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CCST Responds to Crisis

You would be proud of your fellow members who have been doing volunteer work for other organizations, church or community during this Pandemic. Christ Child Tucson Members have been valuable in our communities.



Angela Schneider has been making Scrub Hats for local hospitals and masks for local churches. She noted that they made 800 in three weeks. Jim Galloway at the Highlands at Dove Mountain shared how pleased the community was: "Thank you to all the women behind this successful hat project, this was definitely a community effort that came together for the purpose of doing a small part to keep frontline healthcare heads covered. Thank you to all the nurses, physicians, techs, housekeepers!" Angela also makes masks for Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene.



Vita Balsino shared that she has been doing quite a bit of spiritual counseling on the phone for people that live alone. These men and women over 60 are afraid of catching the virus. Their only recreation has been going to bingo, the movies or meeting friends for coffee. They have been feeling hopeless.

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Nancy Thorpe, President & Angela Schneider, Past President

Amy Yersavich shared that she has started volunteering for Mobile Meals once a week. Many of their volunteers are over 70 and could not deliver meals at this time. She also has been crocheting hats and booties for a pregnant woman at Casa Alites, the migrant welcome center and being a part of Pilots & Paws, which flies missions that take dogs, typically from high-kill shelters, to rescue orgs or adopters.

Janet Corley shared that she is still working for the Pima County Health Department and is following COVID-19 cases in long-term care facilities. She is anxious to get back to giving baby shots but knows that this is important and is glad that she can do something helpful during this outbreak.



Jean Brabenec shared that she has been crocheting blankets for babies. She has made 12 blankets as well as a throw for her granddaughter to take to school next year. She has also been reading books that she gets from her sister and is sharing those that they have read. She hopes to finish 8 more blankets before the September meeting.

Nancy Thorpe has been busy sending postcards and making phone calls to the children and families at her church. She misses the 3-4-year old's that her husband and she teach in Sunday School Class!

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May 11, 2020 at 9:16 PM MST - Updated May 11 at 9:16 PM



Deb AuClair made over 250 masks for Nursing Homes, Shelters, Santa Catalina' Redemptrist Priests and Family & Friends. She also shared that she helped out at the Diocese of Tucson food drive at St. Mark the Evangelist Church by collecting and delivered food to Pio Decimo.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Christ Child Society Members of Tucson,

Who could have anticipated that we would have a year such as this! We pray that you and your loved ones are healthy and safe. Even though it has been a challenging year for all of us, the Christ Child Society has been blessed by your support in the 2019-2020 year. We would like to thank you for your prayers, your financial support, and your hours volunteering.

The following is a list of our accomplishments this year despite the pandemic:

- 1 We designed and sold our own Christ Child shirts, featuring our founder, Virginia Mary Merricks motto, "Nothing is ever too much to do for a Child"
- 2 We joined with the Heritage Girls at St. Marks where they sponsored a diaper drive for Christ Child and the girls made angels for the Christmas giving tree.
- 3 We also worked with the student volunteers at St. Augustine's High School as they helped us make fleece blankets to donate.
- 4 We continued food donations at Sells and San Xavier Mission School.
- 5 There was a "Layettes of Love" collection at Santa Catalina where we collected diapers, layette items, and financial support.
- 6 For our National Day of Service in October we enjoyed reading, making a craft and donating books to the preschool classes at Pio Decimo.
- 7 We held a fabulous Fall Fashion Show at a local country club raising funds and awareness of the Christ Child Society in our community.
- 8 A "Layettes of Love" at Our Lady of the Desert Parish donated financial support, diapers, and many layette items. There was also a Christmas Tree of Love covered with angels. The donors selected an angel to help fulfill the needs in the Tucson community.
- 9 We attended our first ice hockey match and our very own centenarian almost rode on the Zamboni! (the steps were too steep).

None of this would have been possible without you! The Christ Child Society of Tucson, like chapters across the United States, finds a need and fills it! Your Christ Child Board has continued to meet through zoom. We have been planning "after corona" activities that you can look forward to this coming year. Please take time to read this newsletter as it is especially important since we have not been able to meet.

May the Christ Child bless you and keep you safe until we see each other again.

Nancy



MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL

Thank You to all our Donors and Members
who made our Mother's Day Memorial Day
Fundraiser a Big Success.

We are proud to say that we made \$4,180.

