



ACCtion Newsletter

Association for Catholic Childhood

FOR THE CHILDREN...Caring and Advocacy since 1918

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dear ACC members,

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. I can't believe it's 2017 already. We're just one year away from our 100th anniversary. I'm asking each of you to think about how you would like to celebrate. We're looking for input from everyone. We can be very proud of what we and all those women who came before us have accomplished. As they used to say – You've come a long way baby! If you don't know our history, I strongly recommend you read "For the Least of These". Sue Lynch and JoAnne King have done a wonderful job of telling our story. It is inspiring and somewhat intimidating to follow in the footsteps of our original members. We want to celebrate what they did and move forward to build on it. Our new name, "Advocacy and Caring for Children" will be introduced as part of our celebration. We'll need everyone spreading the word to all our supporters that the work we do hasn't changed, just a name that better describes that work.

We're in fundraising season with several events planned in the next months. Our major all association fundraiser The Labor of Love auction, began February 18th and runs through the 25th. Please tell all your friends and acquaintances to log on and bid. We have some wonderful items and some great "experiences" available for bidding. Now that we have the items, we need bidders and not just members — anyone can bid. So spread the word on all your social media. Those of us still struggling with the 21st century can use the phone. The more bidders, the greater the success for the auction. More information will be noted in the April newsletter.

Speaking of fundraisers, on behalf of the Katherine Meloy Circle, I'd like to thank everyone who helped with the Tour of Homes in December. It took over 200 volunteers to staff all the houses. We raised over \$35,000 "for the children". We couldn't have done it without all of you.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope that it is peaceful and prosperous.

Maureen

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

Parties, Auctions, Fashion Shows and Luncheons OH MY:

Fr. Mychal Judge Circle hosted their Cosmos for a Cause, and had an amazing Silent Auction, served incredible appetizers and ended up with a fabulous party at the Newport Yacht Club in Bellevue.

If you couldn't make it this year, plan on attending in 2018!! Final tally coming soon.

Katherine Meloy Circle Luncheon and Fashion Show Saturday, March 11th, 2017 11:30am Social Hour 12:30pm Lunch Washington Athletic Club 1325 6th Ave. Seattle

Reservations by March 7th. For info. call: Anne 206.284.5639 or Jean 206.282.5190 \$55 - mail checks to: Katherine Meloy Circle 3242 30th Ave W, Sea. WA 98199-2734 Details also at: www.forthethechildrenwww.org



Thank you for participating!!

Our 16th Annual Labor of Love Online Auction had a record value of donated items. A full report will be presented at our March 15th board meeting.

CURRENT CALENDAR

PLEASE MAKE NOTE:

- **FEBRUARY**
*Circle Fundraising, Calendar, and Dues \$\$\$ due
ACCtion Newsletter mailed
- **MARCH**
3/15 (WED): ACC Board Meeting CCS (North Cafeteria).
Social: 9:30am, Meeting: 10am
PICK UP AUCTION WINNINGS FOR YOUR CIRCLE
3/11 (SAT): Katherine Meloy Luncheon and Fashion Show - 11:30am Social 12:30 Luncheon Fashions by Chico's: \$55 Washington Athletic Club, 1325 6th Ave, Seattle, WA
3/13 (FRI): ACC Newsletter Deadline
- **APRIL**
4/18 (TUES): ACC Board Meeting Assumption Parish, 7pm Social 7:30 meeting, Mother Joseph Rm
4/20 (THURS): Fr. Vogel Circle Luncheon & Fashion Show - St. Paul School Auditorium Lois Eason 206-725-5303 oscarst@aol.com
- 4/29 (SAT) Maude Rogers Circle Luncheon & Fashion Show Glendale Golf & Country Club Joyce Butler 425-746-7944 jebutler@frontier.com

Francis Hoffman Bake Sale Watch website for dates Assumption Church

- **MAY**
5/10 (WED): ANNUAL LUNCHEON 11am Social 12noon Lunch Cost: \$40.00 per person Sand Point Country Club

CAN YOU HELP???

