



ACCtion Newsletter

Association for Catholic Childhood

FOR THE CHILDREN...Caring and Advocacy since 1918

November-December 2016

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dear ACC members,

I think that I had only been to one Memorial Mass in over 25 years. The Mass this year on Nov. 1st was very lovely and moving. We honored 13 women who came from different backgrounds, led different, busy lives and still found time to join an ACC circle and help in various projects over the years. As each person's name was called a candle was lit, either by a member of their family or by a member of their circle. Sometimes the family member was also a circle member. It strengthened the feeling of family that the circles give us.

St Catherine's parish has hosted this even for the past several years. Unfortunately, they will not be able to continue to do so. We thank St Catherine's parish and school for their warm hospitality. This means we will be looking to a new location for next year's mass.

As long as we're changing location, we're wondering if we should change the timing also. We had about 80 members attend. It's hard for our working members to attend an 11:00 weekday event. So, think about it and talk with each other in your circles.

As part of our advocacy program, we will periodically be sending out information and alerts telling you about some program or legislation that affects children. If you do not wish to receive these emails, let the office know and we will remove your name from the list.

We need new members to continue the work these women did. If your circle has room for more members, invite someone to join, maybe someone new to your parish. If your circle is full, encourage someone to form a new circle. It seems most circles were formed because a couple of women got together. We can help them get started and provide support. If you know someone, call the office, and we can send them member information. We need all our members to help recruit. What better time than the birthday of the Christ Child to invite others to join us as we advocate and care for the children.

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Maureen

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

Wreath/Poinsettia Sale: Holiday Home Tour:

Marjorie Ryan Circle is selling wreaths and poinsettias again this year. Wreaths and possibly a few poinsettias available at St. James Cathedral's Advent Bazaar on **Sunday November 27th, and December 7th.**

Complete details available: www.forthchildrenww.org

Katherine Meloy Circle is hosting the Magnolia Holiday Home Tour **Dec. 3rd 10am-4pm.** \$25 Ticket available for purchase Nov. 1st - Dec. 2nd at the Magnolia Garden Center, 3213 W. Smith, or \$30 day of tour at 3218 W. Barrett.

[Link to online ticket purchase here](#) or on ACC website.

Please order ASAP.

Books for Christmas!

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 2016

Marjorie Ryan Wreath Sale:

St. James Cathedral Advent Bazaar

Sunday, November 27, 2016

Membership Dues:

Due on or before Sunday, November 30th

All Circle Christmas Gifts Project

• DECEMBER 2016

Magnolia Holiday Home Tour - see pg 2.

Saturday, December 3rd: 10AM to 4PM

Marjorie Ryan Circle

Wreath and Poinsettia Sale/Pick-up:

Sunday, December 4th

8 am & 10 am St. James Cathedral Coffee Hour

• JANUARY 2017

ACC Board Meeting:

Wednesday, January 11th: CCS Building North Cafeteria
9:30am social, meeting starts promptly at 10am

ACCtion Newsletter Deadline:

Friday, January 13th

Calendar Money:

Due - January 31st

• FEBRUARY 2017

ACC Board Meeting:

Wednesday, February 8th:

CCS Building North Cafeteria

9:30am social, meeting starts promptly at 10am

BRING LABOR OF LOVE AUCTION DONATIONS

MARCH 2017

• **Katherine Meloy Circle**

Spring Luncheon

Sunday, March 12th Washington Athletic Club

questions, please contact Maureen Allenbach

allenbachm@comcast.net

ACC Board Meeting:

Wednesday, March 15th: CCS Building North Cafeteria

9:30am social, meeting starts promptly at 10am

LABOR OF LOVE AUCTION DISTRIBUTION

ACCtion Newsletter Deadline:

Friday, March 17th

RAFFLE TICKETS

May luncheon raffle tickets will be available for sale soon:

Please contact Nancy O'Brien with your Circle's order—lets make this fundraiser a success this year!

nancyo@msn.com / 206-325-8836

2016 MAGNOLIA HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Saturday, December 3rd, 10 AM to 4PM

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 beautifully 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 located at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center: 3218 W Barreft, Magnolia. This year we are featuring many vendors with fantastic gifts available to purchase for holiday giving, and refreshments. From 9am to 4pm.

TICKET AVAILABLE: Online: www.magnoliahometour.com. **In Person:** Nov. 1st - Dec. 2nd, 2016, tickets may be purchased for \$25 per ticket in person at the Magnolia Garden Center, 3213 W. Smith, Seattle, WA 98199. **Day of Tour:** \$30 tickets available at Fatima Parish Center.

