



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.

November 2020

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NEWSLETTER

JUDY KERN

Dear members of the Christ Child Society ...

I just wanted to address everyone, as President, and say thank you for allowing me to serve as your President, it is an honor. I pray that you are staying safe in these challenging times. I recognize, as I step into Janet Mascaro's shoes, what a tremendous job she did. Please keep in your prayers a CCS former President and now an angel, *Joyce Orr*.

Thank you Marlene McDonald for stepping in for Diane Donovan as treasurer. Diane has done more than her share of time. Thank you Janet and Diane, for all the time and effort you put into the offices of Treasurer and President. We appreciate your attention to detail, your tireless dedication, and the time you have given CCS. It is still our task to find a vice-president. Please inform me if this is of interest to any of you. We would much welcome any one of our members to fill this position. After I was installed as President, virtually, we have had both a virtual board meeting and a general members' meeting. We will continue to have virtual meetings until further notice. The next Zoom meeting will be Tuesday, **November 24, 2020 at 6:30 pm**. Please try to join us. It is wonderful to touch base with each other and see one another. Looking forward to having many of you at our meeting.

Since our last meeting we had a successful raffle in place of Red Wagon. Our members have pitched in to help this become a success and bring in funds to continue our missions and programs.

Please read through the newsletter to become more informed on our committee work, and their status and learn about our members. Judy Kern, this newsletter is so crucial especially during these times to keep our members informed, and we thank you for doing this.

We also want to remember in prayer during this month of November, All Souls month, the members, and relatives who have passed away and their families. For those not joining us for our next meeting, I want to extend to you a very Blessed Thanksgiving and to make you aware that you are making a positive impact on so many young lives.

Pam Diulus

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (All of Us Care)

... From Joanne Herrmann

We have no recent updates from Tarcia Rebitz on the Youth Empowerment Program. Members will be notified of upcoming information as we receive it. Thank you to all who support the Youth Empowerment Program!

ANGEL'S CLOSET

... From Molly Kelley

Thanks to some wonderful monetary donations and a generous addition of 52 coats to our program from the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL 14696!

We are now open "for curbside pick-ups" under Covid regulations. (No try-ons this year) We have been very busy filling and packing requests. So far we have filled and distributed 181 coats to requesting agencies. A staff member from the referring agency makes an appointment after we have filled their requests and picks up at our center (limited contact). Many other requests are pending. We are waiting for the request lists and more coats to come in. This could be a record year! We are super happy to help keep these angels warm this year!

To promote the joy of reading or of being read to, we are also including age-appropriate books to each child's order to further our literacy mission.

Many thanks again to all who support our Angel's Closet Program!



CAMP AIM

... From Molly Kelley

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

LAYETTES

... From Charlotte Collins

In October, twenty Layette bags were delivered to the *People Concerned for the Unborn Child*. A packing of Layette bags will be scheduled for some time in December. I will email all Layette committee members on a date and time. At this time I am still waiting for all ordered merchandise to arrive.

Looking forward to a time when we can all get together again for an in-person meeting.

Stay safe and healthy!

MEMBERSHIP

... Patti Smith

The **2020 Christ Child Directory** was mailed to each member in September. If you have not received your copy, please contact Pam Diulus.

Our current membership stands at forty-five (thirty active — fifteen sustaining). Please remember we are always looking for new members to help advance our cause! If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our Christ Child organization, please contact Patti Smith or Pam Diulus.

BACKPACK FOR HUNGER

... Gerri Orr

Information on *The Backpack for Hunger Program* will be shared with all members as we receive any scheduling updates.

RED WAGON RAFFLE

Our Red Wagon mail-in raffle came to a close with the pulling of tickets on October 24, 2020 at the Christ Child Center. The drawing was conducted by Charlotte Collins, Pam Diulus, Marian Flowers, Theresa Magnotta, Janet Mascaro, Ellen O'Brien, and Suzette Venturini. The drawing was live streamed and then posted on the Christ Child Society's Facebook page. Here is a list of the donors, donations and winners:

