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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Our Chapter's most important time of the year is upon us, our annual Starlight Ball. Fifty percent of our annual budget is hopefully raised from this event. Serving nearly 7,000 children every year takes many, many resources. Alan Silverman, who is being honored as our Person of the Year, has been an important resource of ours for over 30 years. He has always extended to our projects the best prices possible knowing our mission and the children we serve, and has gone out of his way to ensure we get the supplies we use and need. He certainly is very deserving of this recognition - a truly selfless person.

Please consider helping us reach our goal for the Ball of raising \$125,000 or more. You can attend the Ball, bring friends and family. Support our Starlight Ball team by purchasing raffle tickets for the \$5,000 cash raffle and our beautiful Jewelry Raffle, or donate to our Silent Auction.

It is a beautiful evening to enjoy and kick off the beginning of the Holiday Season while supporting our mission as you have so generously done in the past.

Thank you to all of our members!

Cathy Caruso
President

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Over 100 members from 37 Christ Child Society chapters across the nation participated in our 2018 National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from September 27-29. The Convention was held at the Pfister Hotel, an iconic landmark located in downtown Milwaukee near Lake Michigan. The weekend itinerary offered seminars, workshops and the opportunity to exchange ideas with members from around the country. These included seminars on cultivating persistence, taking early learning programs to the next level, growing and maintaining membership as well as clever fundraising ideas. **Janie Nickodem**, Immediate Past President and **Mary Herrick**, President Elect, represented our Chapter. The weekend concluded with Mass at the Cathedral, the installation of the new National officers, and dinner at the beautiful Wisconsin Club.



Congratulations to Cleveland's **Marybeth Baucio** for completing her successful term as the National Christ Child Society President and best wishes to Carol Pickle as she picks up the gavel!

To view presentations and takeaways from the educational seminars, workshops, and keynote session go to the National Christ Child Society website. <https://www.nationalchristchild.org>



THE STARLIGHT BALL

Saturday, December 1, 2018
Hilton Cleveland Downtown

HELP US HELP THEM!! The children we serve through our projects depend on the Ball being a smashing success.

- Invitations were mailed and it isn't too late to plan to attend. Gather some friends, get dressed up and enjoy an evening celebrating at our 67th Starlight Ball!! Deadline for reservations is November 10th. Contact: **Jean Canestraro** or **Terri Parker**
- If you are interested in donating to the Silent Auction, there is still time. We appreciate your generosity. Contact: **Kathleen Printy** or **Kathleen Beharry**, ASAP.
- Consider an Individual or Corporate Sponsorship table or donation. Contact: **Terri Parker** or **Jean Canestraro**
- The Starlight Ball is just around the corner. If every member of our organization contacted just ONE company that they deal with, we could very successfully fill our program booklet, bringing in lots of cash to support the kids! Please ask your employer, stylist, manicurist, plumber, electrician, lender, HVAC company – or your spouse – to place an ad. Help make this event a huge success! Thank you!! Contact: **Karen Kirk**
- Purchase \$5000 cash raffle tickets - 1/\$25 or 5/\$100! Drawing is the night of the Ball; winner need not be present to win! 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.

Online Starlight Ball Reservations, Sponsorships, and Donations are available on our website at christchildscleveland.org. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Herrick** or **Jane Nickodem**.

Jewelry Raffle

Diamond Necklace donated by Marlen Jewelers
Retail value \$9500

This beautiful necklace has 1 white cushion-cut diamond (0.66ct.) surrounded by 1
6 yellow diamonds (0.21ct.). The diamond hangs on 3 chains (2 yellow gold and 1 platinum).
This would be a beautiful, versatile piece that would complement any outfit!
Raffle chances are \$100 each or 3 for \$200. *Winner need not be present to win.*



To purchase please submit the following form and send to:
Christ Child Society of Cleveland
7901 Detroit Ave., Suite 300
Cleveland, OH 44012
Attn: Jewelry Raffle

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Number of chances (\$100 each or 3 for \$200) _____ • Amount enclosed _____

Credit Card# _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it appears on CC _____

Signature _____ Zip code _____

Win 2 tickets to our Starlight Ball!!!

A maximum of 200 chances will be sold to win 2 tickets to The Starlight Ball to be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown. Drawings will be held each time 40 chances are sold, and the winner will receive 2 tickets to attend the Ball (a \$500 value!!). The latest drawing will be held on Saturday, October 27 at the Day of Service. Winner need not be present.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Number of chances (\$25 per chance) _____ • Amount enclosed _____
(Checks made out to Christ Child Society of Cleveland)
OR

Credit Card# _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it appears on CC _____

Signature _____ Zip code _____



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For over 100 years, the Christ Child Society of Cleveland has worked to provide children with warmth, security and safety. All children need to know their lives have meaning and purpose and that there is hope for their future. Through your support you can help us share love and bring hope to the children in our communities that are most in need of our support.

Our 67th annual charity event is The Starlight Ball which will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018, at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown. We are writing to request that you consider making a donation to a very popular portion of the Ball: The Silent Auction. We will note your contribution on the sign next to the auction item as well as in our program.

Our members' commitment to the well-being of children started with providing needy infants with a layette bundle containing clothing and other necessities for a newborn baby. More than 100 years later, we still provide layettes, distributing over 1600 last year. We also provide "My Stuff" bags for children in shelters, as well as new school uniforms, winter coats, beds, and portable cribs for children in need. Recognizing that literacy is a pathway out of poverty, we staff and fund two elementary school libraries and two preschool literacy enrichment programs. Last year, we served over 6800 children, striving to give those children hope for the future.

