

*"Nothing is ever too much to do for a child"*

Mary Virginia Merrick, Foundress



## Christ Child Society of Dayton, Inc.

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### 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 CSS 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 of Dayton is a non-profit Catholic association of volunteers, embracing members of all denominations, dedicated to serving at-risk children regardless of race or creed.

### Learn More

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Mary Jean Walter

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Sherry Brown  
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### Ways We Serve

#### Clothe-A-Child

CCS vouchers for new coats, shoes, and school uniforms are distributed to children in need through Dayton-area social service agencies and schools.

#### DECA- Dayton Early College Academy / DECA Prep

This non-traditional charter school offers volunteer opportunities including leading book groups, editing papers, serving as panelists for performance assessment and helping with school events. DECA offers classes for K-High School.

#### Erma's House

Erma's house, a family visitation center, provides a safe place for children to visit their non-custodial parent and a place to exchange children without parents interacting with one another.



#### The Glen at St. Joseph

This residential facility offers low income single mothers a safe place while they work to better their own & their children's lives.

#### Infant Grieving Gowns

CCS ladies embroider tiny robes to be given to parents of infants who die at birth.

#### Layettes

Twice a year, CCS distributes basic necessities - such as blankets, clothes, and baby bottles, to underprivileged, newborn babies. Over 1500 layettes will be distributed this year through eight area social service agencies.

#### Maria Joseph Living Care Center

CCS ladies host a tea each Sept. in this retirement home. In addition, volunteers make monthly visits for craft programs or bingo and provide home-made desserts or fruit the third Wednesday of the month for assisted-living residents.

#### Oak Tree Corner

A group setting offers an opportunity for children who have recently experienced a death in their family to move through the healing process. Christ Child members provide a pizza dinner once a month with pop, fresh vegetables and cookies before the sessions.

#### St. Vincent de Paul

Volunteers help to serve dinner at the St. Vincent de Paul Gateway shelter for women and families and donate items at our general membership meetings.

### Ways We Grow Spiritually

#### 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 to 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 Honoree' names are read at the annual Memorial Mass, held at The Glen at St. Joseph.

### Ways We Grow Socially

#### Bunco

A fun afternoon of Bunco at a member's house. Proceeds from this event go to raise money for Clothe-A-Child.

#### 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 afterward.

### Our Main Sources of Funds



#### Red Wagon Luncheon

For 35 years, the Red Wagon Luncheon has been CCS's major fundraiser. This event includes a luncheon, raffle, silent auction and entertainment, and is supported by it's members and friends.

#### Layette Support Program Memorials and Bequests

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#### Grants

#### Membership Dues