



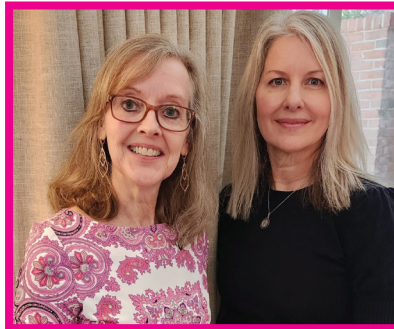
Christ Child Society of Atlanta

A Note from our Co-Presidents

Barbara Miller and Susan Reinhard

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

20 years ago, a group of seven women met to discuss how they could meet the needs of children in the metro Atlanta area. Inspired by her mother’s legacy as a second generation Christ Child Society member in Cleveland, Ohio, **Casey Long**, together with **Anne Marie Newman**, led these women in forming the first Board of Christ Child Society of Atlanta. They held their first annual membership luncheon at Dunwoody Country Club on November 12, 2003, attended by 120 guests. Their membership quickly grew from 54 charter members to over 80 by the time the chapter received their new charter at the NCCS convention in April 2004. Buoyed by a sense of purpose and commitment, the Board focused on four core programs: Layettes, Books, My Stuff Bags, and Backpacks. This Fall, we began a celebration of what these inspirational women founded 20 years ago. Today we celebrate over 100 members and five signature programs serving over 15 outreach partners.



We are gratified that our programs are back in full swing this year! Our volunteers provided library assistance, reading aloud and book-related craft projects at St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School. A core group of volunteers began after school tutoring in partnership with STAR House Foundation. Our assistance to children over the summer months returned with packing and delivering lunches through MUST Ministries Summer Lunch Program.

Our garden at Th Elaine Clark Center yielded another bountiful harvest! A new and much needed permanent shade structure was installed in July. Plans to replace the existing E-bed with one of a more durable material are underway. Our volunteers continue to help serve lunch to the students of Cristo Rey Atlanta and set an example of service.

Our assistance to mothers and babies in need has grown. Our members participated in an instructional class to new moms about the importance of reading to babies. Needs for layettes have increased and we continue to provide mini-layettes for NICU graduates at Grady Hospital. Our knitters created adorable caps with tassels for these graduates to wear home! Our sewers work diligently to create quilts for our layettes.

“Let’s Learn!” continues to be our predominant program, providing books, learning materials and supplemental learning through our Summer Enrichment programs at St Peter Claver and St. Mary’s Academy schools. We continue to provide books and crafts at St. Andrew’s Preschool and Fall on the Farm at the Children’s Development Academy. Book collections remain strong as the community consistently provides gently used books to stock our bookshelves.

We are so grateful to our members and friends who support our efforts, our volunteers who log countless hours and our Board who works tirelessly to carry out our mission. As we celebrate the 20 years past and look forward to the next 20 years, our hope is that you will encourage others to join us-as a member, a volunteer, or a financial supporter. As Diane Scalise, former President of NCCS said to the luncheon attendees in 2003, “Open your eyes, ladies. Open your hearts and your arms. This is the hardest work you’ll ever love for there is nothing, nothing like saving the life of a child!”

Joyfully,
Susan and Barbara

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20 years ago...

"On a beautiful day in November, 2003, 120 women gathered at Dunwoody Country Club for our first annual membership luncheon. On display in the lobby were sample layettes, donated children's books in Spanish and English, layette donation cards, holy cards and "My Stuff" bags for homeless children". - CCSA Newsletter 2003.

Atlanta, Chapter In Formation



What began as a group of seven women wanting to serve children and carry on a mother's legacy, became Christ Child Society of Atlanta. Our chapter was chartered in April 2004 and this year, we reflect on how we have grown, how we have served and how we will continue our mission for children in the next 20 years. We are so grateful to our founding Board members (pictured above, left to right): **Tana Riddell, Julie Moyers, Katy Asip, Casey Long, Anne Marie Newman, Terri Wortham, and Barbara Poole** for lighting the way!



Founding board members on a site visit to Grant Park Clinic, one of our first Outreach Partners. CCSA provides Layettes to mothers who complete their prenatal visits and their postpartum clinic visit.

