



The Red Wagon News

Spring 2025

Dear Christ Child Society Members and Friends,

A great year of service, fun and fellowship has begun for the Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities! In February, Barb Singleton hosted a Shower of Love in her home. Thirty guests had a wonderful time enjoying Barb's warm hospitality and delicious luncheon. The \$2100 worth of in-kind gifts received at the shower gave a boost to our stock of layette items.

Several additional boosts to our layette program were received in January from three Rock Island parishes (St. Mary's, Sacred Heart and St. Pius X) who allowed us to conduct bottle drives. A total of \$5,075 was donated from the three parishes and through Donorbox.

We have also received blessings of time from many members who have generously volunteered to assist with layette assembly and distribution. Check out our list for other volunteer opportunities. A new item on the volunteer list is a call for members and friends to help at the John Deere Classic by selling raffle tickets on Saturday, July 5th. There are great perks for volunteers plus our chapter will earn \$500 if we sell the minimum requirement of \$2000 worth of raffle tickets. This is a great way to get more visibility for the Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities. We need volunteer names by early April. Please help if you are able.

Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson
Chapter President




Tickets for our Playcrafters benefit production of "Miss Nelson is Missing" will be available online using a QR code beginning April 2nd. Tickets may be purchased at the door or ahead of time by sending a check to Christ Child Society, P.O. Box 6184, Rock Island, IL 61204. Free refreshments, including homemade cookies, will be available at intermission.

When: Thursday, June 26, 2025, Doors Open at 7:00 p.m. Show Starts at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Playcrafters Barn Theatre, 4950 35th Ave. Moline, IL

Important Dates


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

March 25, 2025: Board Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., OLG, Silvis, IL.

March 28, 2025: Membership Payment Due Date

April 2, 2025: Playcrafters Ticket Sales Open.


April 7, 2025: Birdies for Charity Kick-Off.

 **April 14, 2025: Layettes & Supper**, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. OLG, Silvis, IL. Supper following layettes TBD.

April 14, 2025: Board Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., OLG, Silvis, IL.

April 29, 2025: April Flower Arranging, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Oak Room, Butterworth Center, 1105 8th St. Moline, IL.

May 15, 2025: Head Start Parent Celebration 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Horace Mann Learning Center, Rock Island, IL.

 **May 19, 2025: Layettes & Supper**, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. OLG, Silvis, IL. Supper following layettes TBD.

May 19, 2025: Board Meeting 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., OLG, Silvis, IL.

Events

April Flowers - April 29th



*Please Join Us For
An Evening Of
Flower Arranging*

Members of the Christ Child Society are sponsoring an evening of flower arranging for all members and prospective members. Last April, we had a wonderful time creating beautiful bouquets under the skillful guidance of, Deborah Deporter-Layer owner of The Forest of Flowers in Milan. We hope many members and friends will join us again for another enjoyable evening. There is no charge for the evening, however, guests are invited to bring an unwrapped gift item from our layette wish list <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/christ-child-wish-list>

When: Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Oak Room, Butterworth Center, 1105 8th St. Moline, IL

RSVP: Text or call Mary Anne by April 12th 309-738-4679

Head Start Parent Celebration - May 15th

Christ Child Society will provide an activity and book giveaway for children and their parents at Horace Mann Early Learning Center on May 15, 2025, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Please consider volunteering for this fun event that promotes early childhood literacy.

John Deere Classic - July 5th



Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities will participate in 2025 as an approved charitable organization eligible to receive pledges from community members through Birdies for Charity. The tournament promises a minimum bonus of 5% on all collected pledges.

In addition, our chapter is one of five Quad City charitable organizations selected to earn an extra \$500 by providing volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the John Deere Classic on Saturday, July 5th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tournament volunteers receive some great perks such as free parking, free admission to the tournament, free lunch and an invitation to attend a party for volunteers. We will need at least 8 volunteers to sell a minimum of \$2000 worth of raffle tickets to qualify for the \$500 donation. This an opportunity to be part of a great Quad City tradition.

Thanks to

BUSH SPORTS TURF, a proud sponsor of the Christ Child Society's benefit performance of "Miss Nelson is Missing". We are grateful to Bush Sports Turf for their support of our mission to serve children in our local community and their willingness to help us out with another successful fundraiser.

Alyssa Leone, Joe and Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson for organizing and staffing our activity and book, toothbrush, toothpaste give away at the Head Start Choosy Event. **Deb Erickson, Donna Wilcox and Yvonne Leemans** for generous contributions over and above membership dues.

Karen Wieland for a donation of 50 adorable handmade newborn caps.

Quad Cities Community Foundation for a grant of \$1,000.00.

Sacred Heart, St. Mary's and St. Pius X Parishioners for a successful bottle drive that raised a total of \$5,075.00.

St. Paul the Apostle Parishioners for a special collection of \$771.38.

Shower of Love Guests for donating \$2,100 worth of in-kind gifts.

Special Thanks to board member **Kimberly Souba** as she leaves for a new career in North Dakota. Kimberly has managed our website and social media, created posters, cards, videos, organized collections of books, diapers, layette items and more. . . We will miss you, Kimberly.

Volunteer Opportunities

- ✓ Assemble layettes
- ✓ Bake cookies for Playcrafters benefit.
- ✓ Crochet. Knit. Sew. We need drool bibs or burp cloths and blankets (30x30) or (30x40).
- ✓ Help promote our Playcrafters benefit production.
- ✓ Sell raffle tickets at JD Classic.
- ✓ Serve on the board.
- ✓ Volunteer to bring refreshments to our "April Flowers" event.