



## The Red Wagon News

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Dear Members and Friends of the Christ Child Society,

The attacks on the Unborn in our own state of Illinois have come fast and furious of late. Partial birth abortion is now allowed, but parental notification is not! What an opportunity we have to live the pro-life message by supporting the unborn, their moms, dads, and families through the Christ Child Society. The lunacy will not stop unless we take a stand for life and live our beliefs. Daily let us ask the Holy Spirit to show us how to serve others with a joyful heart. We are to be the face and hands of Our Lord. Mary Virginia Merrick pray for us. Amen.

Deacon Matt Levy

### Craft and Vendor Show

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish will host a Craft and Vendor Show on **Saturday, September 14, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** to benefit the Christ Child Society. With the guidance of Heather McCormick as event coordinator, more than 30 tables will be featured, along with a raffle of vendor items and food concessions. We are very excited to further promote CCS and our mission of service to children in need. Volunteers are needed for Publicity, Kitchen, Set-up/Clean up and Inviting Membership.

Please contact Lisa Levy to help. All hands are needed! Let's work together in honor of the Christ Child. New members are welcome. Please bring your friends. Call Lisa at 309-428-1531.

### Upcoming Events

#### July 11

**Layette Assembly**, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Dockery-Jackson home  
2600 31<sup>st</sup> Ave. Rock Island, IL

#### July 18

**Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.  
Green Room, Butterworth  
Center, Moline, IL

#### August 15

**Board Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.  
Green Room, Butterworth  
Center, Moline, IL

#### August 28

**Baby Shower**,  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m..  
Women's Choice Center  
Bettendorf, IA

#### September 14

**Craft and Vendor Show**  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
OLG Parish Hall, Silvis, IL

### Save the Date Nov. 9th

Our annual day of prayer has been rescheduled for November 9, 2019, at St. Pius, McCarthy Hall in Rock Island. The day will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and end by 3:30 p.m.

## THANK YOU



The Christ Child Society  
Quad Cities Chapter!

This 'thank you' from the Child Abuse Council is for our donation on 6/7/19 of twelve gift bags to new moms in need that included a basic infant wardrobe, blanket, diapers, baby wipes, changing pad, sleep sack, cardboard book and parent education materials.

**Mini-layettes for Women's Choice Center** will be assembled at the home of Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson on July 11, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Each client at Women's Choice Center who receives a positive pregnancy test also receives a gift from the Christ Child Society that contains a neutral outfit or sleeper, onesie, cap, diapers and prayer card. We hope these gifts help new mothers envision their child. More than 400 mini-layettes are distributed annually. If you wish to help, call Mary Anne at 309-786-2385.

## Head Start Linkage

Christ Child Society chapters focus on three major areas of service: meeting basic needs; building literacy; and empowering children and their families. Since formation in 2005, the Quad Cities chapter has focused on meeting basic needs and promoting literacy by providing infant clothing, basic care items, quality board books and educational materials to young children and their parents through partnerships with local agencies. On November 15, 2018, our chapter entered into a linkage agreement with Rock Island/Milan Head Start to provide volunteers for Head Start classrooms and events. Several members volunteered in classrooms this past year and others participated in special events including Pumpkin Fest in October, Healthy Choices in February and End of Year Celebration in May. Also, within the past two years, our chapter has donated over 600 children's books to Head Start students. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about our partnership with Head Start, please call Michelle Dasso 309-429-9596.



## Thrivent Grant

As a member of Thrivent Financial, a non-profit financial services organization, Mindy Olson, was able to apply for a \$250.00 grant to be awarded to a charitable organization of her choice. Mindy chose to apply for a grant to fund Christ Child Society literacy programs. After receiving the funds, Mindy was able to purchase 60 high quality children's board books using her scholastic book club membership nearly doubling the value of the original gift. Some of the books will be included as gifts in our large layettes while others will be used by Head Start volunteers working with children in classrooms. In addition, the Christ Child Society will match the \$250.00 Thrivent grant to purchase additional books for Head Start literacy programs.



Lisa Levy (right) at Head Start event