



"Our purpose remains the same through these many years – to fill the needs of children, which explains the varying activities to help the 'whole child.' I am happy to note that this cause has been maintained through the zeal and interest of the members, for personal contact and personal service awake true charity."

Mary Virginia Merrick  
(1866-1955)  
Founder, Servant of God



Mary Virginia Merrick's Cause for Canonization as a saint in the Catholic Church is in process. Learn more about her at [www.maryvirginiamerrick.org](http://www.maryvirginiamerrick.org) and visit Facebook at Mary Virginia Merrick.

## Our Chapters

### Arizona

Phoenix  
Tucson

### California

Monterey Bay\*  
Pasadena  
San Diego  
San Jose

### Colorado

Denver\*

### District of Columbia

Washington, DC

### Florida

Boca Raton  
Naples  
Palm Beach  
Sarasota  
Stuart

### Georgia

Atlanta

### Illinois

Central Illinois  
(Peoria)  
Chicago  
Quad Cities  
(Moline, Rock Island)

### Indiana

Fort Wayne  
South Bend

### Iowa

Quad Cities  
(Bettendorf, Davenport)

### Maryland

Annapolis  
Baltimore

### Massachusetts

Boston

### Michigan

Detroit  
Northern Michigan

### Minnesota

Duluth

### Nebraska

Omaha

### New Jersey

Cape May County  
Summit

### New York

Albany  
Utica

### Ohio

Akron  
Cleveland  
Columbus  
Dayton  
Geauga County  
Toledo  
Western Reserve

### Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh

### Texas

El Paso  
Texas Capital Area

### Wisconsin

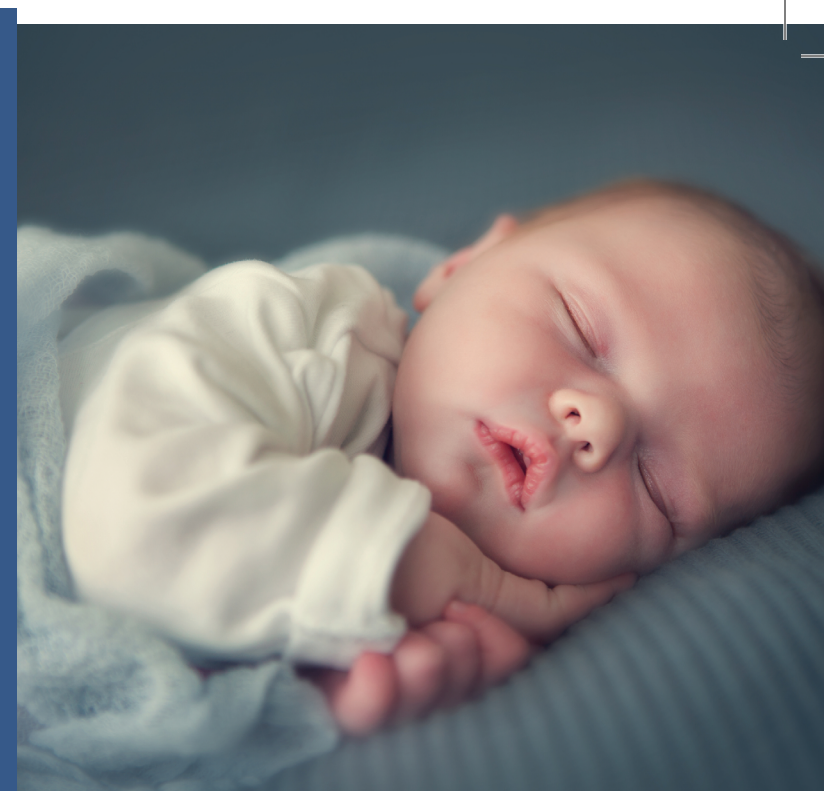
Door County  
Fond du Lac  
Milwaukee  
Oshkosh

\*Denotes chapter in formation

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**NATIONAL CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY**  
WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

"Nothing is ever too much  
to do for a child."

Mary Virginia Merrick, Founder



## Who We Are



National Christ Child Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children in need. In the United States, 1 in 5 children is living at or below the poverty level. Our members are driven by faith, love and a desire to change their futures – one child at a time.

Mary Virginia Merrick started the Christ Child Society in 1887 in Washington, D.C., by providing layettes for babies born at Christmastime. Though confined to a wheel chair, she resolved to do something every day for the Christ Child and encouraged family and friends to join her efforts. As a result, the mission spread and chapters formed across the nation.

Today nearly 6,000 members in 44 chapters across 20 states are dedicated to making a difference in children's lives through personal service and basic needs support, delivered with love and respect. We are all moved to action by the words of our founder, Mary Virginia Merrick, who said: "Nothing is ever too much to do for a child." Our efforts are easily rewarded by a child's joyful smile and the lasting and trusted friendships we develop.

Learn more about our history, our mission and our impact at [www.nationalchristchild.org](http://www.nationalchristchild.org).

## What We Do

Each Christ Child Society chapter tailors its efforts to meet the needs of its local community, following Mary Virginia Merrick's directive to "find a need and fill it."

Our Layette Program provides baby essentials, books and parenting information to over 30,000 infants and their parents nationwide each year.

Our outreach programs focus on supplementing education, strengthening families or providing other resources basic to a child's security, comfort and success.

*Chapter outreach programs include:*

- Reading enrichment for preschool children
- Tutoring for elementary and middle school children
- Parenting education classes
- Leadership, self-esteem, wellness and empowerment training
- Basic needs support including new clothing, school supplies and toys

The diversity of our programs offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities.



## How to Help



*Please send me information on:*

- ☐ The Christ Child Society chapter in my area
- ☐ How to form a Christ Child Society chapter in my area

*Your mission is important to me:*

- ☐ Enclosed is my check in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Payable to the National Christ Child Society, Inc.)
- ☐ To make a donation by credit card, please visit [www.nationalchristchild.org](http://www.nationalchristchild.org)
- ☐ Please send information on how to help secure the future of NCCS through a bequest

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*Please return your gift and this form to:*

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**Thank You!**