



What is Christ Child Society?

Christ Child Society was founded in 1887 by Mary Virginia Merrick in Washington, DC as a national volunteer organization dedicated to helping children in need. Over 100 years later, members of CCS throughout the United States continue to love and nurture children. The Dayton Chapter, established in 1911 by Helen and Marie Rotterman, continues to thrive without benefit of paid administrative staff and does not own property.

About Christ Child of Dayton

Christ Child Society is a non-profit Catholic association of volunteers, embracing members of all denominations, dedicated to serving at-risk children and the elderly regardless of race or creed.

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Service Projects

Cloth-A-Child

Restricted gift cards for children's clothing are distributed to families in need through schools and agencies throughout the Miami Valley.

DECA - Dayton Early College Academy / DECA Prep

CCS volunteers lead book groups, edit papers, serve as panelists for performance assessments, and help with school events at this K-12 charter school system.

Erma's House

CCS volunteers provide supervision for court-ordered visitation of children with their non-custodial parent.

The Glen at St. Joseph

CCS volunteers assist in activities emphasizing education and life skills in this residential facility supporting low income single moms in a safe environment. Volunteers help with the Halloween party, assist in setting up and selling for their Christmas shop and help at other events as needed.

Hygiene Kits

CCS assembles basic hygiene kits containing items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, combs, lip balm, and band-aids. Contents vary seasonally based on need. Kits are provided to Daybreak, the only area agency serving homeless teens and youth.

Layettes

Monthly, CCS distributes necessities such as blankets and clothes to underprivileged, newborn babies through area social service agencies.

Maria Joseph Living Care Center

CCS volunteers make monthly visits for bingo and provide homemade dessert, fruit and prizes.

Oak Tree Corner

CCS volunteers provide pizza dinner once a month with drinks, fresh vegetables and cookies for a grief group that assists children/families through the healing process as they navigate a loss in the family.

Prayer Shawls

A group of skilled CCS knitters come together to knit prayer shawls to be given out for various reasons: a sick member, a member in need, or given to nursing homes and retirement villages.

St. Vincent de Paul Gateway Shelter

CCS volunteers help to serve dinner at the Gateway Shelter for Women and Children and donate needed items for the shelter. Sack lunches are delivered every month.

Literacy Program

Providing children with books to call their own.

Spiritual Development

First Friday Mass

Mass is offered for the CCS intentions at St. Charles of Borromeo in Kettering. Socialize after Mass with coffee!



St. Charles of Borromeo

Prayer Shawls

CCS makes prayer shawls for those in need of wrap around prayers.

Prayer Requests

Members may ask for prayers for a special intention.

Memorial Mass

Members can honor their loved ones, living or deceased, by donating the cost of a layette. The Honorees' names are read at the annual Memorial Mass, held at The Glen at St. Joseph.

Social Activities

Bunco / Euchre

Members enjoy playing Bunco and Euchre each month. The proceeds raised go to Cloth-A-Child and Layettes.

Christmas Party

An annual Christmas party is held at a member's house.

Movie Night

A casual evening out to view a movie with a discussion.

Sources of Funds

Red Wagon Luncheon

For over 40 years, Red Wagon has been CCS's signature event. It is the major fundraiser event in which many community leaders support the luncheon, raffle, silent auction, and entertainment.



Layette Support Program

Members can honor their loved ones, living or deceased, by donating the cost of a layette. The Honorees' names are read at the annual Memorial Mass, held at The Glen at St. Joseph.

Memorials and Bequests
Grants
Membership Dues