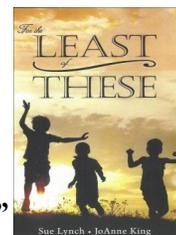
Pregnancy Support always needs diapers size 4, 5 and 6, or wipes.

WE LOOK BACK: AS WE PREPARE TO MOVE FORWARD *

It was 1918 and troops were returning home. WWI was a terrible conflict, but there were more local challenges to follow. Returning troops brought a terrifying epidemic with them called Spanish influenza. Returning soldiers also found that jobs were scarce and labor strikes followed. Immigrants came seeking a better life in America.

These were just a few of the social stresses that confronted the ten Seattle women who first met in December of 1918 to address the social condition of the city. The women felt that there was a need “to co-ordinate the existing Catholic women’s societies as to form an organization that would properly represent the Catholic women of Seattle in all local and civic affairs, with power to undertake various social, philanthropic, civic and national work as was sanctioned by the bishop of Seattle.” These ladies, calling themselves the Seattle Council of Catholic Women, were appealing to all Catholic women of Seattle to join this new undertaking.

But where should they start? Some thought the need for a home for orphaned boy babies was most compelling. Others felt that their first endeavor should be a residence for single working women. Still others thought that the already existing Social Welfare League of Seattle needed a trained Catholic woman who would work with the parishes to assist with adoptions. And what of the plight of those with out work or newly arrived immigrant families? Although by the end of 1919, founding membership had grown to twenty, for such a small group of women, the needs seemed staggering.



*“ACC—How We Began, is a series covering history leading up to our 100 year anniversary.”

Want to learn more? Share our history....

It’s staggering that donations, fundraising and financial support from Association members and supporters has enabled ACC to fund \$2,341,000 to the very needy through organizations applying for grants. These grants are funds raised through the continuing efforts of our ACC members and supporters.

Buy “For The Least of These” to read the full story..or buy a copy as a gift for a family member or special friend. Not only will you share our ACC history but you will be giving a gift of Seattle history, and you also might gain a new member for your Circle.

ACC is important. 100 year old organization, funding over \$2.3 million in grants, supporting women, children and families with a mission to advocate and care....since 1918. Let’s be proud and spread the word.

Grays Harbor Youth Tutoring Grant Check Delivered



ACC member Judy Schroeder along with Barbara Easter (not pictured) delivering ACC’s fall grant check to Grays Harbor Youth Center. Also pictured, Angela Bove from Youth Tutoring and Charles Scamman, Youth Center Supervisor. They are moving the Youth Tutoring to the Youth Center.



CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

Here is a breakout of the significant efforts made by Circle members to make Christmas special for needy families.

These Circles donated 58 gifts: Fr Mychal Judge, Fr Thomas Lane, Lilly Peabody, St Bridget, St Therese, Laurie Padden (Mary Aann Sauvage), Elizabeth Vowles (Mary Helen Heffernan Circle) and Julie Prince (Elizabeth’s sister).

The remaining purchases were fulfilled using cash and gift certificate donations from the following Circles: Katherine Meloy, \$925; Maude Rogers, \$700; Fr Vogel, \$ 500; Bishop O’Dea, \$200 and St Joseph, \$175. The Christmas Fund has a balance of \$182 which will be used Christmas 2017.



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ACC BOARD MEETING*

Please mark your calendar for **Wednesday, March 15th**. It is our next Board Meeting and we hope that a representative from each Circle can attend. We will be discussing many important events, exchanging Labor of Love auction items and planning our annual May luncheon. ***open to ALL.**

9:30am Social
10:00am Meeting
Randolph Carter Center
(CCS Building)
North Cafeteria .

Bring auction donation items.



