsletter. Last year's donations were amazing! Please follow up with those special vendors again and your favorite restaurants and shops. Karen Blaha and Barb Matejka will collect donations at their houses. Each year we receive wonderful compliments on our auction items and it is all because of YOU !!

The Nominating Committee was selected at this general meeting from the members present. We are ready to select our new slate of officers for the 2014-2016 Christ Child Board from those members interested in serving on the board. The final slate of officers will be presented at the February meeting by the immediate past president, Barb Matejka.

Pat McHenry introduced the idea of having the Mother, Daughter and Dolly Tea again this year. Pat would like to have a "Save -A- Date " card at the luncheon if it is possible to generate enough interest in the membership to increase the attendance and the profit margin. Please check with your family and friends and let Pat know if you like the idea. Our first Tea was a HUGE success!

During the last two months the layette program has made some alterations. The Quilt Sew -In will be on the third Wednesday and the meeting will be a time to assemble the quilt kits to be distributed and sewn at home. Many hands are still need to do the sewing. Linda Toth suggested we increase the size of our layettes by adding more diapers and clothing items. Barb will evaluate that possibility. Please contact Barb Matejka if you would like to help OR you are welcome to come January 19th at 9:30 to St. Helen's Church in the downstairs Teen Hall. Pack a light lunch if you plan to stay for the day.

This is the season our snowbirds fly and will return when Spring is in the air. Our prayers go with you for safe travels near and far and may you return refreshed.

*Thank you for all you do in the name of the Christ Child.
Joyce*

"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24

*January 2014
Newsletter*

OFFICERS 2012-2014

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Layettes:
Barbara Matejka

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Pat McHenry

Bingo:
Eileen Zavarella

Prayer Requests:

Marianne Walsh
Denise Shively
Amanda Rubal Overton
Robert Stojetz
Family of Sheila Run

Birthdays

FEBRUARY

6 Norma Grantham
23 Sharon Ricci

MARCH

4 Jackie Antonacci
19 Barb Galloway
20 Kathleen Frania
26 Phyllis Koach
28 Gloria Selvaggio



" Richness of a soul is how much it cares about others... poverty is how little."

Christ Child Meeting Highlights

January - 2014

The Red Wagon Luncheon is Saturday April 26, 2014. Work sign-up sheets will be at all the following meetings and Donation / Ad forms are available in this newsletter. YOUR efforts make the Luncheon a success !

Drop off your donations at Karen Blaha and Barb Matejka's houses.

The Nomination Committee was formed and will select the slate of officers to present at the February Meeting.

Pat Mc Henry reported the eye screening program is concluded for this year. The ladies screened just shy of 200 children. Good to know those children will have a good start in school. Thank you.

Pat McHenry re-introduced the Mother, Daughter, and Dolly Tea for the Fall of 2014. Please contact her if you are interested in having this event again. We need numbers and an enthusiastic group to make it worthwhile !

The Quilt Sew-In will meet on the THIRD Wednesday of every month at 9:30-3:00 at St. Helen" Church downstairs in the Teen Room. They will be assembling kits for take home sewing. Everyone is welcomed. Easy tasks require cutting, ironing and very little sewing. The Layettes are our Signature Program ...Please help if you can. Thank you.

May our snowbirds have safe travels near and far.

MY BAG SHOPPING LIST

Create it your way

All clothing items will be purchased by Our Chapter. This year's budget provided an increase for that need. Coloring Books, crayons, pencils, school paper, small stuffed animals and travel size toiletries will still be gratefully appreciated.

Thank you



Greetings Ladies,

Its luncheon time again! Every member can and should be a part of its success. **There are many opportunities to participate and everyone's participation is key to the event's success.**

We started collecting items for the luncheon at Tuesday's meeting and the next two and a half months you can bring your items to the meeting or contact Karen Blaha or Barb Matejka to arrange a drop off at their homes. **Please remember to use the gift forms for ALL the items you bring in.** You may list multiple items from one donor on the same form. A form is attached to the newsletter and will be available at the meetings.

