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NEWSLETTER

JUDY KERN

August 2020

Dear CCS members,

Happy Summer! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather and sunshine! It's wonderful to be seeing more bright than gray days!

Because of the pandemic, we haven't been very active in our ministries, of course, but we are still making preparations for what we can possibly do. In June, Macy's Department Store reached out to us because they had children's winter coats on sale for \$4.99-\$9.99. Who could resist such prices! So a couple of us shopped and 58 coats in a range of sizes were purchased as a donation. We will still need to determine if and how they can be given out to the children while still following the safety precautions in place.

The Red Wagon as we know it continues to be questionable. As of now, the Field Club is allowing only groups of 20 indoors. They are unsure when this will change. I have asked them to let us know by the end of August. However, we are going to begin planning some kind of alternate fundraiser. We will be discussing this at the next meeting.

Speaking of meetings, I am setting up a virtual ZOOM meeting for Thursday, August 20th at 11:30 AM. You will all be receiving an email with the link to this meeting. You will need to click on the link and follow the directions from there. At this meeting, we will install Pam Diulus as our next President and hopefully, a new Vice President and Treasurer. I will also be sending all members, via email, the installation prayers. I hope you all will attend if you are able.

We continue to be on a very limited budget. Diane Donovan has drawn one up and we will be voting on it during the ZOOM meeting.

We are still in need of a Vice-President and Treasurer, so please consider taking an office. If we want to continue as a functioning organization, we need your help. Please let Pam know if you are interested in helping her out.

Judy Kern is currently updating our membership directory via email. Please respond back to Judy if there are any changes in your information.

Finally, I would like to say that I have enjoyed being the President of this great organization. I am so thankful for all of the wonderful help given me by the officers and standing committee chairpersons as well as the Red Wagon committees over the past 2 years. I have heard much praise for the work that we do and I know it would not be possible without such dedication from you. Please continue to give your support and help to Pam as she begins her term as President. We wish her well!!!!

In the name of the Christ Child.

Janet

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (All of Us Care)

... From Joanne Herrmann

News from the Youth Empowerment Program will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

ANGELS' CLOSET ... From Molly Kelley

Plans for the opening of Angels' Closet are indefinite at this time due to the pandemic. All members will be notified when Angels' Closet reopens.

CAMP AIM

... From Molly Kelley

Due to the Corona Virus, Camp AIM was cancelled this summer.

LAYETTES

... From Charlotte Collins

In February 2020, Theresa Magnotta and Pam Diulus delivered 30 Layettes to Magee Hospital maternity department and 25 Layettes to West Penn's maternity department. In August 2020, I made deliveries of 20 Layette bags to Genesis of Pittsburgh.

With all these deliveries made we have only 11 Layette bags left on our shelves. We will do another packing when more funds become available.

The parishioners of All Saints church in Etna have been very generous in their donations to our Layette program. They have donated diapers, wipes, baby bottles, clothes, bibs, pacifiers, baby ointment, shampoo, socks, sleepers and baby books. All of these donations will help us with our service project to those in need. We are very grateful for their generosity.

MEMBERSHIP

... Patti Smith

Membership renewal forms were mailed in April. To date, we have received 45 Christ Child Society member renewals. We have 30 active members, and 15 sustaining members. We thank all who renewed their membership, and we look forward to working together as we continue to help children in need. Please remember we are always looking for new members to help us advance our cause! If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Patti Smith!

Also, we hope to have our new **2020 Christ Child Member Directory** available by early September. Once the directory has been published, we will make arrangements for distribution to our members.

BACKPACK FOR HUNGER

... Gerri Orr and Joyce Orr

The Backpack for Hunger news and schedule will be shared with our members when it has been finalized.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS....

- The Christ Child Society would like to extend a very special thank you to JANET MASCARO for donating to Angels' Closet the 58 coats purchased from Macy's! We are sure it will also be greatly appreciated by the 58 little angels who wear them! Thank you, Janet!
- We would also like to mention our sincere gratitude to **JANET** for serving as our President the past two years. Her leadership and dedication to our Christ Child Society has been an inspiration to all of us who have worked with her. It has truly been a pleasure to have her guidance as we advanced our mission to help children in need!
- And another special thanks......to DIANE DONOVAN, who has served as our Treasurer for four years! Thank you, Diane, for the financial reports, paying the bills, and keeping us balanced!
 Our Christ Child Society greatly appreciates your years of service to our organization!

DONATIONS TO THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

From: Linda Flynn (friend of Christ Child)

Madeline Steinman (For Backpack for Hunger Project)

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This form is also available on our website: www.christchildsocietyofpittsburgh.org

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Dates to Remember

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH DATES TO REMEMBER

(TENTATIVE DEPENDING ON COVID-19 GUIDELINES)

August 20, 2020 11:30 – Virtual Meeting/ Installation of Officers

September 17, 2020 11:30 – General Meeting

October-November Angels' Closet (Schedule to be announced)

November 19, 2020 11:30 – General Meeting

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

NOTEWORTHY:

- Again, we would like to thank JANET MASCARO for a wonderful job serving as our President the last two years, and to DIANE DONOVAN for serving as Treasurer for four years! We would also like to welcome PAM DIULUS as President on Thursday, August 20, and we look forward to working with her as we continue our Christ Child mission! We also thank SUZETTE VENTURINI and MARY ANN GONOT for continuing as Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, as well as all of our Board of Directors. We are still looking for members to fill the positions of Vice-President and Treasurer. We hope you will seriously consider filling one of these vacancies!
- The next scheduled publication of the CCS newsletter will be in November 2020. Please *MARK YOUR CALENDAR* and submit all information for this newsletter to Judy Kern by Friday, **November 6.**