Donated by	Donation	Winner
Janet Mascaro/Diane Donovan Carolyn Green	#1 Morning Brew Basket	H. Capone
Joyce Orr, Gerrie Orr	#2 Air Fryer	M. McCormick
Suzette Venturini	#3 Leisurely Breakfast Basket	D. Resick
Judy Kern	#4 Everything Penguin Basket	T. Welty
Judy Kern	#5 Be Creative! Basket	K. Overbeck
Phyllis Dombrowski, Pat McKenna, Doris Delserone, Jo- anne Hermann, Joan Driscoll	#6 Date with a Special Lady Basket	A. Casile
Judy Kern	#7 Doll Delights Basket	N. DeTrude
Phyllis Palombo, Maria Kitay	#8 Italian Basket	F. Schroeder
MJ Kelly and MJ Diamantopulos	#9 Tickets and Treats Lottery basket	J. Carpenter
Donations from St. Bonaventure	#10 Crafts Galore Basket	P. Schimmel
Ellen O'Brien	#11 Irish Basket	P. Palombo
Charlotte Collins, Pat Schimmel	#12 Trick or Treat Gift Card Basket	R. Walters
Molly Kelley and CC members	# 13 Basket of Cheer	C. Kelly
Janet Mascaro	#14 Bone leather Sak purse	S. Venturini M. Tubello
Dolores Butch	#16 Giani Bernini print bag	A. Scanlon
Chris McCarthy	#17 Signature gray computer bag #18 Maroon leather Coach purse	J Bittner C. Heckman
Gerrie Orr	#19 Green clutch purse	M. Tubello
Kathleen Lee, Angie Slocum, Connie Kunz	#20 Michael Kors purse and silk scarf	K. Lee
Phyllis Palombo	#21 Black Liz Claiborne purse	P. Palombo
Suzette Venturini	#22 Black Kate Spade purse	J. Delmont
Carolyn Green	#23 White Steve Madden purse	B. Spinnella
Chris McCarthy	#24 Navy Coach purse	D. Pagnotta

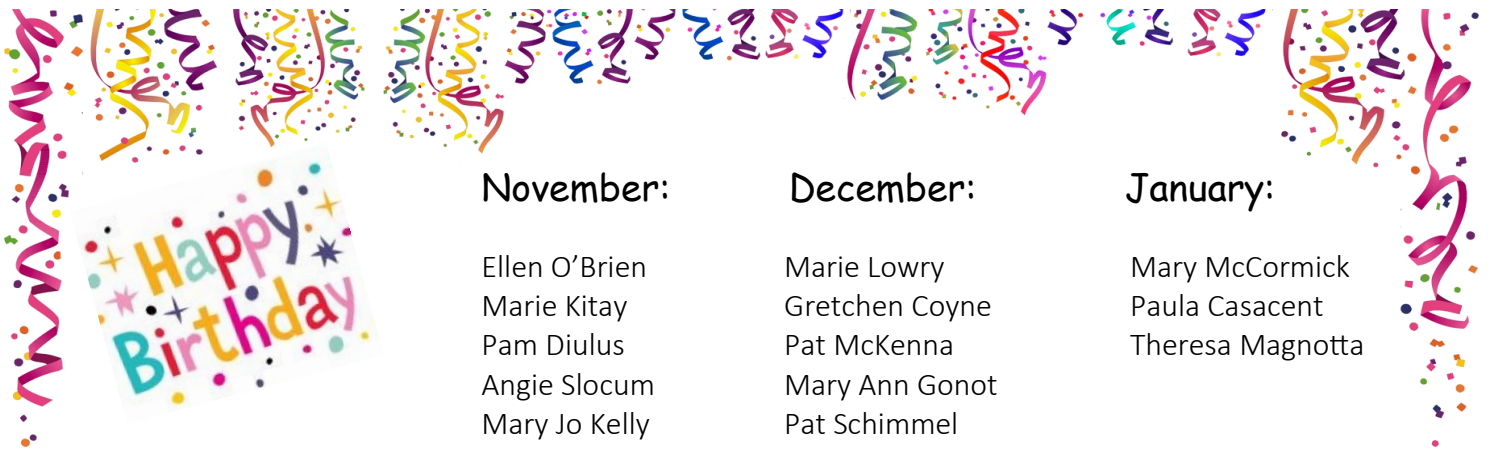
The raffle was a great success!! From the entries and donations directly to the event, we made a profit of **\$12,255.00!**
A big thank you to all of the members for their generous donations of baskets and purses . . . and to all who generously supported the raffle with their cash donations! Thank you also to Janet Mascaro for making and printing the entry forms, to Ellen O'Brien for printing the mailing labels, to Marian Flowers and Mary Ann Gonot for mailing the entry forms, and to Charlotte Collins, for collecting the entry money and ticketing each entry.

