

# Thank you 2024 MEMBERS

(current through October 1, 2024)

Our members are the backbone of this organization. Thank you to our members from this past year.

We are currently accepting membership renewals for 2024 and welcome those who recently joined.

## Membership Levels

\$50 Young Professional  
(age 35 and under only)

\$65 Regular Member

\$115 Layette Member  
(membership + donation of 1 Layette)

\$200 Mary Virginia Merrick Member  
(membership + donation of 2 Layettes  
+ donation for CCSA Programs)

Tanya Alley  
Patti Anhut  
Barbara Arkedis  
Katy Asip  
Kim Asip  
Annemarie Boehnlein  
Joan Bramblett  
Diane Campbell  
Mae Beth Chiarella  
Kelly Clinch  
Claire Conarro  
Maureen Conboy  
Kathy Cox  
Ann Czabala  
Jen Davis  
Mary Ann Davis  
Mary Pat Davis  
Kathleen de Groot  
Patricia Decraene  
Lisa Dempster  
Patricia Diego  
DianeDooley  
Vicky Driesse  
Mimi Dukes  
Marcia Dunn  
Karen Frohoff  
Tracy Giglio

Jesaira Glover-Dulin  
Susanne Greenwood  
Patty Hawkins  
Beth Hazy  
Jeanne Heekin  
Patty Hene  
Kathy Herald  
Deborah Higginbotham  
Alix Hillyer  
Laura Hollar  
Kate Houlihan  
Lisa Houlihan  
Diana Hurley  
Angela Ilse  
Adrienne Jackson  
Margie Jameson  
Lee Ann Kearney  
Diane Kelly  
Maura Kelly  
Kim Kingsfield  
Becky Klinger  
Lisa Larkin  
Sue Lienhard  
Casey Long  
Amy Mathes  
Sally McNulty  
Barbara Miller

Kara Miller  
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Kimmi Morakis  
Sheila Moriarty  
Julie Moyers  
Kay Muething  
Nancy Nadolski  
Anne Marie Newman  
Theresa O'Donnell  
Anne Olson  
Patty Pohuski  
Barbara Poole  
Mary Porter  
Susan Reinhard  
Jessica Russo  
Alessandra Saccaggi  
Hendie Salton  
Liz Schantz  
Rosemary Schleicher  
Nancy Schrage  
Christy Sheridan  
Bridget Snelling  
Dodie Snider  
Bridget Sroka  
Gina Steers  
Toni Stoughton  
Karen Stroer

Susan Summers  
Jean Sykes  
Carol Tally  
Mary Tapp  
Amy Taylor  
Robyn Taylor  
Anne Teddlie  
Kathy Thompson  
Carol Tiarsmith  
Josephine Traina  
Lora Trent  
Sue Trzaska  
Diane Tully  
Natalie Uebelacker  
Leslie Vaughan  
Karen Vielman  
Mikki Wagner  
Lizette Warren  
Ann-Marie White  
Brittany Wilson  
Kathy Wilson  
Margaret Withers  
Carol Wood  
Lindsay Wortham  
McMahon  
Terri Wortham  
Kathleen Zamer



## A Note from our President Karen Frohoff

*“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” -Theodore Roosevelt*

It has been an honor to be the President of Christ Child Society of Atlanta in 2024, our 20th year as a chapter. The year has been busy transitioning with new board members, planning and holding our major fundraiser and 20th anniversary celebration “Run the Race” last April. I am grateful for the leadership, time and dedication of our board members, the committee chairwomen, and the fundraising committee. Although our leadership team is small in numbers, the effort and collaboration have been huge as we met our fund-raising goals for 2024. CCSA continues to seek new members and attract young professional members with today’s high-tech skills of web design, online marketing, sales, and social media expertise.

In 2024 CCSA was still rebounding from the impact of Covid. We are thankful that one of our favorite outreach groups, Grady Rockers, is slowly being revitalized as members are able to meet the new updated guidelines established by Grady Hospital and have begun “rocking babies” once again in the NICU.

Your board has been diligently seeking out funding sources and writing grants that may help supplement our existing outreach programs and give us the flexibility to expand some of our efforts to reach more children and families. We were experimenting in 2024 to provide children with online books and resources both in English and in Spanish to help support family engagement and literacy within the homes of the children we serve.

Our chapter has maintained its literacy commitment to St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School through our *Let’s Learn!* programs. We have been awarded two “Reading is Fundamental” grants for the 2024-2025 academic year. These awards provide classroom resources for teachers as well as free books and web-based materials for 75 students. We are thrilled that these grants support essential skill building and enhanced comprehension for early readers, many of whom are English Language Learners.