Programs ads bring in additional income and require very little expense to produce. **An extra effort on everyone's part to get at least one ad will make a big difference.** Why not consider a family ad? Remember a birthday, First Communion or Anniversary. Wouldn't it be a special treat for someone attending the luncheon to see a congratulatory ad when they open the program? Ad forms are attached to the newsletter and will be at the meeting.

Wish List For the Basement Group – Super large (laundry basket) & Large (bigger than a bread box) baskets. Didn't each of us get something for Christmas that we'll never use...re-gifting is an option here.

What are they looking for? Here's a partial list.

- a. Wine glasses, cocktail napkins, bar items, cheese boards
 - b. Casserole dishes, oven mitts, bowls, measuring cups and spoons, kitchen towels.
 - c. Garden items, décor and work. Gloves, kneeling pads, hand tools,
 - d. Baby items, 6 mos. and older. Receiving blankets, books, baby bath items
 - e. Children's board games, girl's hair and grooming items, trucks and cars. Doll clothes.
 - f. Backyard BBQ items
 - g. Yoga and gym items
 - h. Beach towels, sun lotions, sand toys, hats, visors
 - i. Car care items were, car wash soap, towels, car mugs.
 - j. Small appliances, travel clocks, electric and battery operated tools
 - k. Christmas party and serving pieces. **NO** Christmas decorations again this year.
- AND...the list goes on!

All these pieces will come together in wonderful baskets. Get together with a few friends and donate all the items to make up a theme basket. (NO food items please!)

Everything that happens at the luncheon needs worker-bees. At the February and March meetings there will be a worker sign-up sheet for the Friday Set-Up and the day of the luncheon, but for now, the ladies listed below could use a hand with their jobs. Can you work in any of these areas? Call/email these ladies and offer to help!

Invitations: (Pam Faehnle) Assembling and addressing.

Program Ads: (Judy Stone, Cathy Rubal) Collecting and preparing the ads

Gift Collection: (Barb Matejka, Karen Blaha) Receiving, recording and acknowledging auction items

Basement Group: (Norma Salmon, Joyce Rodriguez) Basket building.

Luncheon Forms for gift solicitations and program ads are included in this newsletter. PLEASE print the pages and GOOD LUCK gathering gifts and ads.

Think Spring!



Questions: Linda Toth (440-286-9322 or wsjtoth@juno.com)



Save the Date!

Christ Child Society of Geauga County

Red Wagon

Luncheon and Auction

Saturday, April 26, 2014

St. Noel Party Center – Willoughby Hills

Invitations mailed in March



All Occasion Cards

The All Occasion Card is a considerate way to send a donation to the Christ Child Society in memory or in honor of friends and relatives. Cards are available from Judy Benda 286-4261 and a form is included in the Newsletter.

Memory Of

Nancy Shanker

From: John and Penny D'Angelo
Tom and Judy Benda
Norm and Barb Galloway
Denis and Cathy Rubal

Donald Sawyer

From: Ed and Pat McHenry

Louise Cocozzo

From: Tom and Judy Benda

Dr. Sheila Run

From: Denis and Cathy Rubal
Eileen Zavarella
Penny D'Angelo
Bob and Linda Toth
Jim and Joyce Vieland
Larry and Karen Blaha

Wanda Holt

From: Tom and Christine Koster

In honor of

Don Holt

From: Tom and Christine Koster

Layette Fund

MEMORY OF

Wanda Holt

From: Don Holt, Kathleen Turk

Anna Dunn

From: Bob and Beth Ryan

Barbara Madea

From: James Madea

Lorraine Wilson

From: Charles and Robin SanFlippo

Margaret Monasky

From: Gary and Theresa Burling

Joan McDonald

From: Tom McDonald

Louise Rein

From: Phil and Mary Ann Fulgenzi

IN HONOR OF

The Intihar Family

From: Dale and Ella Intihar

Connie Babcock-60th Birthday

From: Tom and Judy Benda

Donation

Paul Davis Restoration/Cyndie & Jeff Suszynski
Vincent and Rosie Staffileno

For Your Information.....

BINGO: The second Thursday of every month at 1:00 pm at Pleasant Hills Home with the residents.

