



September/October 2019

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY[®] OF CLEVELAND

WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

CHAPTER AND VERSE

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Provisionals,

I hope everyone is well and knows that our chapter is blessed by each and everyone of you!

A big thank you goes out Joan McAuliffe and her team of volunteers who rocked the Showcase seasonal 'Change Over'. Great job ladies, the store looks beautiful.

Our September Business Meeting (9/18) in which I hope as many of you who can attend, will, is going to continue to show you how our chapter is growing in its service (an increase last year to a record 8,300 children served, 6,800 the previous year) and how we are accomplishing this feat. As well as new ideas from our members.

And finally, the Catechism says that virtues allow one to "give the best of him or herself." St. Padre Pio says...there's a short cut...by keeping humility and charity close to you, it is the foundation to a great building and all the others depend on them.

With that, also at our September Business Meeting (9/18), I hope to start a new tradition in our chapter, the humility and charity of our volunteers building/reaching...'Outside the Wagon' (as in MVM's Red Wagon) and...the current who's and how's!

Enjoy these beautiful days and evenings including sharing it with your Christ Child friends at our new social event on Wednesday evening, September 4th. **You asked...we listened!**

Fondly,
Cathy Caruso

Make a Difference Day

"Read to Me: Inspire Me To Learn" is the theme of the National Christ Child Society Day of Service. Our Cleveland chapter will hold its service program on Saturday, October 19th, from 10:00 to noon in the Community Room on the 1st floor of our office building at 7901 Detroit Avenue in Cleveland. We will be preparing activity folders for the preschool students at Parkview Head Start School. The folders will enhance reading comprehension of our two featured books, "Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes" and "Go Dog Go." This year we are also inviting and encouraging school age children/grandchildren of our members to participate with us. We are asking members to donate a new cat or dog book for the students or, if you prefer, a small monetary gift would also be appreciated. Please bring scissors.

We are excited to celebrate with Christ Child Chapters nationwide and with our families as we strive to make a difference. We hope to see you at our event. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please contact **Marsha Gleine** or **Sharon Skotko** to register.



Christ Child Society of Cleveland members partner with Shoes and Clothes for Kids to pack uniforms for this year's school children

CCS CLE NEWS!

News You Need To Know

NOW!

- **Evening on the Lake**

Cleveland Yacht Club

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 • 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

\$50 per person

Please see event on CCS website for registration.

- **FALL Business Meeting**

Wednesday, September 18th at Noon

At our CCS office

- **Make a Difference Day**

Saturday, October 19th • 10 a.m. - Noon

At our CCS office

FUTURE postings, please submit to **Cathy Caruso



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

September - December 2019

Layette Packing

First Monday, 10:00-12:30

September 9, October 7, November 4, December 2

Contact: **Jean Boldt**

Euclid –St. John of the Cross Sewing Group

Fourth Thursday, 9:00-12:00

September 26, October 24, No sewing Nov. & Dec.

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

September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17

Contact: **Irene Chalko**

Independence Sewing Group

Second Wed. & Thurs., 10:00-2:00

Sept. 11 & 12, Oct. 9 & 10, Nov. 13 & 14, Dec. 11 & 12

Contact: **Laura Cengic**

Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays 9:30-11:00

September 3 thru December 17

Contact: **Stephanie West**

"My Stuff" Packing

Third Monday, 10:00-12:00

September 16, October 21, November 18,

No packing in December

Contact: **Kathy Moehring**

Parkview HeadStart Reading Program

First and Third Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00

Sept. 3 & 17; Oct. 1 & 22; Nov. 5 & 19; Dec. 3 & 17.

An additional enrichment class is being added so we need volunteers for the First & Third Tues. of each month at 930A

Contact: **Marsha Gleine** or **Sharon Skotko**

St. Francis Library

During the school year Tue: 9:30-2:00 / Wed: 9:30-2:30

September 3 thru December 11

Contact: **Anne Mooney**

St. Rocco Library

During the school year Mon: 8:30-12:00

September 3 thru December 11

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.**



HONORING

Sam & Anne-Marie Petros

2019 PERSONS OF THE YEAR



- Sam is the CEO of Petros Homes, Petros Development Company and is one of two partners in One University Circle.
- Sam and Anne-Marie have been longtime supporters of the Christ Society of Cleveland.
- Sam, Anne-Marie and their four adult children center their philanthropic gifting on organizations and schools here and abroad focusing on the needs of children and women.
- Their generous gifting is directed in the areas of education, scholarships, tuition needs, employment readiness, financial assistance, personal guidance and much more.
- Sam and Anne-Marie believe that education and childhood enrichment are crucial in helping every young person attain the American Dream.

