



September/October 2018

# CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY<sup>®</sup> OF CLEVELAND

## WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

CHAPTER AND VERSE

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

#### FALL HAS ARRIVED AT SHOWCASE!

Our two day "Bag Sale" proceeded by the two and a half day 'Change Over' was very productive with terrific results.

I would like to thank all who volunteered at this time and the long time volunteers at our re-sale shop! What a wonderful group of hard working and always welcoming and helpful members.

We have received many compliments on the 'new look' of the store and the beautiful merchandise that is for sale. Congratulations!

To all of our members, please stop by, volunteer, donate or just say hello.

Thank you again!

**Cathy Caruso**

President



**FUNDRAISER**  
Lunch or Dinner at



**20% of food purchase will go to the  
Christ Child Society of Cleveland.**

**OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> - 25<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> - NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Please bring this coupon and let your server  
know you are at Bistro 83 for the fundraiser.

440.353.2828

11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

36033 Westminister Avenue, North Ridgeville, Ohio  
(at the roundabout)



# THE STARLIGHT BALL

Saturday, December 1, 2018  
Hilton Cleveland Downtown

Planning is beginning for our biggest fundraiser, The Starlight Ball. 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, or ask a merchant or service provider to donate to the Silent Auction. When you eat out, ask the restaurant if they would donate a gift card to the Silent Auction. Sports and entertainment tickets, experiences, trips, wine and technology items are always popular. If you have questions about the Silent Auction, contact **Kathleen Printy** or **Kathleen Beharry**.
- Consider an Individual or Corporate Sponsorship table or donation. Contact: **Terri Parker** or **Jean Canestraro**
- Place or secure an individual or business advertisement in the Ball program, ad Submission deadline is November 1. Contact: **Karen Kirk**
- Invitations will be mailed the beginning of October; 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! A special \$100 pre-Ball drawing will be held September 19 at the General Business Meeting. For every \$100 worth of raffle tickets purchased, your name will be entered in the drawing. Tickets must be purchased prior to the drawing. 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.

Thank you for your support! If you have any questions, please contact **Mary Herrick** or **Jane Nickodem**.

# A "Beary" Special Opportunity

"Read to Me" is the theme of the 2018 National Christ Child Society Day of Service on Saturday, October 27th. Our chapter will hold its service opportunity from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at our office, 7901 Detroit Avenue, Suite #300, Cleveland. Project volunteers will make activity packets to enhance comprehension of the two books we are highlighting this year, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" and "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". Materials will be provided. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SCISSORS. In addition, we are asking members to bring a bear themed book (Winnie the Pooh, Berenstain Bears, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, etc.,) for the children in our Head Start Early Literacy Program, or if you prefer, please make a donation to the "Honey Jar" for the purchase of books.

We are excited to celebrate with Christ Child chapters nationwide with this "Make a Difference Day" activity and hope you can spend some time in this endeavor.

*ALL ARE WELCOME!*



MVM with children



Please joins us for a

## *Gift Gathering Dinner*

for The Starlight Ball  
**Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

at the home of

**Susan and Bob Smith**

29270 Hampshire Place, Westlake

\$50 per person, non-members welcome

*Money raised will be put towards purchasing items for the Silent Auction.*

RSVP to **Mary Herrick** or **Janie Nickodem**  
by October 11

Please make check payable to  
Christ Child Society of Cleveland and send to  
Christ Child Society of Cleveland  
7901 Detroit Ave., Suite 300  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102  
Attn: Gift Gathering

# *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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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

August 1-29, 2018

## **Memory**

Tony Dziak (10)  
Emma Price  
Patricia Gembicki  
Rose Sitnic  
John Coleman  
William Girdani

St. John Cathedral Mass for Christ Child members,  
living and deceased, and for their families.  
Tuesday, September 25, Noon  
Thursday, October 25, Noon  
Monday, November 26, Noon

## **Honor**

Tracie & Nicolas Mazzola - Wedding Congratulations  
Rita and Calvin Covell - Wedding Congratulations

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

## **In Our Thoughts**

Nancy Fisco - death of sister (Patricia Gembicki)  
Diane Anker - death of mother (Rose Sitnic)  
Christine Jeneski - speedy recovery  
Family of former member Laura Perry  
Elaine Chenin - death of brother (Anthony Columbro)  
Jane Toma - death of mother (Irene Toma)  
Kate Toma - death of grandmother (Irene Toma)  
Kathy Gonnella - death of father (Robert Golum)

Donations this report period	\$780.00
Previous fiscal year to date	<u>\$420.00</u>
Total for fiscal year	\$1,200.00

## **NATIONAL NEWS - GETTING NOTICED**

In recent months, several of your fellow chapters have received great coverage from local news sources or recognition through their partner agencies. The National Board has spent much of its recent efforts developing resources for you to use to promote your chapters' good works in your communities. Many useful references can be found on the Marketing & Communications page of the NCCS website under the Member Resources tab to help you with your PR efforts!

