



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.

January 2018

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NEWSLETTER

JUDY KERN

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope that you all enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a joyful Holiday Season! It is difficult to realize that another year has passed and that it is already 2018! It is said that time does fly by when you are having fun!

When I look back at this previous year I know that we have accomplished so much with our chapter's programs and service projects, and we have had a lot of fun along the way. When I think about all of the members at all of the events this past year ...everyone seems happy to be part of the Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh.

I am very grateful for all of our members who are so involved in our shared commitment to help the children of Pittsburgh. You go above and beyond with every one of our events, our chapter's programs and our service projects. We have had a very successful past year with our number of **Layettes** that we have delivered to babies and their mothers, and with our increased number of coats that were distributed during **Angel's Closet "Coat Days"**. **My Stuff Bags** has been able to add three new locations that we have helped, and we have added a new service project with the after school program, **All of Us Care** in Sharpsburg.

Our Red Wagon this past October was very successful both in our fundraising efforts and with bringing a positive impression to all who attended this *Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh event*.

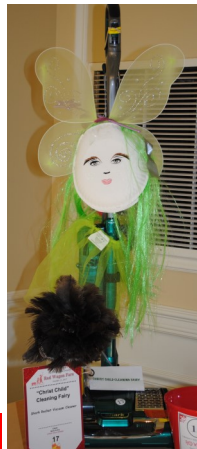
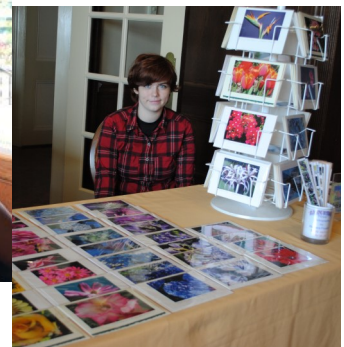
We look forward to this New Year with many challenges to grow our Chapter and to continue to be guided by the mission of Mary Virginia Merrick, to find a need and to fill it. Remember that Love leads to Action!

Wishing all of our members a very Happy New Year and that you may receive every blessing throughout this coming year!

Dottie Talarico, President

Red Wagon Fare

2017



**October 21
Pittsburgh Field Club**



2017 Red Wagon Fare From Janet Mascaro, Chair

Our Red Wagon event was a success as always! This year we had 161 attendees and 9 student volunteers. Our profit overall was \$12,600.00, slightly more than we made last year. Our new "Change for Children" collection netted \$251.00 which we will use to purchase children's books to distribute. There were many compliments from those who attended and the Red Wagon committee chairpersons and members are to be commended! Creativity and hard work paid off! Thanks so much to all members who donated baskets, purses, bottles of cheer and auction items. A special **THANK YOU** goes to Cheryl George for donating the beautiful Red Wagon cookies for our favors and to all of the Red Wagon committees for their time and talent!

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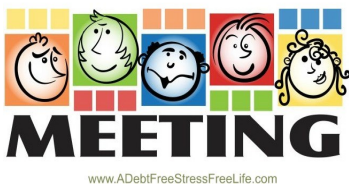
2018 Red Wagon Chair is needed!

If you are interested in chairing the 2018 Red Wagon, please contact Dottie Talarico as soon as possible! Also please remember....several members can work together as Chairs.

Christmas Gifts for Conroy Education Center

This year, we began a special Christmas project for children with special needs at Conroy. We participated in the "Giving Tree" project and purchased toys and clothing for 8 students from their wish lists. Overall we spent approximately \$40.00-\$50.00 per child. We had wanted to sponsor more children; however, we were a little late getting involved. But next year, we hope to increase the number of students for whom we buy. Diane Donovan, Carolyn Green, and Janet Mascaro did the shopping and wrapping and Carolyn delivered the items to the school. The teachers and children were very appreciative!!! We know we made their Christmas a little brighter!

