



ACCtion Newsletter

Association for Catholic Childhood

FOR THE CHILDREN...Caring and Advocacy since 1918

November-December 2014

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

We had an informative and interesting November Board meeting. Eric Green from Purpose Financial Advisors joined us to talk about his oversight of our Endowment Fund and to answer questions about the Fund and charitable giving. Committee Reports and Circle Events & Project Updates were lively and reflected all of the activity going on this time of year, including the lovely Celebration Mass and luncheon at St. Catherine's and other seasonal events that provide opportunities to spend time with friends, to decorate our homes (and to see how others decorate theirs in Magnolia!), and to provide many children a happier Christmas.

We heard from Helen Santucci that the 2014 Fall Grants were able to fund *in full* eight agency grant applications, for a total of \$67,500! What a wonderful result of everyone's efforts. Detailed information about each agency is provided on the ACC website (www.forthechildrenww.org) under Funded Organizations, and I encourage you to see what is made possible because of our Circles' contributions.

Looking ahead, the Labor of Love online auction will be getting underway after the first of the year. As you are shopping, do keep in mind items that would be appealing. After many conversations, we have decided to add the ACC silver tea service to the auction. It's a beautiful reminder of our history, but it does not help our efforts sitting under wraps on a shelf. For insight into what those practical women who started our association might have to say about this decision, please pick up a copy of *For the Least of These* if you haven't already.

It's a good time for all of us to brush up on our ACC history as a new year brings us closer to our 100th anniversary. The online survey of active members has been sent out, with responses due by mid-December. If you need a hard copy, please contact the office. Thank you very much to everyone who's responded so far. Results will be compiled and shared with everyone early next year.

Wishing all of you a very happy holiday season, and hoping that in the rush of it all, we can take time to be grateful for each other and thankful that we are able to make a difference.

Monica

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

Wreath/Poinsettia Sale: Holiday Home Tour:

Marjorie Ryan Circle, with Mary Ann Sauvage Circle support are selling wreaths and poinsettias again this year. Wreaths available at St. James Cathedral's Advent Bazaar after all masses on **Sunday December 7th.**

Complete details available: www.forthechildrenww.org

Proceeds benefit ACC. Please order ASAP.

Katherine Meloy Circle is hosting the Magnolia Holiday Home Tour **Dec. 6th 10am-4pm.** \$25 Ticket available for purchase Nov. 1st - Dec. 5th. at the Magnolia Garden Center, 3213 W. Smith, or \$30 day of tour at 3218 W. Barrett.

Details on ACC website or call (206) 328-5973

Books for Sale:

For the Least of These- A historical look back at the beginning of ACC when it was known as the Seattle Council of Catholic Women. Order form on the ACC website.

Around The Table-

ACC's Around the Table cookbook has tried and true recipes compiled from ACC cookbooks since 1947. Please see website for order form.

CURRENT CALENDAR

PLEASE MAKE NOTE:

• **NOVEMBER**

All Circle Membership Dues: Please remit to ACC by 11/30

• **DECEMBER**

Katherine Meloy Circle: Magnolia Holiday Home Tour: Sunday, December 6th from 10am-4pm tickets online at:

www.magnoliahometour.com

Marjorie Ryan Wreath Sale: St. James Dec. 7th

Frances Hoffman Christmas Party Auction: December 7th at Assumption Parish

All Circle Christmas Gifts Project ACCtion Newsletter mailed

• **JANUARY**

ACC Board Meeting: Wed. 1/14 CCS (Great Room – upstairs).

Social: 9:30am, Meeting: 10am ACCtion Newsletter Deadline: Friday, January 16th

Labor of Love Auction Donations Calendar Money Due: Jan. 31st

• **FEBRUARY**

ACC Board Meeting – Wed. 2/11 CCS (Great Room – upstairs).

Social: 9:30am, Meeting: 10am Fr. Thomas Lane Bunco Party – Sunday, February 8th from 2-4:00pm at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, Renton

****All Association Labor of Love Auction – Saturday, February 21st - Sunday, March 1st****

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CAN YOU HELP???

Pregnancy Support:

Mary Lou Wickwire is requesting diapers size 4, 5 and 6, or wipes. If you can pick up a case on your next visit to Costco, please drop it by CCS. Thank you!

2014 MAGNOLIA HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Saturday, December 6th, 10 AM to 4PM

Tickets: Presale \$25 or Day of Tour \$30

JOIN THE TOUR: Get your tickets now! Round up a group of friends and start the holiday season with this fun day. You'll see amazingly adorned homes and get wonderful new Christmas decorating ideas all while supporting ACC during our Magnolia Holiday Home Tour.

VISIT THE TOUR BOUTIQUE AND TEA HOUSE: Start or end your tour at the Boutique and Tea House with gifts and refreshments available for purchase from 9am to 4pm. Located at Our Lady of Fatima Social Center: 3218 W Barrett, Magnolia.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets may be purchased at the Magnolia Garden Center, 3213 W. Smith, from Nov. 1st - Dec. 5th. Day of Tour tickets available at Fatima Social Center, 3218 W Barrett, in Magnolia.

Complete information online at www.magnoliahometour.com.