If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact us. Our office phone number is: 216-939-3859. Our email is: christchildcleveland@yahoo.com We, at the Christ Child Society of Cleveland, deeply appreciate your support and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Gratefully,
Kathleen Printy and Kathleen Beharry
Silent Auction Chairmen

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SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

Christ Child Society of Cleveland
7901 Detroit Ave., Suite 300
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Donor's name/business (as it should appear in the program)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contact Name/phone number/email if different from above: _____

Donated item(s), description and value:

Please list any specific restrictions/expiration dates/contact information/comments, etc. pertaining to the auction item(s)

Christ Child Society member acquiring donation: _____

Thank you for supporting the Christ Child Society of Cleveland's Starlight Ball!

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

Remembrance/Endowment Report

September 4 - October 15, 2018

Memory

Robert Golum (2)
Mary Eitlen
Ruth Ann Sullivan
Jennie Smole
Anthony Tuccillo

In Our Thoughts

Ellie Yaeger-speedy recovery
Mary Tracy-death of husband (Thomas)
Cathy Gentile-death of husband (Thomas)
Jo Dodge-death of sister (Mary Lucci)

SPECIAL CHRIST CHILD CHRISTMAS CARDS

Consider a thoughtful gift for that person who is so hard to buy for. \$10 Per card minimum. Mail to you or have sent from the office to recipient(s).

St. John Cathedral Mass for Christ Child members, living and deceased, and for their families.

Thursday, October 25, Noon
Monday, November 26, Noon
Wednesday, December 26, Noon

Online Remembrance Giving available on our website at christchildsocietycleveland.org

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

Donations this report period	\$220.00
Previous fiscal year to date	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Total for fiscal year	\$1,420.00

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES November - January 2018

Layette Packing

First Monday, 10:00-12:30
November 5, December 3, January 7
Contact: **Jean Boldt**

Euclid -St. John of the Cross Sewing Group

Fourth Thursday, 9:00-12:00

**No sewing in December*
November 15 (3rd Thursday, due to Thanksgiving), January 24
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
November 20, December 18, January 15
Contact: **Irene Chalko**

Highland Heights Sewing Group

There will be no sewing during the winter months. We will resume in May. Contact: **Patty Welsh**

Independence Sewing Group

Second Wed. & Thurs., 10:00-2:00
**No sewing in January*
November 7, 8; December 12, 13
Contact: **Laura Cengic**

Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays 9:30-11:00
November 6, 20; December 4, 18;
January 15, 29
Contact: **Stephanie West**

"My Stuff" Packing

Third Monday, 10:00-12:00
November 19, December 17, January 21
Contact: **Kathy Moehring**

Parkview HeadStart Reading Program

First and Third Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00
December 4, 18; January 15,
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

Mon. during the school year 9:00-12:00
Contact: **Paula Conrad**

Showcase

Shifts available on Tuesday-Saturday:
11:00-2:00 / 11:00-4:00 / 12:00-4:00
Contact: **Marge Ansel**

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

RED WAGON LUNCHEON 2018

You could practically feel the anticipation and excitement as you entered Landerhaven for the 2018 Red Wagon Luncheon. Vendor boutiques showcased unique and designer quality jewelry, handbags and fashion, while our own fashion jewelry remakes offered wonderfully updated fashion jewelry at bargain prices. The Country Kitchen tempted with homemade bakery and other sweets, and the array of gift baskets made the opportunity to win a stunning gift basket all the more exciting. The cash raffle was a huge success. Everyone was excited to see their friends and Christ Child "sisters" and the conversation was lively!

Cathy Caruso opened with an introduction of past Presidents and the current Provisional class members. Speaking briefly to our mission, Cathy discussed the cycle of poverty and the effects on children. Illiteracy specifically has reached three generations, meaning a child born today in poverty has a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who cannot read. Addressing multiple barriers of poverty simultaneously most effectively helps in the gradual process of lifting next generations out of poverty.

Carol Janas, our Red Wagon Luncheon Chair, recognized committee chairs. Spiritual Advisor, Father Ralph, offered the blessing. Our short Christ Child Society video played, followed by guest speakers Jeanette Mazzola, LISW-S, Family Services Manager, West Side Catholic Center, Moriah House Shelter, and Patricia Varanese, LSW, Director of Intensive Case Management, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Both offered stories about families who have been touched by the efforts and good work of The Christ Child Society – truly inspirational.

Finally, Chico's dressed our own beautiful member models, **Katie Camaglia, Laurey Gillen, Pat Givens, Cathy Houk, Peggy Krinsky, Joanne Krysh, Janie Nickodem, Terri Parker, Kathleen Printy, Annie Turner**, and special guest model Robin Swoboda, in runway fashions for all!

The Red Wagon Luncheon is one of our most important events of the year. It helps provide funding for our many outreach programs that assist children at risk in our community as well as providing a rich social experience to everyone who attends.

Thank you for your generosity in time, talent and resources for making this event a successful one. It continues to articulate the mission of our founder, Mary Virginia Merrick, that "Nothing is ever too much to do for a child."

Denise Shafer





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Reflecting with Father Ralph

I just returned from a wonderful trip to the Holy Land, during which a visit to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem gave me the opportunity to remember the Cleveland Christ Child Society and all its members as well as the National Christ Child Society and all those affiliated in a special way. As we come to the time of year when the Christ Child is honored it is good to know that we all have a wonderful connection with Jesus, our Lord and Savior who was born to save us. The works of the Christ Child Society in which all of us are privileged to share should remind us of the special relationship we have with Jesus who makes use of our hands and feet and talents and abilities to make His presence very real and tangible in our world today.. May the blessings of the Christ Child be poured out very lavishly on those who honor Him by their work in the Society dedicated to Him.

Christmas blessings!
Fr. Ralph

Articles for the newsletter

Please contact **Kate Toma** if you have any special needs or volunteer requests for the newsletter.
Articles for the January/February issue will be due by Monday, December 10th.

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