



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY[®]

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CHAPTER AND VERSE

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe that a new term is upon us. I am thankful for you, our hardworking and caring member volunteers, I am honored and humbled to be serving as your new president, I am awed at the work of the presidents who have served before me, and I am grateful to the women who have agreed to serve in leadership roles for this new term.

The following are those who will be in the leadership roles:

Mary Herrick-President-Elect; **Liz Niehaus**-Service Vice President;
Carol Janas-Organization Vice President; **Meg Kearns**-Financial Secretary;
Jo Ann Lamb-Corresponding Secretary; **Sue Simon**-Recording Secretary;
Janie Nickodem-Immediate Past President; **Terri Parker**-Parliamentarian;
Meg Kearns-Development and Grants; **Mary Jane Miller**-Showcase;
Katie Camaglia-Public Relations/Communications; **Jean Canestraro**-Layettes;
Paula Conrad-St. Rocco's Library; **Anne Mooney**-St Francis Library;
Kathy Moehring-“My Stuff”; **Stephanie West**-Merrick House;
Marsha Gleine-Parkview Elementary Head Start; **Kate Toma**-Newsletter;
Robbie Wolan-Membership; **Jane Donovan**-Provisionals.

Thank you also to, **Julie Jerdnek** for chairing Cribettes, **Arlene McNamara** for chairing Beds, **Jo Anne Nally** for chairing Coats, **Sharon Seaton** for chairing Uniforms with **Ann Ertle** for chairing out Religious Activities, **Carol Janas** for chairing the 2018 Red Wagon Luncheon and **Janie Nickodem** and **Mary Herrick** for chairing the 2018 Starlight Ball.

In addition a sincere shout of appreciation goes to our Office Manager, **Wendy Lynch** and our Showcase Manager, **Sue Girgis**, two very important assets that continue to make our organization successful.

This energetic leadership team needs your always generous support, as you, our volunteers, I pray, continue with great energy and enthusiasm to work to serve more and more children. Those children and their families will know that someone else cares about them, the Christ Child Society of Cleveland.

Cathy Caruso

REFLECTING WITH FATHER RALPH

There are many delightful feasts of the saints that occur throughout the year. One of particular interest to the Christ Child Society occurs on 26 July: the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. So much of what the Christ Child Society does helps to complement and support the role of parents in a child's life just as many grandparents do in family life. Whatever the situation may be, the Saints are there to be our helpers and it is good to have heavenly helpers like Joachim and Anne to call on for encouragement, guidance and perseverance in doing the good works of the Christ Child Society.

Fr. Ralph

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

2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

Day of Recollection at St. Barnabas	July 25
Deadline for membership renewal.....	August 15
Red Wagon Luncheon at Landerhaven	September 5
National Christ Child Society Convention in Milwaukee	September 27-29
The Starlight Ball	December 1

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, 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!

2018 STARLIGHT BALL

Call for Committee Members

Which of you, our members, is interested in working on, contributing your talents and past experiences, or hearing more about the Christ Child Society of Cleveland's LARGEST fundraiser of the year?

We look forward to hearing from you! Please contact **Janie Nickodem** or **Mary Herrick**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

July - September 2018

Layette Packing

First Monday, 10:00-12:30
July 2, August 6, Sept. 10
Contact: **Jean Canestraro**

Euclid -St. John of the Cross Sewing Group

Fourth Wednesday, 12:30-3:30
July 25, August 22, Sept. 26
Contact: **Andrea Dean**

Grandmothers' Program Merrick House

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

Heights-St. Dominic Sewing Group

Third Tuesdays, 10:00-2:00
July 17, August 21, Sept. 18
Contact: **Irene Chalko**

Highland Heights Sewing Group

Third Friday, 10:00-2:00
July 20, August 17, Sept. 21
Contact: **Patty Welsh**

Independence Sewing Group

Second Wed. & Thurs., 10:00-2:00
July 11, 12; August 8, 9; Sept. 12, 13
Contact: **Laura Cengic**

Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays 9:30-11:00
July 3, 17, 21; August 7, 21; Sept. 4, 18
Contact: **Stephanie West**

"My Stuff" Packing

Third Monday, 10:00-12:00
July 16, August 20, Sept. 17
Contact: **Kathy Moehring**

Parkview HeadStart Reading Program

Volunteer opportunities for the period of October 2018 thru May 2019 will be published in a future Newsletter.
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.

