



Programs

New Winter Clothing for Children

The Clothing Center is open for clothing distribution

Wednesday mornings and select Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons, August through December.

Qualifying families can be referred by more than 40 local social service agencies and churches, as well as public and private schools in St. Joseph County.

Children ages 1 to 14 receive a new winter coat, hat, gloves, pants, T-shirt, sweatshirt, underwear, socks and athletic shoes. Gently used clothing, donated by generous supporters, churches and schools, is added when available. New school uniforms also available.

Layettes

Each infant tote contains new items such as blankets, towels, gowns, play outfits, socks, handknit sweater set, sleepers, bottles - and a book for parents to read to their babies.

Totes are distributed at Memorial Hospital, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, WIC and the Department of Child Services.

Bi-lingual information on such topics as immunizations, the importance of reading, safe sleep and shaken baby syndrome is included.

Gently Used clothing in 3, 6, 9 and 12-month sizes is added when available.

Dental Program

Each child receiving clothes also gets a packet with age appropriate dental supplies and care information.

Foster Hope

Children entering foster care receive a large personalized tote filled with clothing, coats, shoes, hygiene items, books, a stuffed animal and a comfort blanket.

Parenthood Support

Angel Layettes - a hand-sewn gown, bonnet and hand knit blanket with a book about grieving - given to parents whose baby does not survive birth.

Layettes of Hope - a bodysuit, socks and prayer, given to women with positive pregnancy tests at the Women's Care Center in hopes that they choose life.

Educational Programs

Scholarships are awarded to enable eligible CCS clients and their guardians to pursue college, training or certifications after high school.

SUCCESS Program is a partnership with St. Adalbert Catholic School that provides tutoring, books, field trips and educational enhancements.

Book for a Child encourages reading by giving a book to each child receiving clothing or a layette.

Client Facts

Mothers living at or below 150% of poverty level qualify for a layette for their newborn.

Children ages 1 through 14 in families living at or below 130% of the poverty level (eligible for free lunch) qualify for winter clothing.

By the Numbers

Number of infants receiving layettes last year:	300
Number of children clothed last year:	4,397
Layettes of Hope distributed last year:	4,000
Foster children comforted:	204
St. Adalbert students inspired:	over 200
Total College Scholarships:	24

Christ Child Society Facts

The Christ Child Society of South Bend is a volunteer organization governed by an all-volunteer board of directors and it is a 501(c)3 organization. It is one of 45 chapters nationally, all dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of children.

Number of years providing services	75
Number of volunteers/members	400
Paid employees	2 part time
Volunteer hours	>20,000

CCS is the only organization in the community that provides a complete set of new winter clothing and shoes to under resourced children.

The Clothing Center

Now located in the Town and Country Shopping Center, the Center is the hub of CCS's mission to serve children. Clothing, coats, shoes and books are stocked, sorted and distributed, layettes are prepared and volunteers demonstrate that to work is to pray.

Fundraising Facts

Total Mission Program Expenses	\$450,000
Government or United Way funding	\$0
Fundraising conducted by volunteers	100%

Programs are funded by donations, grants and fundraising efforts.

Annual fundraising events include:

- Let Love Shine Dinner Auction
- Annual Appeal Campaign
- Clothe a Child Paper Doll Drive

Make a difference in the life of a child!

- Become a member or volunteer
- Donate children's used clothing
- Donate through the website