God Bless You All, Angela & Nancy

*Christ Child Society of Tucson
Salutes the following amazing women.
Donations have been made in
their names.*

Living Honorees

<i>Julia Attaway</i>	<i>Jeri Sauger</i>
<i>Elaine Bennett</i>	<i>Phyllis Geisler</i>
<i>Mary Gene Cwaskey</i>	<i>Joan Kiss</i>
<i>Mary Sauger</i>	<i>Virginia Lugo</i>
<i>Sr Jean Manari</i>	

Deceased Memorials

<i>Frances Alberts</i>	<i>Eavona Kramer</i>	<i>Mary Rose Sarno</i>
<i>Madge Brabeneo</i>	<i>Elona Lugo</i>	<i>Christine Schneider</i>
<i>Carol Baechele</i>	<i>Kay McClain</i>	<i>Beth Stewart</i>
<i>Betty Carroll</i>	<i>Sean McGuigan</i>	<i>Ruth Stewart</i>
<i>Joanne Crum</i>	<i>Michelle Mortensen</i>	<i>Viola Thorpe</i>
<i>Ellen French</i>	<i>Muriel Newman</i>	<i>Rosemary Underwood</i>
<i>Frances Gould</i>	<i>Maxine Neely</i>	<i>Lupe Villoman</i>
<i>Helen Graca</i>	<i>Agnes Romero</i>	<i>Eleanor Virnig</i>
<i>Hossie Jiron</i>	<i>Carmen Sainz</i>	<i>Shirley Virnig</i>

National Day of Service 2020

The National Christ Child Society (NCCS) has been making a difference in the lives of children in need for 133 years. We continue to make our presence known by raising awareness of our national organization as a federation of chapters with local impact in 45 communities.

The NCCS National Day of Service (NDS) provides chapters with an opportunity to tell the Christ Child Society story on a national and local level. Since we started this program four years ago, we have seen many Christ Child Society chapters featured in local newspapers and Church bulletins before and after their participation in NDS. We hope to expand press coverage into more media markets each year. Not only is this a great way to tell your chapter's story, it is a great opportunity for member recruitment, community

engagement and fundraising. It also provides a way to energize and recommit current members.

This year's National Day of Service event will be held during the week of **October 25th- 31st**.

Our previous themes have been:

2016 - "Layettes of Love"

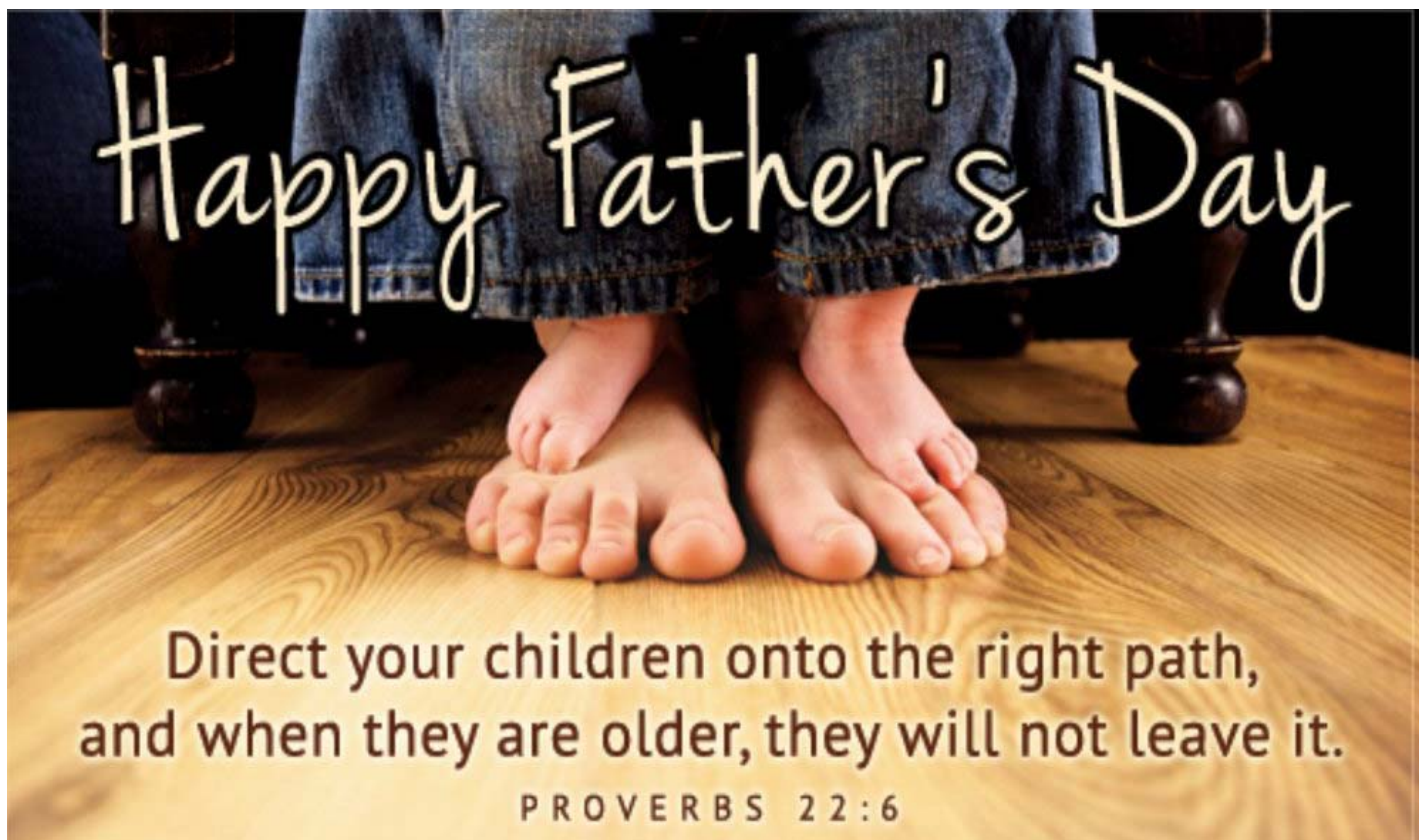
2017 - "Make a Difference: Read to Me"

2018 - "Make a Difference: Read to Me"

2019 - "Read to Me: Inspire Me to Learn"

This year's theme is: **"Energize ♦ Inspire ♦ Engage: Expanding our Reach"**. The goal of this theme is to encourage chapters to customize an event around an existing program or an unfilled need in their community.

