



The Red Wagon News

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*"My God, I desire only to be a tool in your hand; use me to do your work."
Mary Virginia Merrick, Servant of God*

Hello Christ Child Members and Friends,

We are off to a busy start in 2022. Our new location at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis, has given us a place to store layettes, supplies, and books. COVID restrictions have eased and Head Start is allowing a preschool/parent event May 19 and we will distribute books. We're excited to be participating in live events again!

A new project at Genesis East Bereavement Suite continues with delivery of prayer shawls and bath robes for moms, grief books, premie clothing, sheets, and many prayers for those who have lost an unborn baby to miscarriage or stillbirth. Honoring life at the very earliest stages of development reminds us of the wonder, dignity, and power each life has and the influence the baby has on his/her family.

But there is so much work to be done. Won't you consider hosting a Drop Off Baby Shower, Book Drive, or a Baby Bottle Fundraiser? We need you to grow this ministry! Please share your time and talent. Check out our social media and thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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Website: christchildsocietyqca.com

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- May 19, 2022; Head Start end-of-year parent social/board meeting to follow
- June 16, 2022; board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Butterworth Center
- No board meeting in July



Above: Chapter President, Lisa Levy, works with volunteers at layette assembly in our new storage room at Our Lady of Guadalupe church in Silvis.

Layettes for newborns

In the Quad Cities, the Christ Child Society is known for its work in donating large and mini layettes to the Women's Choice Center and area hospitals. Thanks to generous donors and a grant from the Lowell Johnson Foundation, our work continues, and we are on track to exceed our 2021 numbers, with 89 large layettes and 180 mini layettes delivered so far in 2022 (as of May 6). Chapter President, Lisa Levy and the board are so pleased to see the number of members who have participated in our recent "assemblies". As the old saying goes, "many hands make light work!"

Bereavement Suite at Genesis East

Serving the Bereavement Suite and honoring the unborn and their parents, is a privilege. Since we began this project last fall CCS has blessed these families with baby items such as 9" square blankets and carefully crocheted baby hats, toiletries for mom and baby, and grief materials /books for parents and families. The staff at the birth center is very appreciative they can support those experiencing a difficult loss through the items CCS provides.

CCS members are now making white prayer shawls for moms, an item never given before. Each shawl has a tag which says we are praying for them and a verse from Psalm 139:13, "For you created my inmost being: you knit me together in my mother's womb."



Above: As their Lenten Service project, The Rock Youth Ministry Group at St. Malachy's in Geneseo, IL collected 100 board books for the Christ Child Society.

Thank You

Father Peter Zorjan and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishioners for opening your classroom to us!

St. Mary's in Moline for years of allowing us to store all our supplies there and for faithfully conducting bottle drive fundraisers for us.

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus for sharing the proceeds of their pancake breakfast and donating \$1,400 to us.

St. Pius X parishioners for donating \$400 worth of diapers, wipes, blankets, and bibs.

The parishioners at St. Paul's in Davenport, IA, for their pro-life collection which resulted in \$450 for our chapter.

Every Child

On April 28, our chapter president, Lisa Levy, and board member Kimberly Souba, attended the fundraising event for every Child, formerly known as the child abuse Council of the Quad cities. For many years, we have partnered with this organization to provide layettes for their clients.



Left: Six baskets of clothing ready for delivery to Head Start in Rock Island.

Right: Head Start staff gratefully accepted \$1300 worth of clothing purchased for their students by our chapter with a grant from National Christ Child Society. The clothing including slacks, shirts, socks, shoes, and underwear.