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 Soirée program, ad submission deadline is October 1. Contact: **Karen Kirk** or **Kathy Marsh**
- 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 Soirée; 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 Caruso** or **Kate Toma**.

Silent Auction

Help needed!!! Our Starlight Soiree is November 2...and that date is quickly approaching. The Silent Auction is an important part of our largest fundraiser. Please think about making a donation...either individually, with a group, or by asking a merchant for a donation. Need ideas?

Entertainment and Trips: Staycation experience at Cleveland hotel, Kalahari, Hocking Hills, Gervasi, Lodge at Geneva on the lake. Restaurant certificate, cooking class, Orchestra tickets, Holiday or children's concert tickets, catered dinner, chef's table, Lake Erie fishing charter

Wine and Spirits: Certificate for beer tasting for a group, or brewmaster dinner, wine tasting

Holiday: Holiday lights limo package, Holiday decorations, nativity set

Home: Garden planter or birdbath, handyman, plumber, electrician, painting. Session with an interior designer or home organizer

Children: Battery operated riding John Deere tractor, birthday party event

Thank you to all who have obtained items. **Deadline for donations is September 16.** Cash to purchase an item is always welcome! Questions? Contact **Janie Nickodem**

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.

Christ Child Society member acquiring donation: _____

We need your help

If you have any individual or organization you would like us the mail the sponsorship brochure to please contact **Terri Parker** or **Jean Canestraro**

Sponsorship OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship deadline: October 1, 2019

STARLIGHT.	\$10,000
Two tables of 8 (\$8,400 Tax Deductible)	
Includes full page ad in Soirée Program and logo on website (Please complete ad information)	
DIAMOND.	\$5,000
Table of 10 (\$4,000 Tax Deductible)	
Includes half page ad in Soirée Program and logo on website (Please complete ad information)	
SAPPHIRE	\$3,000
Table of 10 (\$2,000 Tax Deductible)	
BENEFACTOR	\$1,500 Donation
PATRON.	\$1,000 Donation
CONTRIBUTOR	\$500 Donation
INDIVIDUAL TICKETS.	\$200 per person
Each ticket (\$100 Tax Deductible)	

Advertisement

SOIRÉE PROGRAM

Ad submission deadline: October 1, 2019

FULL PAGE.	\$300
5.5"W X 8.5"H (included with Starlight Level Sponsorship)	
HALF PAGE	\$150
5.5"W X 4.125"H or 2.625" W X 8.5" H (included with Diamond Level Sponsorship)	

DIGITAL ARTWORK

File Types • Grayscale or B&W • PDF, TIF, EPS, PSD
Note: 1 pt. border will be applied to all ads.
Any custom border should be included in finished size.

FORM OF ARTWORK SUBMISSION

E-mail digital files to thestarlightball@yahoo.com
Design ad/message (add \$50 fee for this service)
For questions regarding artwork, call 216-264-1104

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 or more 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 or mailed to the Christ Child office.

You can drop gift cards off at the CCS office, while attending the business meeting, September 18.

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!

NEWSLETTER PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Layettes

On the first Monday of every month, a special group of Christ Child volunteers gets together at the office on Detroit Avenue to work on behalf of newborn babies in the greater Cleveland area. We assemble layettes for needy newborns. A layette consists of a blanket, bath towel, washcloth, fleece sleep sack, three onesies, three sleep and plays, two bibs, two receiving blankets, informational literature for parents, and a copy of the book *Goodnight Moon*. The items are packed on an assembly line with tender loving care and put in a zippered woven bag. Social workers come to pick up bags for girls and boys, and they deliver them to mothers in need. We serve more than thirty agencies, and each month we distribute 150 to 200 layettes.

There is a second wonderful group of women who remove tags from every item we place in the layette. Safety is our number one priority. Throughout the morning, we share laughter, stories, talk about the news, trips, movies, food--you name it.