In Memory Of

Evelyne Smythson, Katherine Meloy Circle
Gloria Jonas, Immaculate Heart Circle (Lifetime member)



IMPORTANT LITTLE UPDATES

ACC is still looking for board representation from every Circle. Please contact **Maureen Britt** if you're interested in holding a voting position on our board: 206-281-5732

Save the date: Wednesday, May 10th is ACC's Annual luncheon. Nancy O'Brien has raffle tickets for sale. It is suggested that each member purchase one \$10 booklet. See your Circle treasurer.

ACC's website has many updates including links to items covered in the newsletter, board meeting minutes, event details and calendar updates. www.forthethechildrenww.org

Save paper! Electronic newsletters available via email! Let us know if we can add you to the online list. Email with the word newsletter in subject line, and include your name and phone number.

"a little effort can help us achieve big results"



ADVOCATE:

Dream Big—a fundraiser for the Youth Tutoring program is being held March 3rd, 2017 from 7:30-8:30am. Registration begins at 7am. Bell Harbor International Conference Center, 2211 Alaskan Way, Seattle. Dream Big breakfast is an opportunity to hear directly from YTP youth about how your support impacts their lives. This year you will hear from a YTP alumna, a YTP family of five and current YTP students. Dream Big is YTP's annual breakfast fundraiser and is vital in raising money to support YTPs' academic success. It is free to attend and a donation ask will be made at the event. Questions? Contact Kyleen at (206) 328-5980, or dreambig@ccsww.org.

REMEMBER ACC IN YOUR GIVING PLAN



ACC receives donations to our Endowment from many resources. Here are some ways you can participate in additional giving and estate planning:

- CHECK FOR EMPLOYER MATCHING FUNDS
- DONATE STOCK TO ACC
- DONATE ONLINE VIA ACC WEBSITE
- REMEMBER ACC IN YOUR WILL

Adding ACC as a wish for memorial donations in your honor is easy. Wording details provided on our website.

These various choices serve as reminders that there are many tax deductible ways to help ACC further our mission. Some choices allow donors to (1) avoid paying a capital gains tax and (2) to receive a charitable income tax deduction for their gift. Questions? Call 206-328-5973

"it's easy to remember ACC in your estate planning"

Fundraising Successes:

- Fr. Mychal Judge Circle - Pizza Party \$800 net
- Fr. Thomas Lane Circle - Poinsettia Sale \$3,000
- Katherine Meloy Circle - Magnolia Tour of Homes \$24,839
*for which they thank all attendees, bakers and helpers.
- Katie McKay Circle - Fall Luncheon \$10,000
- Lilly Peabody Circle—Bulb Sales \$2,000
- Marjorie Ryan Circle—Wreath and Poinsettia Sale \$6,200
- St. Bridget Circle - Paperwhites \$2,122
- St. Therese Circle - Cooking for a Cause \$4916

ACC WILL CELEBRATE ITS 100TH:

While it may seem like a long ways off until 2018, ACC is beginning to consider options for our 100th Celebration. We are asking members past and present help with this joyous event. Please contact ACC if you would like to share a story or a favorite memory of what ACC means to you.



"If we do not plant knowledge when young, it will give us no shade when we are old."
-Lord Chesterfield

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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 funded grant requests from these organizations this fall. Your ongoing supports allows us to continue to support these programs. Full details: www.forthechildrenww.org



- Katharine's Place** – CCS Seattle
- Eastside Winter Shelter for Families** – CCS Seattle
- Family Law CASA** – Seattle
- Family Support Education** – CCS Tacoma
- Pregnancy & Parenting Support** – CCS Seattle
- Pregnancy Support Services** - CCS, SW
- PREPARES** – CCS Seattle
- Whatcom Family Center** – CCS Bellingham
- Youth Tutoring Program** – CCS Seattle
- Youth Tutoring Program** – Grays Harbor

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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 \$ _____

