



# The Red Wagon News

Winter 2025

Dear Christ Child Society Members and Friends,

Together, we had a wonderful year of service, fun and fellowship in 2024 with tried-and-true events, as well as several new ones.

In April, Beth Peters sponsored a new event of floral arranging with a professional florist guiding us while we created beautiful bouquets. Even a time out in the basement while a tornado passed by did not spoil the beauty of the evening.

In October, Lisa Levy organized a special party commemorating our 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary as chapter with the unique theme of celebrating the Christ Child in Art. Lisa collaborated with homeschoolers to display their children's art depicting the Christ Child. Kimberly Souba captured the joy of that event on film. (Check it out on our [website](#).)

Another new event was our Christmas party with a restaurant dinner at Trattoria Tiramisu followed by trivia games. Marty Corrigan did an impressive job of leading the trivia games.

In addition to the fun and fellowship, we also had a momentous year of service with a record 353 large layettes, 305 mini layettes and 838 children's books distributed. We also provided \$2,000 worth of essential clothing to Head Start children in greatest need. Our support of Genesis Bereavement Suite also continues.

Please join us for another wonderful year of service, fun and fellowship in 2025 by renewing your membership by March 28, 2025. Thank you for your support and service to the Christ Child.

*Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson*  
Chapter President



The membership remains \$45.00 for 2025. Please send checks to: Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 6184, Rock Island, IL 61204-6184. Those who prefer to give online may use the Donorbox QR code provided.


New [applications](#) for current members are unnecessary unless contact information or volunteer interest has changed.

## Important Dates

 **January 13, 2025: Layettes & Lunch**, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. OLG, Silvis, IL; Lunch following layettes at Deerfield Family Restaurant.

**January 21, 2025: Board Meeting** 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., OLG, Silvis, IL.


**February 5, 2025: Shower of Love**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Singleton family home in Bettendorf, IA.

 **February 17, 2025: Layettes & Lunch**, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. OLG, Silvis, IL. Lunch following layettes TBD.

**February 18, 2025: Board Meeting:** Location and Time TBD.

**February 20, 2025: Choosy Event** 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. RI Academy, Rock Island, IL.

**March 18, 2025: Board Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. OLG, Silvis, IL.

 **March 24, 2025: Layettes & Lunch**, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. OLG, Silvis, IL. Lunch following layettes TBD.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Help assemble layettes.
- Sew, knit, or crochet.
- Volunteer at Head Start events.
- Serve on the board.
- Attend the Shower of Love.

## Thanks to

## Events

### Shower of Love



*Please Join Us For  
A Shower of Love.*

In addition to joining the board and taking over the challenging task of layette coordinator, Barb Singleton has graciously agreed to host a Shower of Love luncheon in her home. Please support Barb in her efforts by responding to her very generous invitation. If you cannot attend, please consider sending a shower gift to Barb's home using our Target community wish list. Gifts received will help support our layette program.

<https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/shower-of-love-2025>

**When:** Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.  
**Where:** 6351 Eagle Ridge Road, Bettendorf, Iowa  
**RSVP:** Text Barb at 443-904-0082

### Layettes and Lunch

After our first layette assembly of the year on January 13, 2025, five of our eight workers met for lunch at a local restaurant. It was a fantastic way to get to know each other a little better and share ideas for our chapter. We will continue our morning layette assemblies during the colder weather and add evening times when the days are longer and warmer.

### Head Start

Our chapter will have a table at the Head Start Choosy Event on February 20<sup>th</sup> at Rock Island Academy from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. This family event focuses on making healthy choices. We will be distributing toothbrushes and toothpaste to the children, as well as the book, *The Berenstain Bears Visit the Dentist*. Member, Alyssa Leone, who teaches at RI Academy, has agreed to develop an activity for the children to fit the theme of the event. Please consider volunteering for this event when we send out a volunteer request in February.

**Alison and James Dockery-Jackson** for generous cash donations.  
**Barbara Singleton** for large donations of diapers, taking on the job of layette coordinator, donating \$400 received from friends for a charity of her choice in honor of her birthday and hosting a Shower of Love.  
**Bill and Ruth Bloom** for a generous end of year cash donation.  
**Carolyn Peterson** for handmade blankets.  
**Cindy and Marty Corrigan** for an awesome job organizing our fun Christmas party. Also, thanks to Cindy for a super job organizing the Pumpkin Party activities at Head Start.  
**Deacon Joe and Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson** for a generous end of year cash donation.  
**Diocese of Davenport** for a St. Vincent Home Grant of \$2,000.  
**Donna Wilcox** for generous donations of diapers and baby wipes.  
**Jeanne Wonio** and her book club for donating 36 new children's books at Christmas.  
**Knights of Columbus Allouez Council 658** for a donation of \$625.  
**Lisa Levy** as she steps away from our board after many years of joyful and generous service as president and past president.  
**Marilyn Noe** for a generous cash donation.  
**Marilyn Urbaniak** for a generous cash donation to offset the costs of our 16<sup>th</sup> Christ Child Society birthday party.  
**Mark Singleton** for facilitating our board's strategic planning session.  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe** parishioners for a donation of more than \$500 worth of layette supplies from their spiritual adoption baby shower.  
**Pat McQueen** for a generous end of year cash donation.  
**Ruth Kernan's family** for a donation of \$190 in her memory.  
**Sharon Burns** for regular cash gifts.  
**St. Anne's Circle at St. John Vianney Parish** for donating 51 new children's books.  
**St. Anne's Parish in East Moline** for a large collection of layette items.  
**St. Pius X Altar and Rosary Society** for a donation of \$500.