Remembrance/Endowment Report

April 20 - June 10, 2018

Memory

Geraldine Dailey (2)
Andrea Dorogi
Bob Knieck
Dennis Maetzolo
Rita Staschak
Bernice Wilson

Honor

Joan Bryan - Mother's Day
Jean and Don Canestraro-anniversary
Barb and Bill Favos-60th anniversary
Joann Presiko
Pat Velotta-Mother's Day

In Our Thoughts

Lynne Della Donna-get well
Autumn
Jeff Close
Mark Mackert
Bob McAuliffe

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

Wednesday, July 25, Noon

Friday, August 24, Noon

Tuesday, September 25, Noon

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	\$1,205.00
Previous fiscal year to date	<u>\$11,910.00</u>
Total for fiscal year	\$13,115.00

It's Membership Renewal Time!

It is time to renew your Christ Child membership, update/confirm your contact information and submit your volunteer hours. In this newsletter you will find the Annual Membership Renewal Form and Volunteer Hours Record Form. Please fill them out and return them to the Christ Child Office along with your payment as soon as possible. To guarantee that you are listed in the 2018-2019 Roster, your Membership Renewal Form and dues must be post marked or hand delivered to the Christ Child office by August 15, 2018. Also, only paid members and life members will receive a roster.

Thank you!

Bridge-A-Rama

It is time to sign up for the 2018-2019 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. Any questions, please contact **Barb Pugel**.

Bridge-a-rama Results 2017

High points:

Elvera Gruttadauria and Natalie Tricarichi

Award points:

Eileen Rini and Carol Price



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 **Paula Conrad**.



In her 19 years of membership, Paula has served as Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Public Relations Chairman. She has chaired The Starlight Ball and the Red Wagon Luncheon. She was instrumental on the Strategic Planning Committee and the 100th Anniversary celebration committee. Paula has represented the Christ Child Cleveland Chapter at National Christ Child meetings and conventions. She has served on the National Board as the Recording Secretary, and is currently serving on the National By-laws committee. Most people from the Cleveland Chapter know her because of the many years she has devoted to St. Rocco's library. Paula has dedicated her time and talents to the organization's mission while also fulfilling her role as a dedicated wife and mother.





2018 Provisional Class at St. Francis Library

The incoming Provisional Class is listening to a presentation at St Francis Library by **Anne Mooney** and **Lynn McMahon** who are assuming leadership duties at St Francis. The Provisional Class enjoyed a day on Lolly the Trolley and also visited St Rocco's School and Library, Merrick House and Showcase on Monday, May 7th. We ended the day with lunch at our office and presentations about our Reading Enrichment Programs, Layettes, My Stuff Bags and Children's Closet.



RED WAGON INFORMATION

Red Wagon Luncheon

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Show 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:

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 **Paula Conrad** 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.

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

- 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, if you want a change from the 2017 invitation</i>	
Circle Preferred Title: Mrs. Ms. Miss Dr.	Maiden Name:
Address:	
City:	State: ZIP Code:
Home Phone:	Cell Phone: Parish:
Preferred contact number: Home Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone <input type="checkbox"/> (checked number will be listed in the roster)	
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/FEEES (JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019)

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

>>>> **Dues must be paid by AUGUST 15, 2018 to have your name included in the Chapter Roster** <<<<

\$ _____	ACTIVE – (\$75.00) You plan to volunteer 50 hours in Christ Child sanctioned projects by June 30, 2019.
\$ _____	2017-2018 ACTIVE "Difference" Fee – (\$25.00) You <u>did not meet the 50 hour volunteer requirement</u> for your 2017-2018 active membership. You are required to pay the \$25.00 difference between the past year's active and sustaining dues.
\$ _____	SUSTAINING – (\$100.00) 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 – (\$75.00) 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 – (\$135.00) 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 – Mary Cay McConnell

**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: Red Wagon Luncheon The Starlight Ball Legacy Luncheon Spring Luncheon/Annual Bus. Mtg.	_____	Children's Closet Beds Portable Cribs School Uniforms Winter Jackets	_____
Board Meetings	_____		_____		_____
Meeting Attendance (2 hours each – no drive time)	_____		_____		_____
Fall Luncheon (Red Wagon)	_____		_____		_____
September Bus. Mtg.	_____	Showcase Store Work Showcase Pick-up Donation Drop-off <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>	_____	Head Start Early Literacy Program Layettes (packing and sewing) Merrick House Grandmother Care Program Merrick House Literacy Program "My Stuff" Bags St. Francis School Library St. Rocco School Library OTHER: _____ _____ _____	_____
February Bus. Mtg.	_____		_____		_____
Installation/Legacy Luncheon	_____		_____		_____
Spring Luncheon/Annual Bus. Mtg.	_____		_____		_____
Day of Recollection	_____		_____		_____
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, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018) _____

It is imperative that your Volunteer Hours Record Form and dues payment be returned by AUG. 15, 2018 to be a member in good standing and listed in the roster. Thank You!
 Call Mary Gay McConnell 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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Articles for the newsletter

Please contact **Kate Toma** if you have any special needs or volunteer requests for the newsletter.
Articles for the August issue will be due by Monday, July 23rd.

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