



# ACCtion Newsletter

## Association for Catholic Childhood

FOR THE CHILDREN...Caring and Advocacy since 1918

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*May-June 2017*

### PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

It's been a full year! Look what we've accomplished!

At the memorial mass in November, we remembered and celebrated the lives of 13 women from different backgrounds, who led different lives and still found time to join an ACC circle and help the children. They will be missed.

We've sold bake goods, plants, bulbs and wreaths. We ate lunch, drank Cosmos, toured homes and auction off items through the Labor of Love. That's just some of the fundraising events that allowed us to distribute grants totaling \$150,000 to 29 programs that care for the children.

The Endowment fund has reached \$820,000 as of May.

We also filled backpacks and layettes, and had our annual Christmas gift giving project.

We've started to increase our involvement in Advocacy and will continue to look for opportunities to use our voices help the children.

We updated the Bylaws in preparation for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and are making plans for a gala celebrating 100 years of helping the children.

We ended the year with our annual luncheon in May, had a great time and were truly inspired by our speakers; Cynthia McGee and Essie Campbell from the Eastside Winter Shelter for Families/ Noel House.

Quite a year. Oh! We also voted to change our name. We are now:

ADVOCACY and CARING for CHILDREN.... a Catholic association since 1918

We've changed the name but we are still the same group of women that formed circles to share and support each other over the years. We're still the same organization that got together almost 100 years ago for the same reason: to help children.

Thank you for all your hard work this year. I'm looking forward to an exciting and busy year next year as we celebrate our centennial.

I wish you a sunny and restful summer.

Maureen

### SUPPORT ACC THIS SUMMER—HERE'S HOW:

#### **Our fundraising season has come to a close.**

During the summer months, you can continue to support ACC by taking one or more of these few simple steps:

#### **Shop online at Smile.Amazon.com:**

If you shop online at Amazon/Prime, please switch to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) and make ACC the organization you support. It's free to you and ACC earns a percentage of sales.

#### **Join Kroger/QFC's community rewards program:**

You can help support ACC via this effort by signing up at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards) and enter our non-profit number 85981. Sign up to help. It's easy and free!

#### **Sign up for the Bartell's B-program:**

Group name: Association for Catholic Childhood, # 500030107

**Buy a book or recommend the ACC cookbook to a friend.**

#### **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. Written by members Sue Lynch and JoAnne King. Order form on the ACC website or call the ACC office.

#### **Around The Table-**

ACC's Around the Table cookbook has tried and true recipes compiled from ACC cookbooks since 1947. Try a new recipe this summer! Please call or see website for order form.

### ACC Event Calendar

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• **JUNE**

6/15 (THURS) ACC Books Close -

• **JULY—AUG**

Limited summer hours for ACC

• **AUGUST**

8/20 (SUN) St. Therese Circle

Wine-tasting Fundraiser -

Woodhouse Wine Estates

15500 Woodinville-Redmond Rd NE C600

Woodinville, WA 98072

• **SEPTEMBER**

**ACC BOARD MEETING:**

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday Sept. 14th. This very important Board Meeting is when we hand out 2017/18 information packets for each Circle chairperson and treasurer. We ask that at least one Circle representative attend.

9:30am Social, 10:00am Meeting

Randolph Carter Center

(CCS Building) North Cafeteria

\*open to all

*\*Save the Date\**

**Our 100 year Gala**

**is March 3rd, 2018**

**Washington Athletic Club**

**Seattle WA**

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# **WE LOOK BACK: AS WE PREPARE TO MOVE FORWARD \***

On Saturdays, when I read the "Saturday Child, Meet a Child Who Needs a Family" profile in our local newspaper, I am reminded of a time almost 100 years ago when the Seattle Council of Catholic Women, as we were know then, resorted to newspaper articles and pictures of smiling, dimpled babies who were desperate for homes. It seems that not a lot has changed in this regard.

In the beginning, SCCW members took abandoned children into their own homes either to adopt or to provide foster care. Later, when asked what were the qualities of a good foster parent, Father Dennis Muehe, Director of CCS admitted that it is difficult to describe those qualities. "Being a parent is something you learn by doing. You know it by intuition. Foster parents do have one quality in common, they are generous."

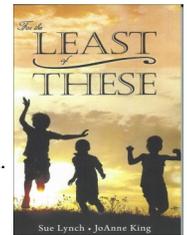
Past ACC president, Patty Geraghty, the mother of six, including an adopted daughter, believed that the responsibility for dependent children rested on everybody, not just with groups like ACC. "It is a serious omission if we neglect them, she said. The world today is a lot smaller than it used to be. Everybody is your neighbor."

Back in the 60's and 70's we listened to those voices and we got busy. ACC members helped with adoption forums at which adoptive parents told prospective adoptive parents how to go about adopting a child. And more ACC members broadened their commitment and became foster parents.