UPCOMING CHRIST CHILD GENERAL MEETINGS



DATE

March 15
April 19
May 17
June 21

LUNCH COORDINATORS

Molly Kelley
Charlotte Collins and Mary Ann McDermott
Pat Schimmel and Carol Gilardi
Dottie Talarico

DONATIONS TO THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

In Memory Of:

Paul A. Palombo

Marion and Bill Adams

From:

Carmen and Mary Ann Gonot

Patti Smith

ANGELS' CLOSET 2017 ... *From Molly Kelley*

We had a good year in the closet as we filled 301 coat requests over a 6 week period. Saturdays seem to be popular with the clients as many parents work during the week. However we still had a lot of no shows that scheduled but forgot to come. We were happy to donate 20+ coats to FAMILY PROMISE (a homeless program in the South Hills). Many thanks to all the committee members who gave hours of their time to make this a successful year. And to all who bought coats! We can always use coats if anyone sees a good bargain over the next year, usually after Christmas. Keep your receipts, copy and send to Diane Donovan for reimbursement. We are short on ladies and junior sizes. Thank you to all and have a wonderful New Year.



NEW COATS, NEW BOOKS, YAY!!

MY STUFF BAGS ... *Joyce Orr and Dottie Talarico*

THANK YOU ...THANK YOU... to the wonderful members of Our Ladies of Charity of St. Bonaventure Parish in Glenshaw! They were aware of our Christ Child chapter and our *Angel's Closet* and *My Stuff Bag* programs and their members wanted to include us on their Angel Tree this Christmas. Molly suggested that since we did have enough coats and that we had already distributed the coats to families, that they focus on *My Stuff Bags*. Their parishioners were extremely generous! They delivered clothing, toiletries and books to our center. We are very fortunate and appreciative of their generosity and thoughtfulness! We will be organizing all of the items and having a packing in early February.

ALL OF US CARE ... *From Joanne Herrmann*

This year The Christ Child Society donated a seven foot Christmas tree to AOUC. The kids loved it and painted ball decorations for the tree. They also decorated creatively small Christmas trees with different ornaments to take home to their families.

Now that the New Year has begun, we are planning more craft projects. We need volunteers to help with Pine Cone Bird Feeders, decorating ceramic plates, and decorating cookies for Valentines.

Anyone who could volunteer, please call Joanne Herrmann at 412 855 4292 or Tarcia Rebeiz 412 623 9783.

LAYETTES ... *From Charlotte Collins*

Marian Flowers delivered ten layettes to Mary Catherine Scanlon (People Concerned for the Unborn Child). Janet Mascaro delivered one layette to St Joseph in Verona. The ladies from Passavant Retirement Community better known as the "Busy Hands" are helping with the knitting of blankets, but we are always in need of more help. If you know of anybody that is interested in knitting blankets please let me know.

MEMBERSHIP ... *From Mary McCormick*

The Christ Child Society would like to welcome two new members! They are

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It was nice to meet both ladies at our Christmas Luncheon in December! We look forward to working with them as we continue to focus on helping children in need in our Pittsburgh area. Please be sure to add their names and information to your current Christ Child Member Handbook.

Merry Christmas 2017



Our annual Christ Child Society Christmas Party was held on Tuesday, December 5 at Scoglio's Restaurant in Greentree. Mary Ann Gonot, Pam Diulus and Theresa Magnotta chaired the event, and once again, a lovely time was had by all! Lunch included a choice of Chicken Marsala, Broiled Spots or Eggplant Parmesan. The party offered a "guess what's in the Christmas stocking" game, door prizes, a gift auction, and the sale of Barbara Fredette's beautifully designed cards. Each guest received a lovely Lenox gemmed tree ornament. We were also very happy to see our two new Christ Child members, **Chris McCarthy** and **Jean Lombardi** join us for our Christmas celebration. It was a well-planned and delightful event, and we are all most grateful to Mary Ann, Pam, and Theresa for all their efforts to make this such a joyous occasion! We all can agree it was a wonderful kick-off to the 2017 Holiday Season!



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Please use the following donation form for any tribute gift or general donation to the Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh. We hope to have this form available in the near future on our website at... www.christchildsocietyofpittsburgh.org

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Dates to Remember

- Thursday, March 15** - GENERAL MEETING - 12:15 P.M. LUNCH 11:30 A.M.
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NOTEWORTHY:

- Another very special “thank you” to Mary Ann Gonot, Pam Diulus and Theresa Magnotta for planning our lovely Christmas Luncheon!
- The hostess for our March 15 General Meeting is Molly Kelley.
- **WELCOME TO THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH....**
Chris McCarthy and Jean Lombardi!
- The next scheduled publication of the CCS newsletter will be in March. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** and submit all information for this newsletter to Judy Kern by Friday, March 16th.