Remember June 21st!



50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

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So much for pre-covid plans!

...BUT—we are still planning the 50th Anniversary Gala!

Well the time is drawing near and the 50th Anniversary Gala Committee has been hard at work. We always could use more of you as we have lots to do to get ready for the Big Event. 50 Years, WOW how amazing is that and all the children and families we have reached out to

We are getting ready to send out our SAVE THE DATE Cards to all donors, family and friends. We ask you all to consider a table for your own personal friends and family. If

you would like us to send them an invite or Save the Date. Please share their information with me at aschneid24@hotmail.com 520-616-2191, or if you have any questions. We need your help in sharing the word about all the good we have done in the Tucson Communities. I have attached the Save the Date Card which you will all be receiving.

Angela would like to "Shout Out a Big Thank You" to Deb AuClair and her husband Chris who put together the Card layout. Bless you both. Also, a big "Thank You" to Rosie Celentano who is working behind the scenes to help make this a memorable event for all who attend.



MEETING CALENDAR

Mark Your Calendars Events and Meetings

Christ Child Monthly Member Lunch Meetings at Hacienda Del Sol at 11:30 5508 N Hacienda Del Sol Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718. If you RSVP to the Monthly Lunch Meeting and for some reason you are not able to attend and don't cancel by Friday before you are responsible for that lunch payment. Contact Frances Smith (520) 885-5065.

2020 Christ Child of Tucson Calendar

Jan-20	Feb-20
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Membership Information

Are you interested in sharing your talent within Christ Child? We need a treasurer. Please let Angela, Nancy or Vita know.

Christ Child Society members don't forget your annual dues of \$65 are due on July 1st 2020. Reminders have already been mailed out to all of you. If for some reason you do not receive one or if you have any questions please call Vita Balsino at 520-907-6938.

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Always invite family and friends to all our events and luncheon meetings.

Please share this newsletter with all you meet and share, share, share, the Christ Child Mission and what we do for our community, and ask them to join the fun in Challenging Poverty One Child at a Time.

Date	Event	Time	Location
June	No Meeting		
July	No Meeting		
August	No Meeting		
Sep. 14, 2020	Member Meeting	11:30 AM	Hacienda del Sol
Sept. 17 th -20 th Postponed to 2022	2020 National CCS Convention		
Oct. 12, 2020	Member Meeting	11:30 AM	Hacienda del Sol
Oct. 17, 2020	Gaslight Theater outing		
Nov. 9, 2020	Member Meeting	11:30 AM	Hacienda del Sol
~ Nov. 2020	Layettes of Love rescheduled		Santa Catalina
Dec. 14, 2020	Member Meeting	11:30 AM	Hacienda del Sol
April 17, 2021	50 th Anniversary Gala		The Oasis at Wild Horse Ranch

Please welcome our new Hawaiian Chapter of the Christ Child Society



Aloha Angela,

Here is a quick clip of Hailey and me introducing the new chapter. In Hawaii. Please check out the link:

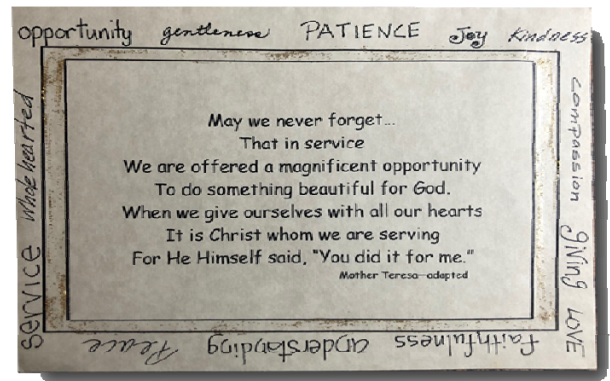
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkkqE5A9KE8>

Mahalo,

Chance Fukushima

And Finally... (quotes from Mark Batterson & St. Therese of Lisieux)

- "Our worthiness and growth in grace does not lie in many delights and consolations, but rather in bearing many troubles and adversities."
- "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called."
- "There has to be 2.9 positive feedbacks for every negative feedback, so catch people doing things right!"
- "Pray as if everything depends on God. Work as if everything depends on you."
- "Pray that you do not let fear dictate your decisions."



If you would like to donate, become a member or get more information about The Christ Child Society of Tucson, please visit our webpage:

www.christchildsofityoftucson.com

or call: 520-400-4447, 520-616-2191