



## What's Happening

# The Red Wagon News

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Hi Everyone,

I have a sign on my desk at work that says, 'start something new.' The Christ Child Society continues to think outside of the box...and God continues to bless us. We are unable to host our Vendor Craft Shows this year, but St. Anne's, East Moline and St. Mary's, Moline, made up for this by blessing us with very generous donations from their Baby Bottle Drives. Many thanks to all who helped with this effort especially parish liaisons, Corinne Briggs, St. Anne's and Jane Vershaw, St. Mary's.

Locally we continue to provide layettes to the Women's Choice Center, Unity Point Hospitals, and the Child Abuse Council. Additional clothing, diapers and play materials were given to a young family in need, through Quad City Haven of Hope, a domestic shelter and housing program located in Rock Island. Also a new project has begun. Women's Choice Center and CCS are teaming up to provide car seats to the families of newborns in need.

On another front, Kimberly Souba, our Social Media chairperson, is updating our social media. A Giving Program called, "Spread a Little Sunshine," will kick off soon. Four levels of giving are available ranging from \$15 to \$75 dollars to provide gift packages for families of children in need. Designate a person to honor or remember and CCS will send a card to that person or their loved ones informing them of the act of kindness done in their name.

One final thought which is a must...the CCS Board continues to give tirelessly of their time and gifts. They have kept this boat afloat on the COVID seas. Thank you one and all for your support and prayers. Forward!

Lisa Levy  
President



### Unity Point Birthplace

We are seeing an increased demand for layettes. Sixteen layettes have been delivered to Unity Point birthplace in the past month (Aug-Sept).

### Women's Choice Center

We have provided three car seats for expectant mothers who completed the 4-week birthing class at WCC with midwife Rita Ledbetter.

When showers resume, we will once again provide layettes. WCC will also provide small, personal gifts for new moms attending the WCC Village drop-in educational program. We are also collecting books for young children that will be available in Chloe's closet. Mini layettes are still being provided as needed.

### Head Start

Volunteer programs are on hold this year at Head Start.



After months of Zoom meetings, the Christ Child board met in person this August at the Butterworth Education Center with social distancing in place. Left to right. Melissa Miner, Karen Gibbs, Lisa Levy and Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson.

## Pandemic Prayer

Heavenly and Gracious Father, we give you all the honor, glory and praise from deep within our hearts for Your love and faithfulness. Thank you for giving us wisdom and understanding during these troubling times as we care for those You hold dear to Your heart, Your precious little ones! In this season of social distancing let our spirits unite with your Holy Spirit so we can all be one, together, free from anxiety and stress. We especially ask that you increase within each of us the desire to be more like You, and more aware of your Presence in our lives. Fill us with Your truth and open our eyes and hearts to all the needs of Your children. We come to you Father, as Your humble servants, praying that our children continue the path of seeking knowledge and become skillful in all wisdom. Help them to hunger for the written word and the joys of reading, opening their minds and hearts to the opportunities and promises You wish to share with them. Help us to encourage them, through the model of faith You have given to us by Your example. Their foundation starts with You, and we are so grateful to be Your hands and feet. Guide us through these interesting times, we ask this through Your Glorious and Precious Name, Amen.

Deacon Matt Levy

## A Special Need



Our chapter recently contributed funds to the Boyer family to help with transportation costs to OSF Children's Hospital in Peoria where their daughter, Alyssa is receiving treatment for Atypical Ewing Sarcoma. Alyssa has completed a fourth round of chemo at OSF and is scheduled to have two more rounds in the hope that she may have surgery in the future. Her parents thank everyone for their gifts and ask for continued prayers. Alyssa is pictured above on August 30, at a drive by parade held in her honor to show community love and support.

## Free Books

You may receive up to 10 free children's books by purchasing [Kellogg's products](#). Products must be purchased by Sept. 30, 2020, and receipts uploaded to your Kellogg's Family Reward account by 10/30/2020. This is a great way to promote literacy in your family or donate your books to a worthy organization. Our chapter gives a cardboard book with each large layette and would love to receive your donation.