If you have the time and can help, extra people are always appreciated! We can also use full-size candy bars, paper products and dimes. If you can't come to Bingo, these items can be given to Eileen at any of our general meetings.

MEAL DELIVERY: Barb Matejka can always use help with meal deliveries. If you're able to deliver please give her a call, 286-9426.

NAME TAGS: If you need a new name tag, contact Marianne Walsh, 440-285-7551.

Layettes 2013-2014

Geauga WIC	12	8-21-13
Middlefield Care Center	14	9-27-13
Catholic Charities	6	10-11-13
Metzenbaum-Help Me Grow	8	10-11-13
Chagrin Community Center	12	10-11-13
Geauga WIC Program	12	10-11-13

Total **64**



At my house it's always time to think about the Red Wagon Luncheon! Our Basket Builders are going to need those big baskets again. Please start gathering baskets that are BIGGER THAN A BREADBOX. Bring them to any upcoming meeting.

Think about basket items for the luncheon as a "re-gifting" solution for the second scarf, third toaster or fourth fleece throw that might come your way this Christmas. Just a note....if you are shopping at Sunrise Farm make sure and mention Christ Child when you check out. We'll receive credit for your purchase when they make up their donation.

And....remember to mark your calendars for April 26th!

Geauga County Chapter Newsletter:

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The National Christ Child Society, Inc.
6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 504
Rockville, MD 20852 — 800-814-2149
E-mail: office@nationalchristchildsoc.org



Christ Child Society of
Geauga County
P.O. Box 1133
Chardon OH 44024

Christ Child Society Geauga County Chapter

Remembrance Request:
(check appropriate line)

_____ Please send a Remembrance Card to:
(check enclosed / \$10.00 suggested donation)

_____ Remembrance Card was sent by me to:
(check enclosed / \$10.00 suggested donation)
Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City /State /Zip _____

Occasion _____

Requested by:

Name _____

Phone _____

Return this form to:

Judy Benda
12220 Fowlers Mill Rd.
Chardon, Ohio 44024

Mark Your Calendars

February

Thursday, February 13, 2014 - Bingo
1:00 - 2:30 pm - Pleasant Hills Home
Wednesday, February 19, 2014 - Sew-in
9:30-3:00 - St. Helen's Teen Rm.
Tuesday, January 28, 2014 - Meeting
1:00 pm - Notre Dame Auditorium

MARCH

Thursday, 13, 2014 - Bingo
1:00 - 2:30 - Pleasant Hills Home
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 - Sew-In
9:30 - 3:00 - St. Helen's Teen Rm
Tuesday, March 25, 2014 - Meeting
1:00 pm - Notre Dame Auditorium

**Christ Child Society of Geauga County
Calendar of Events
2013-2014**

Date	Event	Time	Where
Dec. 1, 2013	Christmas Party	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Banquet Hall
Dec. 11, 2013	Quilt Sew In	9:30 - 3:00 p.m..	St. Helen's Teen Room
Dec. 12, 2013	Bingo	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Pleasant Hills Home

No December Meeting

Jan. 8, 2014	Quilt Sew In	9:30 -3:00 p.m.	St. Helen's Teen Room
Jan. 9, 2014	Bingo	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Pleasant Hills Home
Jan.28, 2014	Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Notre Dame Auditorium
Feb.12, 2014	Quilt Sew In	9:30 -3:00 p.m.	St. Helen's Teen Room
Feb.13, 2014	Bingo	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Pleasant Hills Home
Feb.25, 2014	Meeting	1:00 p.m..	Notre Dame Auditorium

Mar.12, 2014	Quilt Sew In	9:30 - 3:00 p.m.	St. Helen's Teen Room
Mar.13, 2014	Bingo	1:00 - 2:30	Pleasant Hills Home
Mar.25, 2014	Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Notre Dame Chapel (Lenten Ref.)

April 9, 2014	Quilt Sew In	9:30 - 3:00 p.m.	St. Helen's Teen Room
April 10, 2014	Bingo	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Pleasant Hills Home
April 22, 2014	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Notre Dame Auditorium
April 26, 2014	Luncheon	10:00 a.m.	St. Noel's Hall

May 7, 2014	Quilt Sew In	9:30 -3:00 p.m.	St. Helen's Teen Room
May 8, 2014	Bingo	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Pleasant Hills Home
May 27, 2014	Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Notre Dame Chapel- Investiture

June 11, 2014	Quilt Sew In	9:30 -3:00 p.m.	St. Helen's Teen Room
June 12, 2014	Bingo	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Pleasant Hills Home

No June Meeting



Layette Donations continued.....