Chapter Spotlight - Atlanta



Early members gather in The Stapleton Center at St. Jude Church to assemble "My Stuff" bags, one of our first Outreach programs

Let's Learn!

Our Summer Enrichment camps are in their 7th successful year! Since 2017, CCSA has provided for an 8 day camp at St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School and this year, at the newly formed St. Mary's Academy. Students from Pre-K through 7th grade engage in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) activities and we saw some of our best enrollment numbers this year! CCSA provided funding for teacher salaries and new workbooks for the students as well as healthy snacks.

"I just want to thank you, Christ Child Atlanta, for providing Summer Enrichment Camp at my daughter's school, St. Peter Claver. She enjoyed herself, and I do believe she did receive some of the help she needed to improve on her academics as well. Know that I send grateful prayers to our Lord for the good work of this organization."

Mother of a SPC student



Both programs reported significant improvement in test scores in reading and math. This year, volunteers **Pat Cross, Nancy Nadolski, and Susan Reinhard** worked with pairs of students, providing vital one-to-one assistance in reading. Breanna Johnson-Anderson, director and teacher of the St. Peter Claver program, stated: "I saw exponential growth in not only my own class but in all of the classrooms throughout our camp session. Thank you for

funding our camp with teacher compensation, novels, student workbooks, snacks and fruit." This program continues to fill a gap for some of our community's most vulnerable students. We are so grateful to all of our members and community partners.



Every Tuesday morning at SPC, our members read to the Prek/K students at SPC and follow up story time with a related craft. These activities help to instill a love of reading in the children. This year our chapter is purchasing a storybook each quarter for the students to keep. The first one will be 'The Wide Mouthed Frog'.

Member SPOTLIGHT

Karen Frohoff

Dr. Karen Houlihan Frohoff and her husband Bill, both recently retired, relocated to Atlanta at the beginning of the Covid shutdown in 2020 to assist their daughter Ryanne and son-in-law Brett with their two young boys Will and Jack. Karen's 38-year career as a teacher, college professor and district Director of Special Education and Assistant Superintendent in California, Lexington, and Louisville Kentucky led her to seek out volunteer opportunities in Atlanta that focused on children, families, and literacy. She found Christ Child Society as she researched the Grady Rockers. Even though the Grady Rockers were inactive due to Covid restrictions, Karen found positive matches with her interests by participating in The Elaine Clark Garden, St. Peter Claver library and holiday events, book labeling and distribution, and layette assembly. Even though she is relatively new to Atlanta and Christ Child Society she is committed to the vision and mission of CCSA and enjoys the fellowship and friendship the organization provides. In addition to CCSA Karen enjoys reading, traveling around the world but especially to California to see her son and family, gardening, assisting with the Urban Recipe Food Cooperative at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, being able to help and watch her grandsons grow and watching college football. Go USC Trojans!



New!



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

As we celebrate our 20th year of service and our chapter continues to evolve, we have come to realize the value of bringing young women into Christ Child Society of Atlanta. To that end, we have begun our YP or Young Professionals group! These talented women have endless possibilities and energy! We realize how busy their lives are and so we have created a plan we believe works for the benefit of all, especially the children we serve.

Our YP's meet twice a year as a group, usually in the spring and fall. Their "Evening of Service" may include layette assembling, book labeling and prepping art crafts for our outreaches. These creative women have been invited to join us as their schedule allows and participate as they can, making their membership a win win for all! We are grateful for their service and membership in our organization, and we look forward to their continued involvement!

For more information about our YP group, please visit our web site at christchildatlanta.org

Outreach UPDATE



The HOPE Center

CCSA continued to support this outreach which was new to us in 2021. Our chapter has distributed over 90 layettes to their mobile unit which provides free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds throughout the metro Atlanta area.



Often parked near abortion clinics, the mobile unit offers an alternative choice to mothers by listening, reflecting and meeting the needs of women, couples and families at a critical time. During our March layette assembly, **The HOPE Center** staff members, former ICU Mobile Unit Operations Coordinator, Alicia Davis and Sonographer, Torie Roberts came to speak to our members and brought their mobile unit with them!! They discussed how the layettes are presented to women who choose to continue their pregnancies and utilize the counseling and medical services offered by the center. They describe the overwhelming gratitude of these mothers upon receiving a layette, that a stranger cared enough to provide such a beautiful gift for them! Our members were quite moved by their presentation and enjoyed the tour of the mobile unit afterwards. CCSA is proud to support the mission of **The HOPE Center**.