Here are just a few examples of great PR. The opening of the **Christ Child Society of South Bend, Indiana's** Clothing Center which was recently highlighted during the "Moms First" Segment on their local TV station. The Second Saturday Program of the **Milwaukee, Wisconsin chapter** was featured on a local podcast called EIG Community Connection and congratulations goes out to our chapters in **Central Illinois** and **Quad Cities** for their recognition in the Catholic Post!

The Women's Care Center recently recognized the **Christ Child Society of Columbus, Ohio, Duluth, Minnesota and Fort Wayne, Indiana** for their service to babies and their families. Expectant parents earn shopping coupons for new baby essentials by attending child care classes offered at the Women's Care Center. These coupons are spent at Crib Club "boutiques" supplied and staffed by Christ Child members.

And **CCS of Baltimore, Maryland** was mentioned in the Caroline Center's summer newsletter for providing books to moms and children. The Caroline Center is a nonprofit job training center for women in Baltimore City. They provide tuition-free training for Certified Nursing Assistants and Pharmacy Technicians for women in need.

How did National know that these chapters had received recognition? They posted the good news on their Facebook pages! That way we were able to "Like and Share" their news to a larger audience. Post good news on your Facebook page so we can promote you too! If you need some help setting up a page and some ideas for best practices, watch for our webinar **"Using Social Media to Connect People to Your Christ Child Society Chapter"** to be posted on the Videos and Webinars page of our website in early September! There will be several sessions at our National Convention to help you improve communications to tell your story and encourage action. See you there!

## 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

General Business Meeting .....	September 19
National Christ Child Society Convention in Milwaukee .....	September 27-29
Day of Service.....	October 27
The Starlight Ball .....	December 1

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### TUTORING AT ST. ROCCO'S SCHOOL

St. Rocco's Christ Child library team is starting a tutoring program. We are seeking volunteers to work one-on-one with first, second, and third grade students. Our primary focus area will be reading. Volunteers will be given flash cards and leveled reading books to use when they work with the students. At this time, we have not established a tutoring day. This will be determined by the teacher after she has had time to evaluate her students' needs and identify which day would work best with her schedule. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please call **Karen Bush**.

### CO-CHAIR NEEDED!

Merrick House needs a co-chair from now through June 2020. Please contact **Stephanie West**.

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### 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](http://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!

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### September - November 2018

#### Layette Packing

First Monday, 10:00-12:30  
Sept. 10\*, October 1, November 5  
Contact: **Jean Canestraro**

#### Euclid -St. John of the Cross Sewing Group \*NEW DATE/TIME Fourth Thursday, 9:00-12:00

Sept. 27, October 25, November 15  
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  
Sept. 18, October 16, November 20  
Contact: **Irene Chalko**

#### Highland Heights Sewing Group

Third Friday, 10:00-2:00  
Sept. 21, October 19, November 16  
Contact: **Patty Welsh**

#### Independence Sewing Group

Second Wed. & Thurs., 10:00-2:00  
*No sewing in September.*  
October 10, 11; November 14, 15  
Contact: **Laura Cengic**

#### Merrick House Pre-School Reading Enrichment

First, Third and Fifth Tuesdays 9:30-11:00  
Sept. 4, 18; October 2, 16, 30;  
November 6, 20  
Contact: **Stephanie West**

#### "My Stuff" Packing

Third Monday, 10:00-12:00  
Sept. 17, October 15, November 19  
Contact: **Kathy Moehring**

#### Parkview HeadStart Reading Program

*Starting in October.*  
First and Third Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00  
Oct. 2, 16; Nov. 6, 20  
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:  
10:00-2:00 / 10:00-4:00 / 12:00-4:00  
Contact: **Marge Ansel**

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



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### Articles for the newsletter

Please contact **Kate Toma-Johns** if you have any special needs or volunteer requests for the newsletter.  
Articles for the November/December issue will be due by Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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