A HEART FELT THANK YOU FROM CHRIST CHILD

In this edition of our Christ Child Newsletter, we want to publicly thank Mr. and Mrs. Paul Saville (Linda) of Vienna VA. Mr. Saville is a son of our member Althea Saville who passed away nearly 6 years ago. Althea was a dedicated member and always especially concerned about the children we serve in Angel's Closet.

For many years, Mr. and Mrs. Saville have quietly donated to the Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh's Angel Closet in honor of Paul Saville's mother Althea. These gifts have always been unexpected, and this year especially, very much needed for us to continue the mission of clothing needy children. As recently as a few weeks ago, members of the Angel's Closet Committee met to pack coats for children of the North Side Ministry. Some of these coats distributed were purchased with the most recent gift from the Saville's.

As we thank this generous couple in this season of giving perhaps the greatest thanks we can offer is to re-new our pledge to continue this ministry of clothing the child in need. As a Chapter we will continue to pray for the Saville's and for Althea Saville in whose honor these generous donations have been made.



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

DONATIONS, TRIBUTES AND MEMORIALS FORM

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

____ IN HONOR OF * ____ IN MEMORY OF * ____ IN THANKSGIVING FOR *

____ OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) _____

* NAME _____

Address _____

Donation of: \$50.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ \$10.00 _____ Other \$ _____

Donation FROM: Name _____

Please send an acknowledgement of my gift to:

Name _____

Address _____

**Please enclose this form and your
check payable to**

"Christ Child Society of Pittsburgh"

and mail to:

Marlene MacDonald

642 Pennridge Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15211

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a 501(c)3 (non-profit) organization.

Your donation qualifies as
a charitable deduction.

CHRIST CHILD REMEMBERS. . .

In this past year several of our Christ Child Society members have lost family members. **Jean Katarincic's husband** Joe passed away in January at the age of 88. In August **Sandra DaCosta's husband** John passed away at the age of 75. **Patti Smith's brother** Joe Snyder, age 71, passed away in August. **Gerrie Orr's brother** Richard, age 71, passed away in August. **Mary Jane Diamantopulos' brother** Fr. Jack O'Malley passed away in October, age 83. **Kathleen Lee's brother** Dr. Ted McClain, age 89, passed away in October. And sadly, **Kathleen Lee's husband** Dr. Bob Lee passed away at the age of 90 in late October.

We were deeply saddened to learn that our Past President **JOYCE ORR** passed away October 14 2020, age 69. Joyce had battled cancer for several years. Despite the difficult treatments and side effects, she remained upbeat and cheerful for the entire period of her illness. Her positive outlook was an inspiration to all of us. Joyce was President of Christ Child from 2011 – 2013. As President she introduced a program from the Allegheny Medical Society called "Henry the Hand". This program taught young children proper hand washing techniques, which we all know is very needed today. She also implemented a new smaller design for our Chapter Directory that easily fits into our handbags. Christ Child was not her only charitable endeavor. Joyce was active in Backpacks for Hunger and Animal Friends as well. She leaves her husband Don, two sons, Jonathan, and Nathan (Crystal) and five grandchildren Tristan, Riley, Ariel, Avery, and Quinn. We send heartfelt prayers to her family. Joyce, May you Rest in Peace, and the Perpetual Light Shine upon you.

DONATIONS TO THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

IN MEMORY OF:

Althea Saville

Father Jack O'Malley

Karen Callahan

Joyce Orr

From:

Paul and Linda Saville

Mary McCormick

Patti Smith

Joe and Paulette Bundick

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Theresa Magnotta

Janet Mascaro

Tom and Ming Medwig

Laura Merzlak

Don Orr

Geraldine Orr

Robert Orr

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Katie and John Pappas

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Dates to Remember

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
(TENTATIVE DEPENDING ON COVID-19 GUIDELINES)

November 24

Christ Child Zoom Meeting 6:30 P.M.

NOTEWORTHY:

- Patti Smith would like to extend her thanks to all who have shared their expressions of sympathy on the loss of her brother, Joe.
- There will be a Christ Child ZOOM meeting on **November 24, 2020 at 6:30 pm.** *Members are strongly encouraged to participate! Any questions, please contact Pam Diulus.*
- The next scheduled publication of the CCS newsletter will be in February, 2021. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** and submit all information for this newsletter to Judy Kern by Friday, **February 5.**