MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

As a Board Member it is so very rewarding in not only being in charge of a project but also hearing and learning the details and the intricacies of all of our other projects. For me, that lights a path to a relationship with not only the person in charge of the other projects but a knowledge of how we served 8,300 children last year. We welcome anyone and everyone who wants to learn more and would like to join our Board, please consider becoming a leader of one of our projects.

At the beginning of each Board of Directors meeting, a member volunteers to present a ‘Reflection’. It can be anything that touches your heart and is meaningful in some way that you think your fellow Directors would enjoy hearing.

I thought this was appropriate for all of you, our volunteer members. ☺

The following was recently presented by Kathy Cole our Co-Chair for Showcase.

**Encouragement for Volunteers**

Volunteers are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts.
They offer the gift of their time to teach, to listen, to help, to inspire, to build, to grow, to learn.
They expect no pay yet the value of their work knows no limit.
They have known the unexpected joy of a simple hug.
They have planted tiny seeds of love in countless lives.

Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand and together make a difference that lasts a lifetime.

If you want to touch the past, touch a rock.
If you want to touch the present, touch a flower.
If you want to touch the future, touch a life.

Author unknown

And a final thought....

Don’t ever question the value of volunteers. Remember Noah’s ark was built by volunteers and the Titanic was built by professionals. - Dave Gynn

All of you are special Volunteers!!!
Cathy Caruso

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REFLECTION WITH FATHER RALPH

It seems that we long for the days of Summer and when they finally come, they go by so very quickly! So don’t let the Summer go to waste. Try to treasure each day. A good way to help that to happen is to start our each day with a brief prayer of thanks to God for another summer day - yes, even if it rains or gets unbearably hot - each day is another day of life to treasure for whatever it brings. And even on a difficult day it is good to search through the happenings of that day for the good, the joyful and the uplifting events that are certainly there and sometimes need to be uncovered when the more difficult things may cloud them over.

Have a Summer filled with blessings,
Fr. Ralph
**Volunteer Opportunities**

**July - September 2019**

- **Layette Packing**
  First Monday, 10:00-12:30
  August 5, September 9
  Contact: Jean Boldt

- **Euclid – St. John of the Cross Sewing Group**
  Fourth Thursday, 9:00-12:00
  July 25, August 22, September 26
  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
  Begins September 17
  Contact: Irene Chalko

- **Highland Heights Sewing Group**
  No dates until further notice.
  Contact: Patty Welsh

- **Independence Sewing Group**
  Second Wed. & Thurs., 10:00-2:00
  Begins September 11 & 12
  Contact: Laura Cengic

- **Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment**
  First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays 9:30-11:00
  July 16, 30; August 6, 20; September 3, 17
  Contact: Stephanie West

- **“My Stuff” Packing**
  Third Monday, 10:00-12:00
  August 19, September 16
  Contact: Kathy Moehring

- **Parkview HeadStart Reading Program**
  First and Third Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00
  No reading for June-August
  Contact: Marsha Gleine or Sharon Skotko

- **St. Francis Library**
  During the school year Tue: 9:30-2:00 / Wed: 9:30-2:30
  Contact: Anne Mooney

- **St. Rocco Library**
  During the school year Mon: 9:00-12:00
  Begins Monday, September 30, 2019
  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.**
Planning is beginning for our biggest fundraiser, now called The Starlight Soirée. The children we serve through our projects depend on the event 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, please see our wish list on the next page. If you have questions about the Silent Auction, contact Janie Nickodem.
- Consider an Individual or Corporate Sponsorship table or donation. Levels can be found on page 5 Contact: Terri Parker or Jean Canestraro
- Place or secure an individual or business advertisement in the Ball program, ad submission deadline is October 1. Contact: Karen Kirk
- Invitations will be mailed the beginning of September; 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! Contact: Diane Anker or Marilyn Palisin
- Donate $25.00 gift cards to the shopping and dining extravaganza. Contact: Mary Herrick or Denise Shafer

If you would like to be a volunteer on the committee please contact Cathy Casuro or Kate Toma.
The date of our major fundraiser has been moved to November 2. The Silent Auction is an important part of the evening and we hope to make it a success with your help. If you would like to make a donation, procure a donation or give us a lead on a donation, here are some ideas:

- Tickets - Orchestra (especially to the Holiday Concerts), Disney on Ice, Cavs, Indians, Browns, Holiday concerts, children shows, etc.
- Child size ride-on John Deere tractor
- Beach cart with balloon tires
- Chef's Table at restaurant
- Catering
- Cleveland hotel stays
- Staycation experiences in Ohio: Sawmill Creek, Kalahari, Hocking Hills, Gervasi Vineyards, Lodge at Geneva on the Lake, etc
- Lake Erie Fishing Charter
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If you can help in any way, contact Janie Nickodem, or fill out the form below and return to the office. Thank you in advance for your help in making our Soiree a success!

**SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM**

**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.

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Christ Child Society member acquiring donation: ____________________________
If you have any individual or organization you would like us to mail the corporate brochure to please contact Terri Parker or Jean Canestraro.

**Sponsorship OPPORTUNITIES**

Sponsorship deadline: October 1, 2019

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**SHOPPING AND RESTAURANT RAFFLE!**

Help support the Starlight Soiree!

One of this year’s hottest raffle items will be a dream come true a SHOPPING and DINING EXTRAVAGANZA valued at $1,000.00!

**PLEASE!** We need your help! Participate in the joy by donating gift cards in increments of $25.00 from your favorite store or restaurant. Your generous gift card donation will help us reach our goal! It’s a wonderful and affordable way to support our signature event to help more children in the Cleveland area.

Gift cards can be dropped off at the Christ Child office or go to the Christ Child of Cleveland website and follow the directions below:

- Log on to: christchildsocietycleveland.org. Click the Donate button on the menu bar, then General Donations
- Insert the amount you would like to donate. In the Additional Information section, write “Gift Cards”
- We will confirm your donation.

You can also deliver the cards to Mary Herrick or Denise Shafer at one of our Christ Child events. Thank you in advance for your support!
The Annual Red Wagon Luncheon proves year after year to be a winning combination of exciting, extraordinary experiences to benefit the individual luncheon attendees, the Christ Child Society organization, the local business community and the children in need of Northeastern Ohio.

Individual attendees enjoy a fabulous pre-luncheon array of talented vendors who offer an array of merchandise to please every shopper. This year featured fashion from several creative boutiques – the perfect opportunity to find that “unique” treasure for one’s closet. The jewelry designs sparkled with originality and value, especially from our own CCS Jewelry. There were bags, shopping and handbags of all sorts, home décor and treats of all kinds to be a feast for the eyes and taste buds. Our Country Kitchen Pantry this year offered a selection of wonderful “Nothing Bundt Cakes” as well as a treasure of homemade, beautifully packaged goodies for every sweet tooth. There were spectacular raffle baskets available and the 50/50 raffle was, as always, a huge success. The winner of the raffle donated half of the proceeds back to the Christ Child Society and the other half to another deserving non-profit that works for the benefit of children whose families are in crisis.

Guest Speaker for 2019 was Past Christ Child Society President Susan Ferraro Smith. She shared the most recent project, the Appreciative Inquiry process, which brought together our partner agencies to explore the value and relevance of each of our projects to the children our agency partners serve. Virtually all of our inquiries indicate that each project brings enough value with very little “overlap” in fulfilling the needs of area children in poverty. There were also suggestions of additional services that would be of value, so the Inquiry continues and results will be shared with the membership once completed.

Carol Janas, our Red Wagon Luncheon Chair, recognized committee chairs. Spiritual Advisor, Father Ralph, offered the blessing. As lunch was served, Chico’s again provided a fabulous fashion show featuring our models Irene Bellomo, Kathy Bush, Katie Camaglia, Mary Feikle, Cathy Houk, Peggy Krinsky, Joanne Krysh, Anne Mooney and Kathleen Printy. Thank you, Chico’s and models for a wonderful (and entertaining!) show.

