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## Greetings from the President

This quarter has been wonderful with the completion of three events.

[1] Denim & Diamonds fundraiser: CCST successfully celebrated its 2nd annual Denim & Diamond's fundraiser. The silent and live auctions brought in donations from many generous donors.

[2] Pack-the-Playpen: St. Augustine Catholic High School came through with generous donations that the students collected during the days of Lent. These High School students made us proud as they competed with each other to collect the most donations for their class.

[3] The Shower of Love was held for the first time since 2019. Nurses from Casa de los Niño's attended to share information and accept the donations from CCST members. We provided what Casa's wish list requested so that they

could shower the women they serve with pack-n-plays, clothes, baby carriers, etc.

The nurses mentioned that, in addition to helping mothers of newborns, they help their children up to the age of two. They also help foster teens.

We shared what our Wings Foster Teen program entailed; they were very interested and we will expand our partnership with this organization.

Deb Auclair, President, Christ Child Society of Tucson



**Deb Auclair,**  
President , Tucson Chapter



American Heritage volunteer has fun serving refreshments!

# Annual Fundraiser a Success!

This Quarter we'd like to highlight the Christ Child Society of Tucson's May Fundraiser, "Denim & Diamonds." The American Heritage Girls were very helpful throughout the evening and opened the event with a wonderful flag ceremony. Thanks, Girls!



[Click here to view slideshow of this year's event.](#)

We built upon our success from our 50th Gala last year and we had another very successful fundraiser on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at The Oasis Wildhorse Ranch. This fun event makes it possible for us to help the children of the greater Tucson area. Thanks to our team, we had over \$12,000 of merchandise to share with our guests.



Fr. Pat Grile

The evening started with Mass at Our Lady of the Desert. The Mass was in honor of National Christ Child

Society as it celebrated its 135-year anniversary!

The silent auctions contained over 55 baskets of items including \$100 in gift cards from various restaurants and businesses, quilts & pottery bowls.

Gary Corbett ([www.facebook.com/Gary-Corbett-Auctioneer-122541186989/](https://www.facebook.com/Gary-Corbett-Auctioneer-122541186989/)) did an outstanding job with his dry humor and 37 years of auctioneering.

We had over 100 people attend this event and look forward to doing it annually.



The Christ Child helps Catholic Community Services and San Xavier Mission School. The two speakers at this event were Vanessa Rothstein, principal of San Xavier Mission School and Lillian Downing, Catholic Community Services' Child Welfare Programs' Director.



Gary Corbett  
Auctioneer



*We were so pleased that Sue Jeros, Johanna Warner, & Judy Tucker (members from our Phoenix chapter) were able to join us.*



Angela Schneider Deb Auclair Vanessa Rothstein Lillian Downing

Vanessa expressed San Xavier's need for funds to offset the cost of books for the children. Lillian mentioned her need for a refrigerator and snacks for children during supervised parent visits. Children go to supervised parent visits after a long school day and are hungry and tired. They received a donation for the refrigerator and \$2,000 for snacks before the end of the evening. God is so good!

# National Christ Child Society Convention is in Tucson!

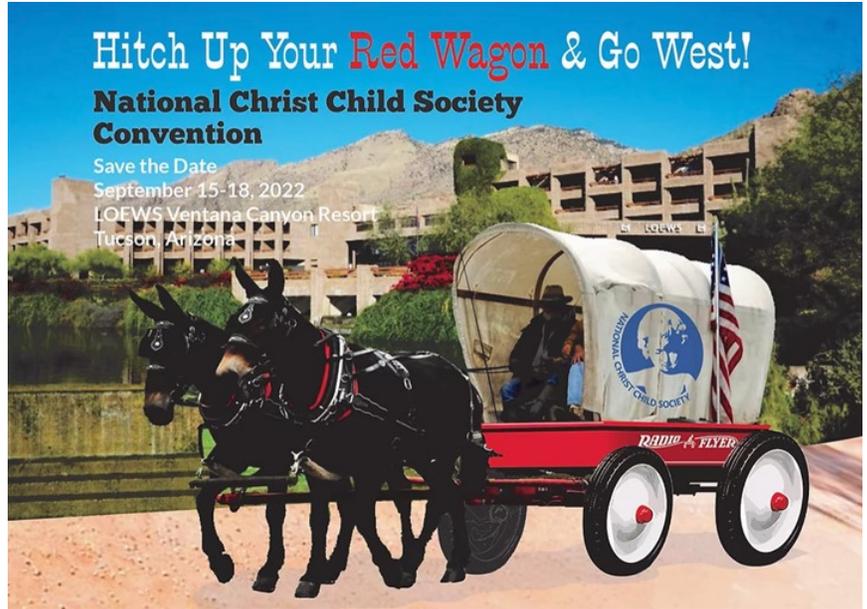
This is an opportunity of lifetime....

It is in our backyard – Lower Ventana Canyon Resort.

If you have never experienced a NCCS Conference or Convention then this is the time...It is an opportunity of lifetime....

We would love you all to come and enjoy. Bishop Weisenburger has already RSVP'd and is looking forward to meeting all of you. He loves the work our chapter does in Tucson serving those in need.

Looking forward to sharing this event with you all. Blessings, Angela Schneider, NCCS President Elect



## Layettes Program

Dianna & Vita

Thank you to the students of St. Augustine Catholic High School!



Founded by Mary Virginia Merrick, Servant of God

### St. Augustine Packs the Playpen Dates: March 2 – April 13, 2022

For the Christ Child Society of Tucson to fill Layettes of Love with many needed items to distribute to underserved moms and babies in Tucson



This past Lent, St. Augustine Catholic High School conducted the “Pack the Playpen” donation event for Christ Child Society of Tucson’s layette program.