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Name _____

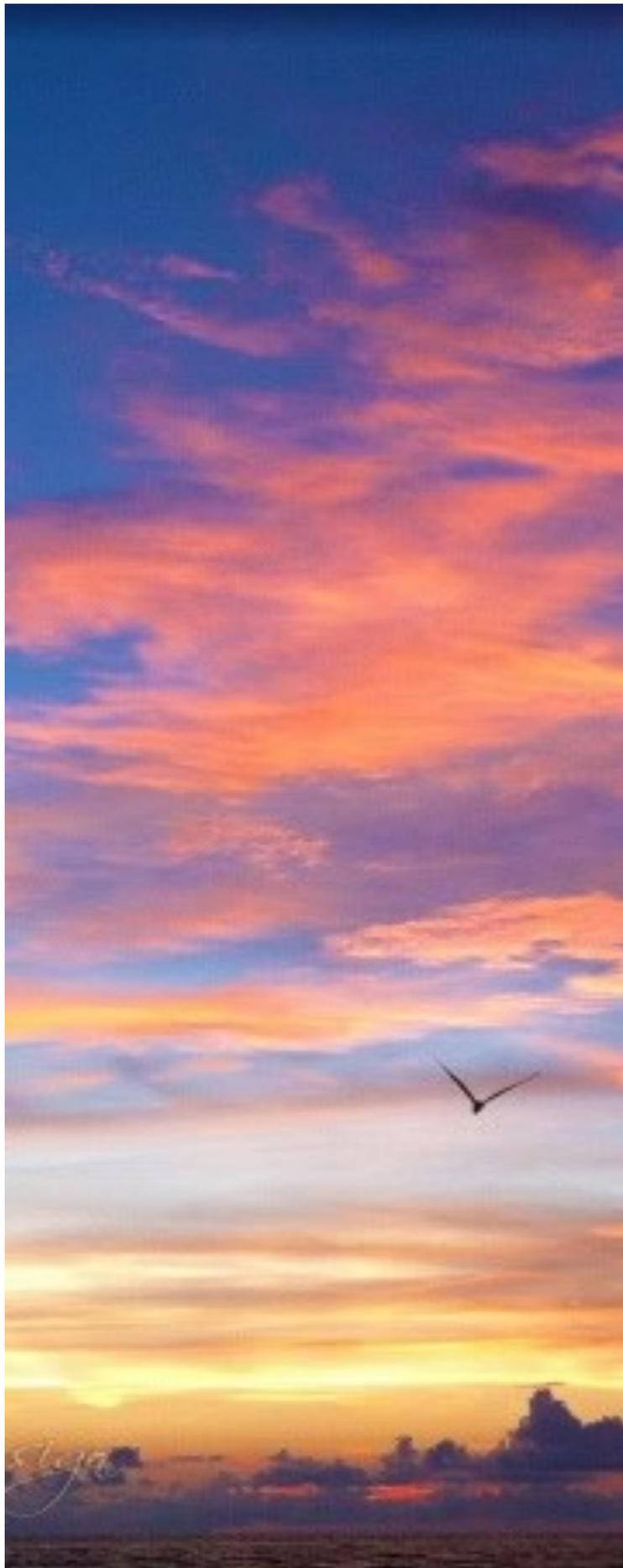
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Mail Form and Check to: Association for Catholic Childhood Endowment
100 23rd Avenue South Seattle, WA 98144 (206) 328-5973 or [online](#)

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Prayer for faith and hope to begin

**Dear God,
Where does my hope begin?
When days are dark and lost
Could hope rise up with the dawn
As color fills my heart?
Do birds that sing sweet song
Somehow know the truth?
Is their chorus melody
Leading us to you?**

**Dear Father,
Where does hope come from?
When I cannot face the day.
Could hope fill each new morning
Pushing out the grey?
Do the family and friends I have
Fill up my heart with joy?
And the miracle of life itself
Speak through each new girl and boy?**

**Dear Lord,
Where does my hope come from?
When I wait on you.
Yes, hope flies in with wings of truth
And changes life anew.
For love has risen up with Christ,
It reigns for all to see.
And more than this I know your life
And Spirit work through me.**

***read at the January Board Meeting**