



Christ Child Society Of Pittsburgh

MISSION STATEMENT

The Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh is a non-profit Catholic association of lay volunteers embracing members of all denominations, expressing its members' love of the Christ Child through service to God's children regardless of race, color or creed.

May 2021

Dear CCS members,

I hope all is well. We have weathered the storm and we can see the rising of the sun, finally having some semblance of normalcy. Very welcomed! Even though we have not been in the presence of each other, CCS members have been meeting virtually to continue our mission of helping children in need. We have set a tentative date for the next meeting which will be in-person. Please open your calendar for Thursday, June 17th and join us for comradery and planning. Red Wagon is under way and we will be discussing the areas where help is still needed.

Looking forward to seeing you in-person.

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RED WAGON LUNCHEON

Red Wagon planning has officially begun! Suzette Venturini and Janet Mascaro will co-chair the event. The date set is **November 6, 2021** at the Pittsburgh Field Club. Of course, this will all depend on any restrictions that might be in place because of the pandemic. If we are unable to have an in-person event, we will consider a write-in raffle as we did last year.

We are beginning to form committees and already have some members who have volunteered to chair.

Printing/Mailing- Ellen O'Brien

Door Prizes- Gerrie Orr

Basket Auction- Theresa Magnotta and Judy Kern

Purse Auction- Carolyn Green

Basket of Cheer- Molly Kelley

Money raffles – Marlene MacDonald and Diane Donovan

Reservations and Registration- Marian Flowers and Mary Ann Gonot

We still need chairpersons for **Solicitations, Centerpieces, and the Silent Auction.** In June, we will be asking for sign-ups for donations of baskets, cheer, and purses. Stay tuned for more details!

Thank you all! With your help, we know we will once again have a very successful event!!!

National Website

By Janet Mascaro

Take a look at the newest version of the web site at www.nationalchristchild.org that was updated in 2020. The map on the front page highlights where each chapter is located and links to a page that includes the contact information for each chapter including email, website and any social media we have.

It is NCCS's goal to create a more personalized page for each chapter to highlight the dynamic work of each chapter with a short video. The National Christ Child Society website visitors, looking to join or looking for information about a Christ Child chapter, will now be able to see the work we do as well as click on a link to take them to our chapter's social media pages.

The NCCS designer has created a template for a video that will include information about our chapter that we submit. It includes both wording and photographs. We will include group pictures of meetings, our Christmas party, children receiving services etc.. Thanks to **Ellen O'Brien** for providing some great pictures! Look for it to be completed sometime in the summer or early Fall.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (All of Us Care)

... From Joanne Herrmann

Now that the students are attending in-person classes, the after school program at AOUC has resumed from 3:30 to 6:00 pm Monday thru Friday.

Summer Camp will be held with 40 to 60 children attending. The Pandemic has resulted in a lower number of registrations for this summer. (Last year there were 129 children registered!) Field trips are being planned for the summer program.

ANGEL'S CLOSET

... From Molly Kelley

We are in the process of buying coats on sale but so far there has not been much to buy. I think the stores and internet cut back due to corona virus. We are set with hats as the wholesale prices were good on them. We definitely have enough inventory to open in the fall whenever things are safe. More to follow as we proceed into the future.... Molly

CAMP AIM

... From Molly Kelley

Camp Aim is questionable at this time. Information will be shared as it is received.

LAYETTES

... From Charlotte Collins

We are presently supplying *The Birth Right* and *Genesis of Pittsburgh* with our Layette bags. If you know of anyone or any organization that could use our help, please let me know either by phone (412-389-5211) or by email ccollins_70750@comcast.net.

A big thank you to the ladies of Passavant Retirement Center for continuing to crochet baby blankets for us. They give us approximately 12 baby blankets every few months. We supply the yarn and they supply the work. Looking forward to seeing everyone in person very soon.... Charlotte

MEMBERSHIP

... Patti Smith

Please remit dues to Patti Smith as soon as possible. We are really in need of active members since sustaining members are increasing.

BACKPACK FOR HUNGER

... Gerri Orr

The Backpack for Hunger Program is still on pause at this time.



June

Marilyn Dabkowski
Phyllis Dombrowski
Geraldine Orr

July

Diane Donovan
Charlotte Collins
Mary Ellen Ploeger
Janice Wasson
Carole Gilardi
Chris McCarthy
Ann Hart

August

Doris Delserone
Joanne Herrmann
Kathleen Lee
Janet Mascaro
Cheryl George

September

Patti Smith
Molly Kelley
Jean Lombardi
Carolyn Green
Ceil McCabe

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Dates to Remember

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

2021

JUNE 17

Christ Child Meeting **at Christ Child Center 11:00 am**

NOVEMBER 6

Red Wagon Fare, Pittsburgh Field Club

DECEMBER 9

Christ Child Society **Christmas Party**, Scoglio's Restaurant

NOTEWORTHY:

- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND DUES TO PATTI SMITH IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO!**
- A special thanks to our members from Patti Smith for prayers that were offered for her son. He recently underwent brain surgery and is now home and doing very well. Patti also asks for continued prayers for her husband who will be having surgery next week.
- The next scheduled publication of the CCS newsletter will be in August 2021. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** and submit all information for this newsletter to Judy Kern by Friday, **August 6.**