Proceeds directly benefit ACC and our mission to provide funding and advocacy for Western Washington children and families in need, regardless of race or creed. Complete details : www.magnoliahometour.com

MAGNOLIA HOLIDAY HOME TOUR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016. 10AM- 4PM



Saturday, December 3, 2016 10AM-4PM
\$25 pre-sale tickets available on-line:
MagnoliaHomeTour.com
or at Magnolia Garden Center
\$30 day of tour tickets available on December 3rd
only at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center



Start or end your tour at the
GIFT BOUTIQUE 930AM- 4PM
Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center
3218 West Barreft

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

Every year ACC Circles participate in this wonderful program to make a child's eyes bright at Christmas. Suzan Hruska has requested we consider donations in this order: The majority of gift giving is assigned to Circles whose members will donate, wrap and deliver the Gifts directly to CCS Program or to the ACC office from December 9th—16th. Secondly, purchase gift cards or have your Circle do a direct to ACC monetary donation specified for the Christmas Gift Fund. We strive to fulfill Christmas Gift Lists for children and teens specifically so they can have a wonderful Christmas Celebration. Gift lists will be distributed via email to Circles by Thanksgiving. Suggested budget for each child is \$50-75. The lists are only suggestions. We anticipate supporting at least 100 kids this year. 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 /206.369.6468

LABOR OF LOVE AUCTION <http://www.laborofloveauction.org/>

- **Auction dates: February February 18th - February 25th, 2017**
- Donations accepted [online](http://www.laborofloveauction.org) at www.laborofloveauction.org and at ACC office
- If you are donating same as last year, please email ACC office
- Wish list: Travel or getaway donations: destination items like cabin stays, hotel rooms, outdoor adventure, ski tickets, condo or timeshare weekends. Wine: Premium wine and spirits donations. Parties: Boat tour parties, dinner or lunch parties, wine tasting parties. Restaurant & Dining: Gift cards are hot sellers, chef's table parties. Spa and Health visits and gift cards.
- Register to bid online
- Invite your friends, co-workers and extended family to participate by bidding.

HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$28,000!!!

"Keep the auction in mind while shopping at your favorite store, dining at a local restaurant
or visiting a destination during the holidays."

THE ONLY WAY TO RECEIVE A DONATION IS TO ASK!!



ACC'S ADVOCACY page is online: <http://forthechildrenww.weebly.com/events-and-advocacy>

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ACC BOARD MEETING

Please mark your calendar for **Wednesday, January 11th**. 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 1st, 2016



THANK YOU!!!

Many compliments of “thanks” and “how lovely” were received for the hardworking, hospitable Marjorie Ryan Circle and others who made the Celebration Memorial Mass incredibly special this year.



Prayers of the Faithful: 2016 (as read at the Celebration Mass by Jean Niehaus)

With gratitude, for the inspiration, wisdom and courage of the founders of ACC, who 98 years ago created an organization that continues today to care about and advocate for children in need, regardless of race or creed. Let us pray to the Lord.

With joy, for the friendship, and generous hearts of the many amazing women of ACC, who share and have shared their gifts of time and energy on behalf of children. Let us pray to the Lord.

With hope, that the children may feel our care and concern when we make a layette, buy a Christmas gift, fill a backpack, or plan an event that supplies funding. Let us pray to the Lord.

With love, for our members, who may be facing a special physical, mental, or emotional challenge. We hold them in our hearts and send them strength and courage. Let us pray to the Lord.

With faith, that each of us may know and feel the blessed light of God’s unending love. Let us pray to the Lord.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TO ACC ENDOWMENT



Doesn't this little guy melt your heart!! Hat's off to Lynn Swick for creating this adorable snowman ornament for our 2016 Christmas Gift Giving Endowment Fund Drive. When you donate to ACC's endowment fund via the special flyer mailed to you, ACC will send out an “in honor of, or in memory of” ornament. Your designee will receive this beautifully hand-made, embossed, white paper ornament to hang on their tree. It's a wonderful gift for those that “have everything” and are hard to buy for. This snowman will sparkle and say “hat's off to you” for donating to the ACC endowment fund. *no gift is too small*

2016 Snowman Ornament

[ACC — Endowment Fund](http://www.forthethechildrenww.org) 100 23rd Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144

*A special thank you to Judy Schroeder and Linda and Gary Byer for their contribution to the endowment fund in 2015. Their names were inadvertently left off the donor list insert in the last newsletter.

ACC FALL FUNDING - complete [details online](#)

Applicant	Grant
Katharine's Place – CCS Seattle	\$6,500
Eastside Winter Shelter for Families (EWSF) – CCS Seattle	\$7,000
Family Law CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) - Seattle	\$10,000
Family Support Education – CCS Tacoma	\$1,000
Pregnancy & Parenting Support (PrePS) – CCS Seattle	\$10,000
Pregnancy Support Services – CCS, SW	\$5,000
PREPARES - CCS Seattle	\$5,000
Whatcom Family Center (Therapy Room Makeover Project) – CCS Bellingham	\$2,000
Youth Tutoring Program – CCS Seattle	\$10,000
Youth Tutoring Program, Grays Harbor Family Center	\$7,500
Total Grant Funding Requested	\$64,000

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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

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 _____

Mail Form and check to: Association for Catholic Childhood Endowment fund

100 23rd Avenue South Seattle, WA 98144 (206) 328-5973 or [online](#)

Email: acc@ccsww.org Online: www.forthechildrenww.org

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