



The Red Wagon News

Fall 2023

Hello Christ Child Members and Friends,

Our chapter has reached an important milestone! We were recognized this fall at the National Christ Child Society Conference on the 15th anniversary of receiving our charter. Our chapter formation began in fall 2005. There were goals to reach before becoming chartered on October 18, 2008. We recruited members, wrote bylaws, held successful fundraisers, and established partnerships with community agencies to serve children in need.

Over the years, our partnerships with community agencies have expanded from two agencies to seven. Our work has also expanded from providing layettes for newborns to meeting additional needs of young children in our community for basic clothing and educational enrichment.

Our baby bottle campaign which began in 2006, is still going strong. We have initiated additional fundraisers including Birdies for Charity and a benefit performance at Playcrafters.

We also continue to pray. All members and benefactors will be remembered in masses offered throughout the year at local parishes.

God Bless,

Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson
Chapter President



Members met for Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis, IL, on the 15th anniversary of our charter. **Left to right:** Ruth Bloom, Fr. Peter Zorjan, Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson, Karen Dugan, Marilyn Urbaniak, and Andrea Allison.

Upcoming Events

November 8, 2023, 15th Anniversary Open House 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Butterworth Center, 1105 8th St. Moline, IL.

November 19, 2023, Mass for Members & Benefactors 8:00 a.m. St. Pius X Church, Rock Island, IL

November 21, 2023, Board Meeting, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis, IL

December 2, 2023, Layette Assembly, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis, IL. Drop in for all or part of the scheduled time.

December 12, 2023, Board Christmas Potluck, 6:00 p.m. Dockery-Jackson home

December 22, 2023, Mass for Members & Benefactors 12:10 p.m. St. Mary's, Rock Island, IL

January 16, 2024, Board Meeting, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis, IL.

Open House



Please join us on **November 8th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at **Butterworth Center**, 1105 8th St. Moline, for an open house celebrating our 15th anniversary as a fully chartered chapter of the National Christ Child Society. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and good company. Family and friends are welcome.

Making An Impact

Head Start



Left to right: Members Sylvia Mihm, Nan Bruckman and Karen Gibbs at the Rock Island Head Start fall festival. Students and their families were provided with bags filled with a dental health pamphlet, a toothbrush and toothpaste, as well as a book to take home.

Layettes

We are on track this year to deliver 250 large layettes to four area hospitals, Every Child, and Women's Choice Center. This compares to 148 in 2021 and 190 in 2022.

In recent years we have added hooded towels, wash cloths, bibs and sleep sacks to our layettes which also include a basic infant wardrobe (onesies, sleepers, caps, socks, slacks), diapers, wipes, board book and blanket.

Women's Choice Center

At their annual fundraising banquet in September, Women's Choice Center acknowledged the value of their partnership with Christ Child Society. This year we donated \$500 to their new Perinatal Hospice Program for the purchase of memory making and layette items. This new program supports families at the very difficult time of both celebrating the life of their unborn child and making a special connection while simultaneously saying goodbye and grieving the imminent loss of the child.

We also continue to donate mini-layettes, large layettes, pram suits and winter jackets for little ones. Our goal this year is 100 winter jackets and pram suits.

Thank You

Dr. Chris Cannon, pediatric dentist, from [Dentistry Unlimited](#), Bettendorf, IA for a generous donation of toothbrushes, toothpaste and pamphlets for distribution to Rock Island Head Start students at their fall festival.

Alyssa Leone for organizing all the materials and activities for CCSQC to participate in the Head Start fall festival.

Pam Hughes for donations of onesies, outfits, and books.

Andrea Allison for coordinating the bakers and wrapping the cookies for our Playcrafter fundraiser.

Ruth Bloom for your vision and perseverance in coordinating two new fundraisers this year, Playcrafter's and Birdies for Charity.

Sacred Heart Rock Island Ladies Sodality for a generous donation of diapers.

Save the Date Shower of Love



What: Baby Shower for Christ Child
When: Saturday, February 24, 2024
12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Dockery-Jackson home
2600 31st Ave
Rock Island, IL

Honor the Christ Child with layette gifts and enjoy lunch with Christ Child friends.



Rachel Kramer of WCC (left) and Past President, Lisa Levy (right) hold jackets donated by CCSQC to WCC.