My goal for the remainder of my Presidency is to continue getting our message out into the Atlanta community, recruit new members, and foster new financial and resource opportunities for our chapter so we can collectively continue the work and legacy of our founder, Mary Virginia Merrick. As a chapter we are at a critical time with board and chair openings. We are all celebrating weddings, grandchildren, and traveling. The positions are all manageable despite our busy lives. If you have not previously held a board position, I urge you to take a turn and serve. As we enter 2025, may we all consider how we can better “find a need and fill it!”

Karen Frohoff



## 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Karen Frohoff  
*President*  
Nancy Nadolski  
*Secretary*  
Angela Ilse  
*Treasurer*  
Kathy Herald & Sally McNulty  
*Co-VP Social*  
Patty Hawkins  
*VP Outreach*  
Susan Reinhard  
*Membership*  
Fr. Kevin Peek  
*Spiritual Advisor*

## Outreach Chairs

Susan Reinhard  
*Grady Rockers*  
Casey Long  
*Elizabeth’s Garden*  
Dodie Snider  
*St. Peter Claver Library Support*  
Patty Hawkins  
*“Let’s Read!” Books Program*  
Patti Anhut  
*“Let’s Learn!” Summer Programs*  
Casey Long  
*Layette Inventory & Assembly*  
Leslie Vaughn  
*Layette Quilt Sewing*

## Communications

Katy Asip  
*Visual Communications*  
Christina Hawkins  
*Social Media Director*  
Lizette Warren  
*Technology*

## A Special Thank You...

...to **Lizette Warren** and **Sue Trzaska** for their years of service to CCSA. The talents and generosity of both these women demonstrates the unique ways each person can serve as a “leader” in Christ Child. Their willingness to lead truly exemplifies Mary Virginia Merrick’s words, *“Find a Need and Fill It!”*



Sue has been the chairwomen responsible for our children’s book collections and distributions. Sue and her husband stored thousands of books in their home and in his office for us saving the chapter the costs of a rental unit. Their generosity of time and in-kind donations of free space has helped CCSA donate thousands of new and gently used books to children around the Atlanta area from infant board books to high school level novels. Before Sue held the position of Book Chair Extraordinaire, she served as our Grady Rockers Chair for many years.



Lizette has been an active board and chapter member for over 8 years. During that time, she has given hundreds of hours of valuable technology skills to our chapter, helping keep our membership contacts, dues, reports, data systems and web pages up to date and functional. In recent years she has also managed most of our fundraising records, allowing us to accurately track our finances and contributors. To say she has done the work of an entire team is an understatement and we are truly grateful for her dedication

## Member SPOTLIGHT

### Rosemary Schleicher

“In the year before my retirement, I tried to find an organization in which I could tutor children who needed help with reading, writing, and mathematics. Even though I was rusty at math I felt sure that I would be able to regain basic skills and transfer them to young students who were behind. I was looking forward to a complete change of pace from the analytical chemistry work that had kept my interest for the previous two decades. One day I saw a brief write-up in my parish newsletter about the aims of the Christ Child Society of Atlanta. It seemed like a good match, and it was. Thus far, my volunteer work involves reading at St Peter Claver Regional Catholic School and reading and math tutoring at Mimosa Elementary School and Vickery Mill Elementary School. At St Peter Claver, I also help the librarian with cataloging and circulating books and this summer helped establish a new grant with READING is FUNDAMENTAL giving the K-3rd grade children access to thousands of electronic books. CCSA offers many other interesting volunteer activities such as preparing layettes that I also enjoy when I have time. CCSA has given me meaningful and fulfilling activities during my retirement.”



Thank you to Kevin Houlihan, Art Director for the creation of our recruitment and 20th Anniversary Celebration videos. Thank you for the donation of your time and talents with CCSA!

*Christ Child Society of Atlanta is a non-profit organization serving underprivileged children in the Atlanta area and is open to people of all faiths.*

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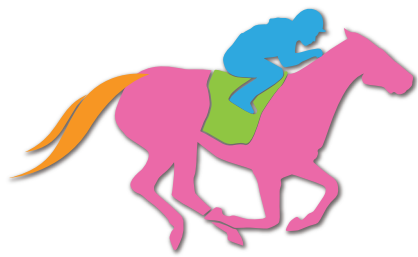
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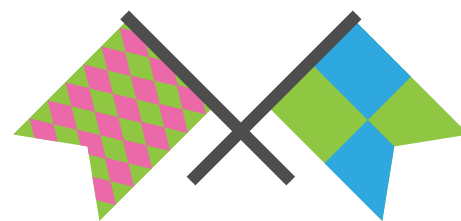
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# A Night at the Races!

## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS!

A true celebration of our chapter's twenty years of service was held on April 27th at Chastain Horse Park. Guests came dressed in their finest Derby attire, including hats and seersucker! Our Run the Race event featured an evening of lively music from The Atlanta Blue Grass Band as well as delicious southern fare. Many dared to try their luck at our own horse racing game and **Father Kevin Peek**, our spiritual advisor, joined in the fun and spoke to our audience about service before blessing our meal. **Katie Huffner** was the winner of our 50/50 Cash Raffle Prize! It was fitting that we gathered for our first event post the pandemic in our twentieth year and a fabulous time was had by all! We are so very grateful to our members, family and friends for their support which allowed us to reach our fundraising goal for 2024!