Dianna Balsamo has been working with St. Augustine’s principal, Adilene Encinas.

Almost \$1,900.00 in in-kind donations was received from the students of St. Augustine Catholic High School. Principal Adilene Encinas is pictured below. She shared that the students are very supportive of this event and there is even competition among the high school grades as to who could collect the most!





# Calendar of Events for Balance of 2022

Month	Event	Date	Location / participants
Jun. 2022	CCST member meeting	06/13/22	Scordatos, Stone Road
Jul. 2022	CCST member meeting	07/11/22	Scordatos, Stone Road
Aug. 2022	CCST member meeting	08/8/22	Scordatos, Stone Road
Sep. 2022	CCST member meeting	09/12/22	Scordatos, Stone Road
	National CCS Convention	09/15-18/2022	Tucson (Ventana Canyon)
	Friday night BBQ – sponsored by CCST	09/16/22	
Oct 2022	CCST member meeting	10/10/22	Scordatos, Stone Road
Nov. 2022	CCST member meeting	11/14/22	Scordatos, Stone Road
Dec. 2022	CCST member meeting	12/12/22	Scordatos, Stone Road

Note because of the need to update our by laws and the upcoming NCCS Convention being held in Tucson, we will have meetings in the summer at the same time noon - 1:30 at Scordatos!

## Please Visit Our Newly Re-vamped Web Site!

We have a new look, but the same address:

[www.christchildtucson.org](http://www.christchildtucson.org)

When the time came to renew our subscription to WORDPRESS for our site, Chris Auclair decided to move to a simple HTML implementation of our site, giving us more flexibility, fast response time and independence from GoDaddy (at a great cost savings.)

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**Dedicated to Supporting Tucson Children In Need**

2022 Fundraiser Great Success -click for details!

Christ Child Society of Tucson has been offering development programs for various underprivileged communities for more than 50 years. We re a chapter of The National Christ Child Society that focuses on aiding children and parents throughout Tucson and its surrounding area.

[Visit our National Web Page](#)

**The National Christ Child Society**

Our parent organization has been continually serving children in need for more than 133 years. Organized by chapters throughout the United States (there are currently more than 45), the group has more than 5,500 members who reach out to teach, motivate and care for children and teens.

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# In Closing...

## Peace Therapy by Carol Ann Morrow

Be at peace with yourself. Even as God calls you to growth and progress, God loved you as you are. You have worth beyond measure, for you are a child of God.

Don't make war with parts of yourself that you can't change. Accept your shadow side, your brokenness, your weaknesses, as well as your strengths. Inner peace unifies the parts into wholeness.

Ground yourself in values that you've chosen with intent and deliberation. Then determine where your own attitudes and actions are at war with those values. Only you can end the conflict.

Recognize if you've made resentment, distrust, hostility your armor against a world that has hurt you in the past. Commit yourself to remove this armor, piece by piece.

Unclench your jaw and your fists and drop your weapons. When your posture is tense, guarded, and wary, you are preparing for battle, not for peace. Let your body be a diplomatic envoy in a world seeking peace.

When there's someone with whom you have conflicts, begin to make peace in your imagination. Picture yourself at peace. Slowly enlarge the image to include the other person. Put that picture in your mind's pocket and look at it with love now and then.

Work through your anger. Those who hurt you do so out of their own insecurity, ignorance and not strength. Be strong and move beyond your anger toward forgiveness.

Peace sees similarities among people, not threatening differences that form barriers. Identify a difference – a value, and attitude, a choice – that threatens you. Don't judge that difference, but seek to understand it.

Speak gently. If you hear violence in your language, it comes from a place within your heart. Choose the vocabulary of peace and serenity over words of damnation, curses, woe, and complaint.

Use a gentle voice to call family members to the telephone. Invite rather than command; anticipate cooperation rather than resistance. Be patient. Peace comes on soft wings, not in a thundering stampede.

Measure your words of judgment. People seldom benefit from harsh criticism of their character or actions. Choose words of praise and acceptance, words that build peace.

Declare a personal buffer zone. Make one corner of your home a haven, a sanctuary. When you feel your temper fraying and hear your voice rising, take time out there – perhaps with a book, a poster, or an object that whispers peace to your heart.

Treasure the peace of your past. Remember the times and places you have known peace, and return there in reality or in your heart. Bring the feeling, the grace of those moments to today's challenges.

Let your heart be untroubled. Even though you can't see the end of a difficult time, soothe your heart with confidence in a Power beyond yourself.

Peace can be disturbed by too much coming and going. Decide which people and projects you want to invite into your day. Give the other "Visitors" appointments for tomorrow, next week, or next year. Then enjoy what you've chosen to give your attention to.

Being at peace is not the same as being placid. You can be assertive, firm, even passionate and bold, yet be at peace. Peace is deeper than the quiet of inaction. Peace requires your participation.

Listening to others express their feelings – including anger – is an act of peace. Don't hear just to determine when you can inject your own words. When you're fully present in your listening, you invite another to locate the peace within.

You don't have to 'make' peace yourself, but simply allow the peace of God = already present – to flow through you to others. If you block its gentle current, you force it to chart a course around you. Be a channel of peace.

Call a day's truce if peace seems too much to achieve. For 24 hours, hold your fire, lower your weapons, let down your guard, & relax. Practice peace one day at a time.

Practice random acts of kindness. They will strengthen the fainthearted, confuse the hardhearted, and comfort the disheartened.

Peace is as real as the clouds, which – though they appear wispy and insubstantial – hold power and blessing for the earth. As they grace the sky, so will peace grace the earth. Believe in the possibility, the reality of peace.



If you would like to become a member or learn more about The Christ Child Society of Tucson, please visit our webpage: <https://christchildtucson.org/750-Contact-Us.html>

or call: 585-309-9064

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