



# 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.

June, 2024

## RED WAGON LUNCHEON

The **Christ Child 2024 Red Wagon Luncheon**, held at the Pittsburgh Field Club on Saturday, April 27, was a great success! We had over 125 attendees. Our auction baskets were exceptional and along with other raffles and donations, we made a profit of over \$14,500. Thank you to all who donated baskets, wine, gift cards, money, and door prizes as well as your time and talent. We appreciate your support through this most important fundraising effort! Please mark your calendar....See you again next year at the Pittsburgh Field Club on Saturday, **April 26, 2025!**

The following are reports from the 2024 Red Wagon Fare:

- **Purse Raffle:** **PAM DIULUS, JAN MALLOY, AND MARY ANN GONOT** were chairs of this year's Purse Raffle. Six beautiful purses were donated to the raffle. One purse secretly contained a \$100 bill, which was also donated. Our net income was \$600.
- **Basket Auction:** The Basket Auction consisted of 27 prizes with a wide variety of themes. The Basket Auction brought in over \$2,600. **THERESA MAGNOTTA** was the event chair. The Basket Auction Committee would like to thank all those who contributed in some way to make our raffle a huge success by putting together a basket, donating gift cards and basket items or purchasing raffle tickets at the Red Wagon Fare. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated!
- **Basket of Cheer:** This year members were asked to contribute only quality wines with a \$16 and up retail for a new Red Wagon Surprise Wine Raffle. **MOLLY KELLEY**, our chair, has reported that some people liked the new game while others preferred the old Basket of Cheer Raffle. There were 20 donations of wine. More discussion on the Surprise Wine Raffle versus the Basket of Cheer will be discussed at a future Red Wagon 2025 meeting.
- **Silent Auction:** This year's Silent Auction included 12 items with values from \$100 to \$2,500. Co-Chairs **LISA GAYDOS** and **STACY DOEPKEN** would like to thank everyone who helped make our Silent Auction a huge success. We raised more money than last year, which will allow us to continue to fund Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh programs. The success of our Silent Auction could not have been done without all of our generous donors!
- **Money Raffles:**
  - 50/50 — Profit \$385 \*\*
  - 20x your money — Profit \$448.
  - Grand Prize Raffle — Profit \$1020

\*\* **The 50/50 Raffle was won by Sandra DaCosta who donated her winnings back to our CCS! THANK YOU, SANDRA!**

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### NEWSLETTER

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# Pittsburgh Field Club Red Wagon 2024 April 27



## ANGELS' CLOSET

... *From Molly Kelley*

Angels' Closet will open in the Fall. Information on our current coat supply, items and sizes needed, as well as distribution dates and time for volunteers will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

## LAYETTES

... *From Charlotte Collins*

On February 22 Janet Mascaro, Diane Donovan, Molly Kelley, Ellen O'Brien, Maryann Gonot, Jan Malloy, Therese Magnotta, Carolyn Green and I packed 63 Layette bags. (Thank you, ladies!) With this packing we used our new monogrammed duffle bags. They worked very well.

Janet Mascaro got us 50 beautiful baby blankets from the Blessing Board.

Stacy Doepken picked up 13 beautiful baby blankets from a senior citizens group (The Knitwits) in Sewickley. These senior ladies have agreed to continue to crochet blankets for our Layette program. We will be making more deliveries of Layette bags to Genesis of Pittsburgh and Magee Women's Hospital in the next month for so.

## BACKPACK FOR HUNGER

... *From Gerri Orr*

Our Christ Child Society made monetary donations to Backpack for Hunger and Blessings in a Backpack during the month of April. The donations were in the amount of \$500.00 each.

## MEMBERSHIP

... *From Patti Smith*

To date we have confirmed 17 active members and 9 sustaining members. Renewal forms were due by May 31. If you have not already sent in your renewal form and dues, please do so as soon as possible.

It is clearly evident that we are in need of new members to continue advancing our mission of helping children in need. We are currently exploring avenues that will hopefully increase our membership. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining us to share in our mission, please contact Patti Smith.

## DIAPER PROGRAM

... *From Carolyn Green*

The Diaper program which we began in January continues to do well. We hope to have another distribution sometime very soon. We supply diapers to Genesis, St. James in Wilkinsburg and Birthright. At a recent Christ Child general meeting, it was approved to increase our budget by \$500 to help continue to supply diapers to our designated organizations. If you have any questions regarding this program or the diapers needed, please contact Carolyn Green.

## NEWS ~ NATIONAL CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY

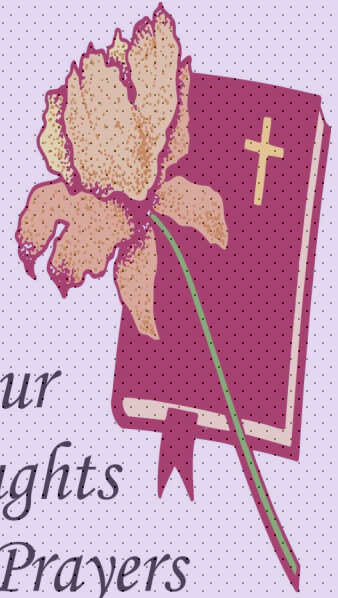
**The 47th National Christ Child Convention** (with a theme of **Rise and Shine!**) will be held the ***weekend of September 19—21st at the Embassy Suites in Downtown Omaha, Nebraska***. This year's convention will offer an Omaha Tour featuring Boys Town and the Largest Stations of the Cross, along with keynote speakers, networking, technology talks, and more! We are very interested in sending a representative/s to this convention with expenses paid by our local CCS chapter. If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact Pam Diulus for more details.

# DONATIONS TO THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

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IN MEMORY OF: **MARY ELLEN PLOEGER**

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*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

IN MEMORY OF: **ALTHEA SAVILLE** (Mother)  
FROM: Paul Saville (For winter coats and/or newborn layettes)

IN MEMORY OF: **MARY KAY COLLINS** (Mother)  
FROM: Elaine Collins



June

Marilyn Dabkowski  
Stacy Doepken  
Geraldine Orr  
Jane Orringer

July

Charlotte Collins  
Diane Donovan  
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August

Cheryl George  
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**CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH**

***DONATIONS, TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS FORM***

*This form is also available on our website: [www.christchildsofittsburgh.org](http://www.christchildsofittsburgh.org)*

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## Dates to Remember

### CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

2025

April 26

Red Wagon Luncheon, Pittsburgh Field Club

Committees and Board of Directors will meet on an as needed basis.

#### NOTEWORTHY:

- Our Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh would like to give a very special thanks to . . .  
**JANET MASCARO AND CAROLYN GREEN**  
. . .for chairing our 2024 *Red Wagon Fare!* We truly appreciate all their time and planning that created this very successful major fundraiser for our organization!
- *Please remember* . . . *our new phone number (412-719-1066)*  
. . . *check our website* [www.christchildsocietyofpittsburgh.org](http://www.christchildsocietyofpittsburgh.org) *for news and updates, including General Meeting minutes and newsletters*  
. . . *follow us on Facebook*
- Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** and submit all information for our next newsletter to Judy Kern by **August 23.**