# Let's Learn!

June 2024 marked the 8th year that CCSA has supported Summer Enrichment Camp at Saint Peter Claver Regional Catholic School. Under the guidance of coordinator Breanna Anderson-Henderson, over 50 students attended the 8 days in mid-June. Teachers worked with students on basic reading and math skills and the small groups allowed one-on-one instruction for those students who needed it most. We are grateful to our CCSA community for their support enabling us to offer this important boost for students in the summer. We are most grateful to the SPC teachers for their willingness to give up time during their summer to help reinforce and strengthen math and reading concepts for attending students.

As part of our LET'S LEARN and LITERACY initiatives, CCSA conducts four annual "READ to ME DAYS," at St Peter Claver Regional Catholic School. PreK and Kindergarten students are introduced to a book by a CCSA volunteer. Small groups of students are then formed, and each given their own copy of the featured book. A choral reading with the small group follows with those who can read each taking a turn. An art craft relating to the story is then completed. This fall our first "READ to ME" Day featured Dr. Seuss's "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish." Our session ended with crafted paper aquariums! These "READ to ME" Days are held each quarter and CCSA members as well as the children thoroughly enjoy these special sessions! One need only see the smiling faces to witness the joy experienced by all the participants!



Elizabeth's  
GARDEN  
AT ELAINE CLARKE CENTER

Spring of 2024 was a busy time for Elizabeth's Garden at the Elaine Clark Center. On a very rainy day, a hearty team including CCSA members, their spouses and realtors from Rector Hayden, dismantled the rotting raised wooden garden beds and replaced them with new galvanized tubs set in the shape of an E in honor of Elizabeth Huffner, a beloved past president of our chapter. Dirt and plants were then replaced. A second team of volunteers installed the sprinkler system for the new beds. We are hopeful that the new galvanized beds will be far more durable, and we look forward to seeing new flowers and herbs growing and flourishing in the garden once again. Thank you to all who helped us with the updates!

## MUST Ministries

CCSA participated again this summer in the packing of breakfasts, lunches, snacks, and beverages for 120 children with food insecurities during the summer months when schools are closed. We provided 600 breakfast items, 600 lunch items, 600 snack items and 1,200 bottles of water and juice boxes in June and July. Thank you to our volunteers and some husbands for helping with this critical project.



## The Grady Rockers are Back!

We have nurtured and rocked the Grady Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit babies since 2005. Covid shut the program down in 2020. It was initially reopened to previous Christ Child Society Rockers and then in the Spring of 2024 was opened to any member with a health clearance and a background check. In addition to rocking, we provide mini-layettes and knitted graduation hats with tassels. Christ Child Society of Atlanta volunteers also maintain the bookcase in the family waiting room and provide books that children can read and take home with them. Coloring books and crayons have also been added. Currently we are rocking on the first Sunday of each month and the third or fourth Thursday. We hope to add more Sundays and Thursdays in the coming months as more members join us.

## National Month of Service

CCSA participated in the National Month of Service for Christ Child through a new initiative for 2024. CCSA members joined with the Knights of Columbus and with the Community Assistance Center to collect new winter coats for children birth through age 18. Coats were collected at our local "Evening of Service" on October 29th and at our annual luncheon. Thank you to all members who donated new coats for our children in need in the Roswell and Dunwoody communities.

## Thank you

.....to the many women who sew our beautiful layette quilts/tummy-time blankets. They work behind the scenes but their time and talents ensure our layettes are colorful and perfect places for the infants to grow. They are the perfect way to wrap all our layette gifts for the new mothers and babies. All are welcome to join the layette sewing circle!

## Layette Sewing Circle

Annemarie Boehnlein  
Leslie Vaughan  
Barbara Poole  
Susan Reinhard  
Alessandra Saccaggi  
Marcia Dunn  
Mary Ellen Klinger  
Kathy Wilson  
Patti Anhut  
Kim Kingsfield  
Mary Ann Davis



## Coffee, Conversation & Fellowship



In the spirit of CCSA, a new opportunity for socializing and getting together for our spiritual growth is being piloted this fall. The first coffee and mass celebration were held on August 15th at Patti Anhut's home with mass following at St. Jude for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. The second celebration was held on September 30th at Panera Bread with mass following at noon at St. Jude. All are welcome to attend either the coffee morning, the mass or both events. If you would like to host a coffee in your home in February or March, please contact Karen Frohoff at [kfrohoff@christchildatlanta.org](mailto:kfrohoff@christchildatlanta.org)