A Special Thank you



A big thank you to founding member, **Patricia Diego**. Patricia managed our layette assemblies in her home for 17 years!!! Her home has been blessed by our annual mass and we have been blessed by her generosity!!!

Thank you

2023

MEMBERS

(current through October 1, 2023)

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)

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| Tanya Alley | Nancy Duffy | Jenn Martel | Donna Soper |
| Patti Anhut | Mimi Dukes | Amy Mathes | Bridget Sroka |
| Barbara Arkedis | Marcia Dunn | Megan McGowan | Gina Steers |
| Katy Asip | Karen Frohoff | Sally McNulty | Toni Stoughton |
| Kim Asip | Tracy Giglio | Barbara Miller | Karen Stroer |
| Annemarie Boehnlein | Susanne Greenwood | Kara Miller | Susan Summers |
| Pam Bolton | Patty Hawkins | Karen Morakis | Jean Sykes |
| Deb Brewer | Beth Hazy | Kimberly Morakis | Carol Tally |
| Claire Brown | Jeanne Heekin | Sheila Moriarty | Sara Talton |
| Diane Campbell | Patty Hene | Julie Moyers | Mary Tapp |
| Mae Beth Chiarella | Kathy Herald | Kay Muething | Amy Terrell |
| Kelly Clinch | Alix Hillyer | Nancy Nadolski | Robyn Taylor |
| Claire Conarro | Kate Houlihan | Anne Marie Newman | Anne Teddlie |
| Maureen Conboy | Lisa Houlihan | Theresa O'Donnell | Kathy Thompson |
| Darcy Connelly | Diana Hurley | Anne Olson | Carol Tiarsmith |
| Kathy Cox | Angela Ilse | Patricia Pohuski | Sue Trzaska |
| Pat Cross | Margie Jameson | Barbara Poole | Natalie Uebelacker |
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| Mary Pat Davis | Diane Kelly | Susan Reinhard | Lizette Warren |
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| Patty Decraene | Kim Kingsfield | Hendie Salton | Carol Wood |
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| Patricia Diego | Becky Klinger | Rosemary Schleicher | Terri Wortham |
| Diane Dooley | Lisa Larkin | Nancy Schrage | Kathleen Zamer |
| | Sue Lienhard | Bridget Snelling | |

We are grateful for Community Support

BOOK DRIVES

Our gently used books continue to be an integral part of our literacy mission. **Sue Trzaska** and **Patty Hawkins** collected over 4,000 books at various book drives from **St Ann's Mothers Guild, Transfiguration Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary, Saint Jude Catholic Church Ladies Book Club, and All Saints Catholic Church**. Local schools, including **St. Jude Catholic School, Dresden Elementary School Education Foundation, Queen of Angels Catholic School** and the **Cheerleaders of Marist High School** and **Blessed Trinity High School**, were instrumental in making this year's collection one of our best ever! We are so appreciative of their support!



CHEERLEADER LAYETTE ASSEMBLIES

The Blessed Trinity Cheerleaders partnered with Christ Child Society of Atlanta for an inaugural service project. These vibrant women assembled 42 mini-layettes for distribution at the Grady Hospital NIC Unit, contributed books for neonatal clinics and made a substantial monetary donation to support CCSA's continued support of children in need. CCSA is very grateful for their support and hope this becomes an annual event of giving back! On July 26th, the Marist Cheerleaders partnered with CCSA for their service project again this year. These vibrant women assembled thirty-seven layettes, contributed over three hundred books for our clinics, a mountain of extra diapers and a substantial monetary donation. As our partnership grows to 20 years, we are so very grateful for their support! They all came together to serve, just as Mary Virginia Merrick and her friends did over 100 years ago!

LOCAL CHURCHES

We are very grateful for the financial support from our local church communities. Contributions from **St. Ann's Council of Catholic Women, Holy Spirit Catholic Church** and **All Saints Catholic Church** provide the means to provide for children in need of resources.