In addition to informing the public about adoptions, ACC members also worked to change their image from primarily fund-raisers to an organization of women committed to the belief that charity is more than writing a check. Do you remember "Angel Duty"? Along with adoption concerns, members continued to transport children to doctor and dentist appointments, gather and repair furniture, sort and mend clothing and prepare layettes. We still do some of this.

We were very busy during those years, but it appears that there is still much to be done. Sadly, there are many children who still need permanent homes. As we approach our 100th year, read about "Saturday's Child" next week, say a prayer and think about how we might do more to help.

Written by Sue Lynch—ACC historian.



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



## **Want to learn more? Share our history...invite a friend...**

ACC is an 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, ACC has funded \$2,341,000 to the very needy through organizations applying for grants. These grants are funded through the efforts of 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.

**Invite a friend to attend your Circle meeting!!! Nothing inspires people to join or donate like hearing about ACC. It's the perfect introduction. Who can you inspire to start a new Circle???**

## **Advocacy Opportunities**

- \***Sign up** for CCS advocacy alerts. Here's how: go to [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org) and click on the advocate link on the top right of the screen.
- \***Volunteer** at the many shelters, food banks and food service programs. Many are linked on our website under the funded organizations tab.
- \***Attend and participate** in other Circle events. Meeting other women from our Association is valuable and interesting networking.
- \***Visit** Catholic Community Services website and see if you would like to help at any of the services they provide.

[www.forthethechildrenww.org](http://www.forthethechildrenww.org) (Association for Catholic Childhood) and [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org) (Catholic Community Services)



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**CAN YOU HELP???**

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



**In Memory Of**  
Mary Thompson—Irene Hanley Circle  
Pearl Casal—Fr. Joseph Vogel  
Rpsmary Siderius—Irene Hanley Circle  
Joan Mladineo—Holy Angels Circle



**CIRCLE FUNDRAISING WAS AMAZING!!**

Anna Donahoe Circle— Fundraiser Party \$10,000  
Fr. Joseph Vogel Circle— Fashion Show and Luncheon \$4,000  
Fr. Mychal Judge Circle— Cosmo For a Cause Event \$12,300  
Fr. Thomas Lane Circle— Poinsettia Sale \$3,000  
Frances Hoffman Circle— Christmas Party \$4,000  
Katherine Meloy Circle - Luncheon and Magnolia Tour of Homes \$32,339  
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— Paper Whites Sale \$3022  
St. Therese Circle— Summer Fundraiser \$4916  
Maude Rogers Circle—Luncheon and Fashion Show \$13,500



*Rejoice always, pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances; for  
this is God's will for you  
in Christ Jesus.*

**100% PARTICIPATION IS KEY TO ENDOWMENT GOALS**

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

ACC encourages every Circle member to participate in funding our endowment with an annual gift to our endowment fund.

If you have not made a gift yet this year to the ACC Endowment Fund, now is a great time to do so. Because of regular, annual donations to our Endowment by members and friends of ACC, the Fund is now at \$833,116\* – and continuing to grow! \*May 2017



That growth will enable the ACC mission of caring and advocacy to continue into the future. And it also makes it possible for us to respond to the present day needs of the children and families we care for. Please consider an annual Endowment Fund gift – no amount is too small. [ONLINE LINK](#)

**2017 SPRING GRANTS FUNDED**

Thanks and praise to each Circle's fundraising efforts and donations from our members and contributors. ACC was able to **fund** grant requests from these organizations this spring. We should all be proud of our organization's continued support of these programs. \*Full details about each program are on the [ACC website under the Funded Organizations tab.](#)

Grant Recipient *	Amount Funded
Adoption Services - CCS, King County	\$10,000
Community-Based Foster Care - CCS, SW (Tacoma)	\$10,000
Emergency Assistance – CCS, King County, Kent and Bellevue	\$15,000
Grays Harbor Youth Center – CCS, Grays Harbor	\$8,000
King County Kinship Collaboration – CCS, King County	\$9,000
Pediatric Interim Care Services – CCS, SW (Tacoma)	\$6,000
Sacred Heart Shelter – CCS, Seattle	\$10,000
St. Mike's Tikes Early Learning Center – CCS, Olympia	\$8,000
Secret Harbor—Burlington, WA	\$4,000
The Community Kitchen – CCS , WW (Olympia)	\$6,000
<b>Total Grants Funded Spring 2017</b>	<b>\$86,000</b>

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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**ASSOCIATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDHOOD ENDOWMENT FUND**

**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!**



*For The Children...Caring and Advocacy Since 1918*

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Wonderful THANK YOU'S for grants given. ACC helps so many children with VERY BASIC AND ESSENTIAL NEEDS; home placement; counseling; temporary or nightly shelter; direct emergency financial assistance; infant and preschool care including clothes and layettes; education; tutoring; pregnancy and parenting support; childcare and nourishment. Help us!!

**Mail Form and Check to: Association for Catholic Childhood Endowment**  
**100 23rd Avenue South Seattle, WA 98144 (206) 328-5973 or [online](http://www.forthechildren.org) via the**  
**ACC website [www.forthechildren.org](http://www.forthechildren.org)**

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