You are welcome to attend one of the sewing groups to hem flannel receiving blankets for the babies. Sewing groups in Euclid (contact **Andrea Dean**) and Shaker Heights (contact **Irene Chalko**) are in need of volunteers. Consult the newsletter for sewing days and times. The sewing machines and material for the blankets are there. You just need to show up.

Join us on the first Monday of every month to spend time with a happy group of women serving needy babies. You will have the best Monday morning you've had in a long time!

Carla Calevich

Layette Co-chairman



"National News" August 2019
Benefits of Belonging to a National Organization

When Mary Virginia Merrick first formed the Christ Child Society in 1887 in Washington DC, it was with the vision of forming chapters throughout the country to serve impoverished children. By 1916, the National Child Society was a reality! You may think of yourself as a local chapter member rather than part of a much larger organization. There is no denying the incredible work you do in the communities you serve, but together, as a whole, we can have a much larger voice and impact.

NCCS, through its Executive Director, Moira Lynch, office staff and Executive National board, help interested individuals start chapters – assisting them through the entire formation process. Chapters are given all the necessary tools they need for success and NCCS is always on hand to answer questions and lend support. Patricia Gonzales, who recently formed CCS of Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, says "that as the chapter is recruiting new members, it is a benefit to refer them to the National website, so they can see that we are a legitimate organization". She also found that attending the annual meeting that NCCS hosts for all of the chapters was extremely beneficial to her. Patricia was able to network with other chapter leaders and learn about program development and fundraising alternatives.

Chapters from one to 100 years old benefit from being part of NCCS. We are constantly gathering information from other chapters – impactful programs that make a difference; fundraising ideas that really work; inventive ways to attract new members; and how to apply for grants with success. We funnel this information to you, chapter leaders and members, through annual meetings, webinars, social media and our website. We are the liaison between chapters and we often put chapter leaders together who can help each other. We are constantly searching for donations that can benefit all of our chapters. Recently, our NCCS office has been helping chapters get their Facebook pages up and running. Jeanette May, President of the Albany chapter, attended a National conference seminar on organizing a chapter Facebook page. She was unable to find a member to take this on at the time and it was left on her to-do list. Jeanette said she "will be forever grateful to NCCS for setting up Albany's Facebook page. It has already made a difference in communicating with members and friends of the chapter".

Whatever your chapter needs, NCCS is a phone call or email away! Make sure several members from your chapter attend Conference 2019 in Bethesda, September 27-29th, where we will all gather to share and learn! We assist you, our chapters, 5,500 members across the country, so you are able to better serve the under-resourced children in your communities.

Remembrance/Endowment Report

June 12 - August 16, 2019

Honor

- Joan Bryan-Mother's Day
- Bill & Katie Bartel-50th Wedding Anniversary
- Jean Boldt-Mary Virginia Award (5)
- Jean Canestraro-Happy Birthday
- Irene Chalko-Happy Birthday
- Danny & Marilyn Deliberato-50th Wedding Anniversary
- Mr.& Mrs. Michael Killeen-50th Wedding Anniversary
- Nina Venesile-Happy Birthday

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

In Our Thoughts

- The family of Mary Jane Blahovec
- Arthur Briendenbach (Father of Shirley Vilinsky)
- Mary Magdalene Barto-Dietz (Mother of Susa Jurecki)
- Eugene Filipow (Brother of Alice Brown)
- Kenneth Liebenauer (Brother in law of Pat Liebenauer)
- Mary Lynn Prokop (Sister in law of Carol Janas)
- The family of Joan Spohn
- Don Svoboda (Brother of Linda Haren)

**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.
 Wednesday, September 25, Noon
 Friday, October 25, Noon
 Monday, November 25, Noon

Memory

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| Lisa Abood | Ruth McLeod |
| Arthur Briendenbach | Carol Mrazik (6) |
| Mary Fening (47) | Paul Nelson |
| Bob Johnson | Mary Lynn Prokop |
| Kenneth Liebenauer | Thomas Rownd |

Donations June 12-June 30 (end of fiscal year)	\$. \$2,260.00
TOTAL FOR FISCAL YEAR	28,905.00
Donations July 1- August 20	\$. \$2,515.00



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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 September/October issue will be due by Monday, October 14th.

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