



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.

December 2021

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2021

Our annual Christ Child Christmas Party was held on Thursday, November 9 at Scoglio's Restaurant. The afternoon included a delicious meal, games, prizes and a brief general meeting. Our Spiritual Director, Father Jeremy Mohler, was also present and offered a blessing over the gathering. A special thanks again to PAM DIULUS, MARY ANN GONOT, and THERESA MAGNOTTA for arranging the lovely event!

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JUDY KERN



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (All of Us Care)

... From Joanne Herrmann

Aaron Thomas is the new Director of Youth Empowerment Project in Sharpsburg. The Center in Sharpsburg has been operating through the Covid Pandemic with all precautions taken while the children have been attending school. The Center was closed during the Christmas break but resumed operation on January 4. Aaron is looking forward to updating the facility in Sharpsburg by painting, making repairs and other projects.

The Center does need volunteers during open hours from 3pm to 6pm Monday through Fridays. Members of Christ Child who would like to volunteer can contact Aaron at 412-526-6769 or Joanne Herrmann at 412-855-4292.

ANGEL'S CLOSET

... From Molly Kelley

To date, we packed and distributed 176 coats to many of the approved social agencies. Some of the places our coats were distributed include **Sojourner House**— East Liberty, **St Juan Diego Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry**— Sharpsburg, **Our Lady of Angels Food Pantry**— Lawrenceville, **Providence Family Support Center**— North Side, **Casa San Jose**— Brookline. Coats were also packed and delivered to **Angel's Place and Youth Empowerment After School Program**— Sharpsburg, **Mercy Behavioral Health**— Pittsburgh, and **Primary Care Health Services**— Pittsburgh. Thank you to our members for your help and donations! Also a special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, St. Sebastian Council who again donated 27 new coats for our program.

LAYETTES

... From Charlotte Collins

There was a packing of Layette bags on November 17, 2021. A big thank you to Molly Kelley, Theresa Magnotta, Carolyn Green and Pat Schimmel. With their help we were able to pack 96 Layette bags.

MEMBERSHIP

... Patti Smith

The Christ Child Society would like to welcome STACY DOEPKEN as a new member to our organization! We look forward to working with Stacy as we continue our efforts to help children in need in our Pittsburgh area. Please add the following information to your Christ Child 2020 Members Handbook:

Stacy Doepken, 2314 Sidney Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 Phone: 412-979-0031

BACKPACK FOR HUNGER

... Gerri Orr

We have no additional updates for the BACKPACK FOR HUNGER PROGRAM. Any information we receive will be included in our next newsletter!

DONATIONS TO THE CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

From:

**Frederick and Ellen O'Brien
Mary McCormick
Paul and Linda Saville**

In Memory of:

**Tim Hughes
Mary Kay Collins**

**Ceil and Jerry McCabe
Elaine Collins**



~ Happy Birthday ~



December

Marie Lowry
Gretchen Coyne
Pat McKenna
Mary Ann Gonot
Pat Schimmel

January

Mary McCormick
Paula Casasent
Theresa Magnotta

February

Phyllis Palombo
Marian Flowers

March

Connie Kunz
Delores Butch
Mary Jane Diamantopulos

RED WAGON 2021

from . . . Janet Mascaro

Our 2021 Red Wagon event took place on Saturday, November 6 at the Pittsburgh Field Club. We are pleased to report it was another success with a profit of nearly \$10,000. Many thanks to all of the committee chairpersons for the great work and creative effort put into planning and running this event! A big thank you to all of the members for their generous donations of money, baskets, cheer, door prizes, gift cards and purses! Here are a few photos from the event.



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Dates to Remember

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

2022

FEBRUARY 1

NOVEMBER 19

Christ Child **General Meeting** (*Tentative date*) 11:30 am

Red Wagon Fare, Pittsburgh Field Club (Tentative Date)

NOTEWORTHY:

- It has become necessary to suspend our support of the *Camp Aim Program*. Further information will be shared if possible at a later date.
- Please mark your calendar...the next scheduled Christ Child **General Meeting** will be **Tuesday, February 1**. This is a tentative date and members will be updated by email of any change of date or time.
- A special "thank you" to our Christ Child members who have submitted information and updates for this December newsletter.
- The next scheduled publication of the CCS newsletter will be in April. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** and submit all information for this newsletter to Judy Kern by Friday, **April 8**.