



## The Red Wagon News

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*"My God, I desire only to be a tool in your hand; use me to do your work."  
Mary Virginia Merrick, Servant of God*

Hello Christ Child Members and Friends,

Living through a pandemic the last 18 months has challenged many organizations to get their mission out into the world. Organizations have not been able to fundraise or help others in the traditional way they were used to. Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities is no different. We have had to think outside the box and be creative in how we became the tools of God to share the mission of our foundress, Mary Virginia Merrick, within the Quad Cities and surrounding areas.

In addition to updating our website and Facebook page, Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities added Instagram and Twitter accounts. Through our social media outlets, we have been able #findaneedandfillit as well as share our activities with our friends. If you would like to see what we are up to or become a member, please go to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or our website to follow us and share your interest. One of our members will get in touch with you.

Facebook: [@QCCS](https://www.facebook.com/QCCS)

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Twitter: [@CCS\\_QCA](https://twitter.com/CCS_QCA)

Website: [christchildsoctyqca.com](http://christchildsoctyqca.com)

God bless,  
Kimberly Souba  
Social Media Coordinator

### Upcoming Board Meetings

- July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Butterworth Center
- August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Butterworth Center
- September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Butterworth Center



Above: Chapter President, Lisa Levy, presents the first large layettes donated by CCS-QC to Genesis East.

### Layettes for Genesis

Since 2007, the Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities has regularly donated large layettes of newborn items (valued at \$100 each) to Unitypoint Trinity Birthplace, Moline, IL. Thanks to generous donors and a grant from the Lowell Johnson Foundation, Moline, our goal of supplying both Quad City hospital systems with large layettes is now a reality. The first donation of 10 layettes for Genesis East Medical Center, Davenport, IA, was delivered in mid-May by Chapter President, Lisa Levy. We are delighted to realize our goal of partnership with both Genesis and Unitypoint Birth Centers to help struggling parents meet the needs of their newborns.

## Red Wagon Drive-by Baby Showers

Saturday, May 15, 2021, CCS-QC held two successful baby showers at St. Pius X, Rock Island, IL and Our Lady of the River, Le Claire, IA. Donors simply drove up to one of the two churches and donated newborn baby items and children's books. The visitors were given information about our organization, as well as a membership application. Within two hours, an abundance of diapers, infant care products, blankets, baby clothing, and books were collected. Most of the donations will be used in our large layettes, however, many items including larger sized diapers, infant clothing, care items, books, and toys were donated to Women's Choice Center, Bettendorf, IA.



Left: Melissa Miner, Recording Secretary, and Ruth Bloom, new board member at-large greet donors at the Red Wagon Drive-by Baby Shower at Our Lady of the River in Le Claire, IA.

## New Board Member-at-Large

Ruth Bloom of Le Claire, IA, was unanimously elected to join the board of CCS-QC at the June meeting. Her professional experiences in higher education include teaching accounting, directing a career center, and academic advising. In the corporate world, she has served as a liaison between a professional association and its 45 state and local chapters. This involved working with regional directors and volunteer leaders to maximize member engagement, as well as advising and coaching board members on best practices for chapter management. Ruth also has experience in strategic planning, financial analysis, writing and distributing quarterly newsletters, event planning, and representing her company at industry events. We are grateful that Ruth is willing to share her many talents with the Christ Child Society. Welcome to our board, Ruth!

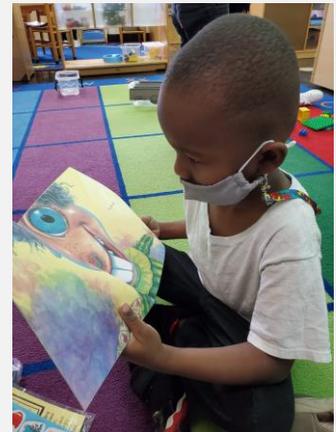
## Thank You

Our heartfelt thanks to Elida Gomez and all the members of the pro-life committee at St. Mary's, Moline, IL, who recently raised \$2346.18 in a bottle drive for our chapter. We are so thankful for your continued support of our pro-life work.

## Head Start Projects

Our Literacy Coordinator and Head Start Liaison, Alyssa Leone, has been busy planning and ordering materials for a back-to-school packet that Head Start teachers will present to incoming students at home visits prior to the start of school. The packet will include a book, crayons, activity pages, and tips for parents.

Alyssa will also be coordinating our participation and support of upcoming Head Start events. At the October Head Start family event, we hope to present each child with a book of their own to take home. Please help us collect new or gently used children's books for this event.



## Spread a Little Sunshine

A \$15.00 gift will purchase several high-quality books for children served by our literacy programs.