



# The Red Wagon News

Summer 2024

Dear Christ Child Society Members and Friends,

Every year, Christ Child Society Chapters throughout the nation distribute about 25,000 layettes to families of newborns in need. The share of layettes distributed by our Quad Cities Chapter has gradually increased from 148 in 2021 to 226 in 2023. In 2024, we are on track to distribute more than 300 large layettes!

Recently, a UnityPoint case manager shared that she was able to give two of our layettes to a young mother who had given birth to twins! The mother was overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude. Each layette contains only new items and has a retail value of \$90-\$100. What a gift of love for a new mom in need!

All are invited to share in this joyful ministry. There are many ways to help our mission. All it takes is a generous heart and sometimes a bit of creativity. Kate DeLathouwer recently demonstrated generosity and creativity when she invited guests coming to her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party to bring a gift for the Christ Child! Kate's friends matched her generosity by showering the Christ Child with many lovely gifts. These wonderful young people are an inspiration to all of us. Their kind deeds will be told throughout eternity.


Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson  
Chapter President

**Right:** The DeLathouwer sisters display gifts Kate (second from right) recently received at her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party. In lieu of gifts for herself, Kate requested gifts for the Christ Child. We are thankful for Kate's generous heart! We are also grateful for her supportive parents and friends.




## Important Dates


**June 19, 2024: Member Meeting**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
Lindsay Park Yacht Club,  
Davenport, IA

 **June 24, 2024: Layette Assembly**, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
OLG, Silvis, IL.


**\*June 26, 2024: Birdies for Charity** pledges are due.

 **July 19, 2024: Layette Assembly**, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
OLG, Silvis, IL.

**July 25, 2024: Playcrafters Benefit Performance of Charlotte's Web.** Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Play begins at 7:30 p.m. Playcrafters Barn Theatre, Moline, IL

 **August 7, 2024: Layette Assembly**, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.  
OLG, Silvis, IL.

**August 19, 2024: Deadline to register for NCCS Convention.**

 **September 10, 2024: Layette Assembly**, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. OLG, Silvis, IL.

**September 17, 2024: Board Meeting**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
OLG, Silvis, IL

**September 19-21: NCCS Convention**, Omaha, NE

\*All Birdies pledges must be received in the Birdies for Charity Office or online by June 26, 2024. Our number is #2384.

## Events

### Charlotte's Web



Tickets are now on sale for our July 25, 2024, Playcrafters fundraiser, **Charlotte's Web**. Intermission refreshments and concessions are included in the ticket price. We will also have plenty of homemade cookies. Please help us make this event a big success!

Use the QR code above to order tickets for Charlotte's Web.

### Calling All Members



Join us to welcome new members and enjoy an evening of hors d'oeuvres and wine on the riverfront at Lindsay Park Yacht Club in Davenport, Wednesday, June 19, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. **RSVP by June 12th** to [christchildsocietyqca@gmail.com](mailto:christchildsocietyqca@gmail.com)

### National Christ Child Society Convention



Everyone is invited to the [National Christ Child Society Convention](#) held from September 19-21 in Omaha, NE. A limited amount of financial assistance for conference registration is available from member donations. Room sharing and carpooling could further reduce costs. The convention empowers CCS members by providing inspiration, education on nonprofit management, best practices, innovative program models, resources and connections to sister chapters. August 19<sup>th</sup> is the registration deadline.

## Thanks to

Parishioners of St. Anne's Church in East Moline, IL who donated \$1,211.64 in a bottle drive.

Parishioners of St. Mary's Church in Moline, IL who donated \$915.42 in a bottle drive.

Kate DeLathouwer who requested and donated gifts for the Christ Child at her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

Pam Hughes for donations of clothing.

Donna Wilcox for donations of cash, diapers and wipes.

Martha Murray Dimer, Sharon Burns and Yvonne Leemans for cash donations.

Beth Peters for donating the flowers for our Spring Bouquets Event.

Deborah Deporter-Layer, owner of The Forest of Flowers, for donating her time to teach us the basics of flower arranging.



**Above:** Members craft floral arrangements under the guidance of Deborah Deporter-Layer

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Bake cookies for Playcrafter fundraiser.** Homemade cookies make our benefit play special.
- Help with layette assemblies.** We have set dates and extra requests as needed.
- Host a Shower of Love for Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities** (Our board will help you.) Early October is ideal.