Proceeds directly benefit ACC and our mission to provides funding and advocacy for Western Washington children and families in need, regardless of race or creed.



CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

Every year ACC circles participate in this wonderful program to make a child's eyes bright at Christmas by purchasing gifts or donating funds and gift cards. Suzan Hruska directs our circles via CCS programs to fulfill Christmas Gift Lists for children, teens and mothers so they too can have a wonderful Christmas Celebration. Donations have been received from several circles already and others have joyfully volunteered to personally purchase gifts. We anticipate supporting at least 100 kids this year. Your circle chair will let you know exactly the details, but plan to deliver any gifts you purchase directly to the program the week of December 8th—12th. Suggested budget is \$50-70 per recipient. Gift wrapping preference varies by program and will be specified in information given to your Circle representative. Thank you members and especially Suzan Hruska. Questions, please contact: s.hruska@comcast.net

LABOR OF LOVE AUCTION

<http://www.laborofloveauction.org/>

- Auction dates: February 21st —March 1st, 2015
- Donations accepted [online](#), and at ACC office
- If you are donating same as last year, please email ACC office

“keep the auction in mind while visiting your favorite store or destination during the holidays.”



PREPARES PROGRAM—NEW TO CCS

Walking the Journey: Helping Parishes Offer Pregnancy & Parenting Support

Prepares is a nurturing response of the Catholic community of Washington State to assist pregnant women, fathers, and their extended family by walking the journey from conception through their child's fifth birthday. Prepares is an initiative of the Catholic Bishops of Washington State and open to all people, providing services to pregnant women, fathers, and their families by walking the journey from conception to their child's fifth birthday. The Prepares network, including CCS and parishes, will “walk the journey” with families finding themselves without a healthy support network. To learn about the Prepares program for men, women, and families and how your parish can participate, please contact Erin at erin@preparesforlife.org and online: www.preparesforlife.org.



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ACC BOARD MEETING

Please mark your calendar for **Wednesday, January 14th**. It is our next Board Meeting and we hope that a representative from each circle can attend. We will be discussing many important events including the Labor of Love Auction and other spring fundraisers.

9:30 am Social
10:00 am Meeting
Randolph Carter Center
(CCS Building)
Great Room—Upstairs.



In Memory Of

All members we honored at the memorial mass November 5th 2014



CIRCLE UPDATES

Frances Hoffman Circle's bake sale was a huge success, raising \$1,474 for the children. Yummy food, happy buyers, successful fundraising. GREAT JOB!

As part of Kroger/QFC's community rewards program, ACC received a check for \$56.64. You can help grow this effort by signing up at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and enter our non-profit number 85981. A little effort can help us achieve big results.

Please take the time to see what else is new. **ACC's website has many updates: www.forthethechildrenww.org**

Current events are also posted to our **Association for Catholic Childhood Facebook Page**. Please like our page!

Save paper! Let us know if you'd rather get your newsletter via email.

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THANK YOU

Many circles and members have donated diapers and wipes recently. Gayle Kaplan and Marilyn Price brought donations in to the office. Packages via Costco or delivery service arrive without donor information, so PLEASE ACCEPT THIS HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THIS NEED.

ANNUAL GIVING TO ACC ENDOWMENT



2014 Ornament

Christmas giving is underway. ACC Endowment committee encourages you to watch for a special flyer in the mail, inviting you to make an Endowment gift in honor of someone for Christmas this year. Along with your donation, your honoree will receive a beautifully hand-made, embossed, gold paper ornament to hang on their tree. It's a wonderful gift for those that "have everything" and are hard to buy for. *no gift is too small*

ACC — Endowment Fund 100 23rd Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144

"we are aiming for 100% participation from all our ACC members"

DID YOU KNOW?

ACC Calendars are lifetime journals:

Many ACC members and supporters use their ACC calendar to keep track of their daily thoughts and activities, keeping them as diaries forever.

2015 ACC Calendars are great Christmas gifts. \$3 donation!

Frequently Asked Questions about Association for Catholic Childhood - (ACC)

How much does it cost?

Our annual dues are \$15 and include this bi-monthly newsletter and wonderful experiences with your circle.



"To a child, "love" is spelled T-I-M-E"
- Zig Zagler author and speaker



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It is through the participation of all our members, in gifts of all sizes, that our Fund will continue to grow and support our mission of caring for families and children in need— in perpetuity!

Thanks to the fundraising efforts and donations from our members, ACC fully funded grant requests from these organizations this fall. Your ongoing supports allows us to continue to support these programs. Full details: www.forthechildrenw.org



[Family Law CASA of King County](#)
[Harrington House](#)
[King County Kinship Collaboration](#)
[Pregnancy and Parenting Support](#) (King County)
[Pregnancy and Parenting Support](#) - Pierce County
[Youth Tutoring Program](#) - Seattle
[Youth Tutoring Program](#) - Grays Harbor
[Supervised Visitation](#) - Whatcom Family Center

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Yes! I would like to make a donation to the ACC Endowment Fund!

Please accept my personal gift of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, Other \$ _____

THIS GIFT IS FROM:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Mail Form and Check to: Association for Catholic Childhood Endowment
100 23rd Avenue South Seattle, WA 98144 (206) 328-5973 or [online](#)

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