In Memory of Sheila Run

From: Barb and Mike Matejka, Tom and Judy Benda, Norma Salmon, Vickie Fink
Tom and Mary Madigan, Joe and Joyce Rodriguez, Dr. and Mrs. Ben Liu,
Will and Lois Payne, Charles and JoAnne Phares, Sawson Alhaddad
Fei-Tung Leu and Shiu-Jen eu, August Babuder, BDHP Architecture
Dr. and Mrs. Glenn DeBoer

NAME _____

PHONE _____

HOURS _____

(Do Not itemize just an estimate for the past 12 month period.)

MAIL TO CHRIST- CHILD, P.O. BOX 1133, CHARDON, OHIO, 44024

GUIDELINES

1. Include ALL TRAVEL TIME from portal to portal (home to back home). If you stop for lunch please do not include pleasure time. Example - Tutor school time 1.5 hours. Travel time ½ hour to get there, ½ hour to return home, pleasure time 1 hour lunch. Service hours 2.5 hours a week x 4 weeks a month = 10 hours a month.
2. General Phone calls a month.
3. Estimate computer time a month.
4. Writing cards and invitations, etc.
5. MONTHLY MEETINGS and Extra meetings for Provisional, Board, and Planning sessions for programs and events.
6. Shopping time for supplies and programs for My Bag, Winter coats, Request Review, school supplies and program supplies.
7. Eye Screening - Sew In - Bingo – Layette Sessions – Meals on Wheels
8. Home sewing and etc...etc...etc....
9. RED WAGON LUNCHEON Donations-baskets-setup to clean –up !!!
10. YOU ALL CONTRIBUTE YOUR GIFT OF TIME – PLEASE MAKE IT COUNT TO NATIONAL..... THANK YOU



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P.O. Box 1133 – Chardon, OH 44024

RED WAGON LUNCHEON RECORD OF DONATION

TO BE RETURNED WITH THE DONATION:

Mail or Return to:

Barbara Matejka
10502 Wilson Mills Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
440-286-9426
BMATE2773@aol.com

or

Karen Blaha
9750 Fox Meadow Lane
Chardon, OH 44024
440-286-1617
kablaha@roadrunner.com

DONOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ITEM TYPE: _____ Gift _____ Gift Certificate _____ Cash VALUE _____

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM: _____

Signature of Donor: _____ Date: _____

Solicitor: _____

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FOR DONOR'S RECORDS: Solicitor: _____

Received by the Christ Child Society, Geauga County Chapter from:

Donor's Name _____ Date: _____

Business Name _____

Item: _____ Value: _____



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The Geauga County Chapter of the National Christ Child Society

24th Anniversary

Red Wagon Luncheon

Saturday, April 26, 2014 - St. Noel Party Center

Luncheon Program Ads

Program book size – 5.5 in. by 8.5 in. / Black & White

Full page - \$100.00 / Half Page - \$50.00

Quarter Page - \$25.00

Please attach a business card, preferred ad and complete the rest of the form.

Please Print Clearly – Return to Cathy Rubal, 10355 Mulberry Rd. Chardon, OH 44024

Contact Name _____ Contact Phone (____) _____

Ad Size: Full Page ____ Half Page ____ Quarter Page ____ Amount Enclosed _____

Business Name _____

Complete this lower portion if you would like us to create an ad for you:

Name(s) to be included in Ad _____

Address to be used in Ad _____ City _____

Phone number(s) to be used in Ad (____) _____ (____) _____

Additional Text to be included in Ad _____

Special requests for the Ad: _____

If enclosing a business card, DO NOT staple the card to this form.

Please return this form along with your payment in the envelope provided by **April 10, 2014**
to guarantee publication in the program. Questions? Judy Stone: 440-632-5116.

Thank you for your support!