





Important Dates

October 15, 2024: Board Meeting, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
OLG, Silvis, IL

October 16, 2024: 16th Anniversary Open House, "The Christ Child in Art", 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Le Claire Civic Center, 127 S. Cody Road, Le Claire, IA

 **October 23, 2024: Layette Assembly**, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
OLG, Silvis, IL.


October 24, 2024, Pumpkin Party 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Horace Mann Early Learning Center, Rock Island, IL

 **November 11, 2024: Layette Assembly**, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon OLG, Silvis, IL

November 19, 2024: Board Planning Meeting 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., Butterworth Center, Moline, IL

December 8, 2024, Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. OLG, Silvis, IL

December 10, 2024: Christ Child Christmas Dinner Party, Bar Opens at 5:30 p.m. Dinner to follow. Trattoria Tiramisu, Bettendorf, IA. *Members are welcome to bring a guest.*

 **December 12, 2024: Layette Assembly**, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. OLG, Silvis, IL

The Red Wagon News

Fall 2024

Dear Christ Child Society Members and Friends,

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the National Christ Child Society Convention in Omaha with other members of our chapter. One session was a presentation by attorney, Mark Weber, who discussed some key ideas from his book, *A Spectrum of Legacies, The Gifts You Leave For Your Children and Community*. Legacy planning works with estate plans to distribute assets wisely, enrich relationships with heirs; teach children to use an inheritance in accord with their parents' values; and nurture souls by giving back to the community. Weber stated that 70% of estate plans fail mainly due to the breakdown of trust and communication within the family. He discussed ways to build trust and communication but also noted that the greatest legacy we leave our children is our values.

Our chapter has been blessed by young people who value charitable works. Recently, Heart of Mary Homeschool Educators hosted a back-to-school celebration with a penny carnival. The proceeds of the carnival along with layette items were donated to our chapter. In another instance, five-year-old Collette Peters collected items for several charities including Christ Child Society at her recent birthday party. Her mom, Beth, said that Collette felt happy and proud as she distributed her gifts. As we go forward, our chapter aims to continue involving young people so that they may know a lifetime of joy in giving.

Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson
Chapter President



Christ Child Society members from the Peoria Diocese met at the National Christ Child Society convention in Omaha for an opportunity to learn and share new ideas with other chapters throughout the nation. **Left to Right:** Cindy Corrigan, Quad Cities; Barb Singleton, Quad Cities; Beth Miller, Central Illinois; Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson, Quad Cities; Deacon Joe Dockery-Jackson, Quad Cities; and Judy Hayes, Central Illinois.

Events



The Christ Child in Art

Join us for a celebration of the 16th anniversary of the Quad Cities Chapter of the Christ Child Society. Our theme for the event is “The Christ Child in Art” with art projects depicting the Christ Child created by students from Our Lady’s Joy homeschool group. We will have refreshments and a fun raffle.

When: Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Where: LeClaire Civic Center, 127 S. Cody Road, LeClaire, IA

Questions: Call Mary Anne 309-786-2385

Layette Assemblies

This year, there has been a **50% increase in the demand for large layettes** from our community partners. We are on track to deliver more than 300 large layettes, as well as 250 mini layettes in 2024. Consider helping at a layette assembly or donating layette items. Diapers (Preemie, NB, 1 and 2), wipes, board books, bibs, socks, washcloths, blankets, sleepers, sleep sacks, slacks and onesies are all needed.

Head Start

Our chapter will have a table at the Head Start Pumpkin Party on October 24th at Horace Mann Early Learning Center in Rock Island, IL, from 3:30 to 5:30. There will be a fall themed activity for the children and copies of Eric Carle’s book, *The Tiny Seed*, to give away. Consider volunteering for this fun event promoting early childhood literacy.



Save the Date - Dec. 10, 2024

Join us for a Christmas Dinner Party at Trattoria Tiramisu in Bettendorf, IA. Bring a friend or family member. We will share the cost by covering our own meals.

Thanks to

Andrea Alison for coordinating bakers and bagging cookies for our Playcrafter fundraiser.

Cathy Pulford for a big donation of handcrafted blankets and bears.

Collette Peters for collecting layette supplies at her 5th birthday party and donating them to Christ Child Society.

Donna Wilcox for donations of layette supplies.

Heart of Mary Homeschool Educators for hosting a back-to-school celebration that included a “penny carnival” which raised \$103 for the Christ Child Society plus layette items.

Pam Hughes for donations of layette supplies.



Above: Collette displays gifts for charity she received at her fifth birthday party.

Birdies Report

Thanks to everyone who donated to Christ Child Society through Birdies for Charity. We had a 70% increase over last year for a total of \$1,795.00.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Help with our 16th anniversary celebration “The Christ Child in Art” by baking, greeting guests, setup, or cleanup.
- Volunteer for the Head Start Fall Festival.
- Help with layette assemblies.
- Host or attend a baby shower for the Christ Child.
- Sew, knit or crochet layette items.