Once again, The Christ Child Society Annual Red Wagon Luncheon delivered on a day of fun, fellowship, information, faith and service. 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
MARY VIRGINIA MERRICK AWARD 2019

Mary Virginia Merrick as a young girl was stricken with paralysis due to a fall and was denied the ability to walk the rest of her life. She revealed that she prayed to our Lord and often pondered that she would be useless in His vineyard. We now know over 125 years later, she was one of the most convincing, strongest woman of her time. She made a resolution to do something every day for the Christ Child. We as members of the Christ Child Society are blessed with her legacy. In commemoration of her kindness, selfless virtue, and loving acts, the Mary Virginia Merrick Award is bestowed upon a worthy member. This year on June 26th, we honored Jean Boldt with this prestigious award. Jean has been an official member of the Cleveland Chapter for 40 years. Amazingly, fifteen years prior to actually joining, she volunteered her time and sewing skills. Jean loves the Christ Child and all children. This is shown by the several thousand hours logged in our Infant Layette program. Untirelessly, Jean coordinates agency representatives to be stocked with sweet pink and blue layette bundles. Inside the bundle, beautiful baby clothes delight new moms and assure them that their newborn is well cared for. Jean devoted 55 years with the Christ Child Society always helping where help was needed sporting her beautiful smile. She has given of herself behind the scenes without any recognition until this year. She serves God by “swaddling” the little babies she would never meet.

WINTER COAT PROGRAM 2019

Winter coats has a new site for distribution. We will be distributing from a warehouse on Van Epps Blvd. in Brooklyn Heights. We will be receiving the delivery in mid to late September. We will begin distributing the coats after October 8. If you are willing to help with delivery or distribution, we will be sending out emails in September and October. Please watch for them.

Jo Ann Nally

BRIDGE-A-RAMA

Now is the time to sign up for the 2019-2020 Bridge-A-Rama season. If you enjoy a friendly game of bridge and wish to join our group or have questions, please contact Barb Pugel. We are always looking for new members and Christ Child Society membership is not required. Registration fee of $25.00 is required by August 23.

Bridge-A-Rama results for 2018-2019

High Points: Elvera Gruttadvria & Natalie Tricarchi
Award Points Barbara Pugel & Connie Crihfield
# CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND
## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

### MEMBER INFORMATION

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I am willing to serve as the Membership Representative for the Mary Virginia Merrick Award committee.  

### MEMBERSHIP DUES/REQUIREMENTS/FEES  (JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020)

>>> > > > Dues must be paid by AUGUST 15, 2019 to have your name included in the Chapter Roster <<<

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**LIFE MEMBERS, PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THESE CLASSIFICATIONS:**

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### 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

Revised 06/20/2019
# Volunteer Hours Record Form

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**Total Volunteer Hours (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019):**

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*It is imperative that your Volunteer Hours Record Form and dues payment be returned by AUG. 15, 2019 to be a member in good standing and listed in the roster. Thank You! Call Mary Cay McConnell or Robbie Wolan with any questions.*
### 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  

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### Exp. Date:  

### Signature:  

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**Remembrance/Endowment Report**

**May 11 - June 11, 2019**

**Memory**

- Regina Charvat  
- Don Kettler  
- Ruth McLeod  
- Abigail Sammon  
- Ernest Seech  

**In Our Thoughts**

- The Family of Mary Fening  
- The Family of Susan Schaut  

**Online Remembrance Giving available on our website at christchildsocietycleveland.org**

- St. John Cathedral Mass for Christ Child members, living and deceased, and for their families.  
  - Thursday, July 25, Noon  
  - Monday, August 26, Noon  
  - Wednesday, September 25, Noon  
  - Friday, October 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

**Donations this report period May 11-June 11, 2019**  

- $200  

**Total for fiscal year to date**  

- $26,645  

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DATED MATERIAL: Please deliver by July 20th.

Articles for the newsletter
Please contact Kate Toma if you have any special needs or volunteer requests for the newsletter.
Articles for the September/October issue will be due by Monday, August 19th.

Cathy Caruso
President

Mary Herrick
President-Elect

Liz Niehaus
Service VP

Carol Janas
Organization VP

Sue Simon
Recording Secretary

Jo Ann Lamb
Corresponding Secretary

Meg Kearns
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