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| **Cleveland Chapter** | | | Basic Needs  Self-Esteem |
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| **“My Stuff”™ Bag Program** | | | |
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| **Timing, duration, frequency of program** | | | |
| Monthly and as needed to fill emergency needs | | | |
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| **Fiscal Information** | | | |
| The “My Stuff”™ program budget for the last fiscal year was $40,000.  The program received an additional $5,000 in grant funding, $7,168 in donations, and $480 in Walmart gift cards. Total money spent for the program was $52,058 during FY19-20. | | | |
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| **Partnerships** | | | |
| The agencies we serve monthly are: Blessing House, Domestic Violence, Family Promise, Westside Catholic Center, Lexington Bell (Mom’s First), University Settlement, Neon, Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services, Genesis House, Catholic Charities Hough Co-Op, Catholic Charities Foster Care, Generation House, Front Steps Housing, and Cleveland Metropolitan School District Refugee Services.  Additionally, the following organizations were served on an as needed basis: Friendly Inn Settlement House, Outreach VISTA/ Division of Children and Family Services, Bright Beginnings, and Diocese of Cleveland – Secretariat for Parish Life and Development.  What role does your partner(s) have in the program?  Social service representatives pick up and distribute “My Stuff” Bags directly to the children at their agency. | | | |
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| **Clients** | | | |
| Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: | | 1,565 | |
| Age range of clients served: | | 3 years to mid-teens | |
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| **Volunteers** | | | |
| How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): | | 52 volunteers / 625 volunteer hours | |
| What roles do the volunteers have in this program? | | | |
| * Contacting agencies to determine the number, size and gender of bags needed for the current month * Shopping for the seasonal outfit * Meeting monthly to pack bags according to agency specifications | | | |
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| **Program Description** | | | |
| Overall goal of this program: To provide clothing, personal hygiene items and activities to comfort children living in shelters or temporary housing due to neglect, abuse, or homelessness.  What service/materials do you provide to your clients? “My Stuff” bags are packed and distributed through social workers to children between the ages of 3 to mid-teen who are in shelters or transitional housing in Cuyahoga and part of Lorain County. The bags are gender- and size-specific and contain:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | * Seasonal Outfit * Socks (6) * Underwear (6) * T-shirts (3) | * Toothpaste * Toothbrush * Soap | * Writing tablet or coloring book * Markers or crayons * Flashcards |   Toddlers receive a no-sew blanket made by our members. All items are placed in a reusable bag. | | | |
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| **More Information:** | | | |
| In 1992 in a search for new projects, $8000 was budgeted to assemble 400 bags with useful items for children at Templum House, a shelter for abused women and children. The bags were labeled “My Stuff” since they were being given to children who had little to call their own. The Christ Child Society of Cleveland has the “My Stuff” name trademarked, and that trademark was renewed in 2019. The name was trademarked with the quotation marks, which is why they are included when seen in print.  In January of 1993, the first bags were assembled. They contained a 2-piece warm-up suit, 3 pairs of socks and underwear, toothbrush and toothpaste, a marker and pad of paper and a $1 Wendy’s certificate. | | | |
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| **Contact:** | [**ccs\_office@yahoo.com**](mailto:ccs_office@yahoo.com) **Attn: “My Stuff” Chair** | | |

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| **Cleveland Chapter** | | | Basic Needs  Self-Esteem | |
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| **Bed Program** | | | | |
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| **Timing, duration, frequency of program** | | | | |
| As needed | | | | |
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| **Fiscal Information** | | | | |
| The Beds program budget for the last fiscal year was $25,000.  The program received an additional $12,950 in donations. Total money spent for the program was $37,950 during FY19-20. | | | | |
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| **Partnerships** | | | | |
| Agencies served by this program during the last fiscal year: Achievement Centers, Applewood Center Systems of Care, Bedford City Schools, Bright Beginnings, Care Source, Centers for Families and Children, Cleveland Rape Center, Diocese of Cleveland Community Based Services, Domestic Violence Community Advocate, Family Engagement, Fatima Center, Friendly Inn, Frontline Services, Help Me Grow, Home Visitor, I’m in Ministry, Life Solutions South, Mom’s First Merrick House, Murtis Taylor, NEON, Northeast Ohio Pressley Ridge Tapestry System, Ohio Guidestone, St. Martin de Porres, The Centers, University Hospitals Comprehensive Care, University Settlement, West Side Catholic Center.  The Christ Child Society of Cleveland has developed a relationship with I’m In Ministry. I’m In Ministry accepts delivery of the beds from our supplier, stores the beds in their warehouse, delivers and assembles the beds at the recipient’s home. | | | | |
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| **Clients** | | | | |
| Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: | | 289 | | |
| Age range of clients served: | | Toddler to mid-teens | | |
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| **Volunteers** | | | | |
| How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): | | | | 3 volunteers / 113 hours |
| What roles do the volunteers have in this program? | | | | |
| * Reviewing agency requests for beds * Coordinating delivery of beds with I’m In Ministry * Purchasing sheet sets, blankets and pillows | | | | |
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| **Program Description** | | | | |
| In 2001, social workers expressed concern that children had no beds to sleep in, and were sleeping on floors or with their mother. To promote safe sleep, the Bed Program was developed. CCS is able to provide sheets, blanket and pillow to go with the beds. In addition, I’m In Ministry may provide used furniture if they are able to. The chairman of Beds receives requests from social workers, assesses need and arranges for distribution. This is a project that does not require further member involvement. This project runs year-round. | | | | |
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| **More Information:** | | | | |
| Initially, a voucher program was established whereby families could obtain a voucher to get a bed from the Original Mattress Factory. Bed delivery was at a cost to the family. Bed prices increased over the years, causing a drop in the number of children who could receive a bed. In 2019, CCS switched suppliers and was able to obtain futon-style beds at a significantly lower price than the traditional bed we had been purchasing, thereby increasing the number of children and families served by this program. | | | | |
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| **Contact:** | [**ccs\_office@yahoo.com**](mailto:ccs_office@yahoo.com) **Attn: Beds Chair** | | | |

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| **Cleveland Chapter** | | | Reading & Literacy |
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| **Preschool Reading Enrichment Program** | | | |
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| **Timing, duration, frequency of program** | | | |
| Year-round, two to three times monthly. | | | |
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| **Fiscal Information** | | | |
| Merrick House Preschool Reading Enrichment budget for the last fiscal year was $1,750. The program received an additional $500 in donations. Total expenses for the program were $2,329.  Parkview Head Start Preschool Reading Enrichment budget for the last fiscal year was $1,000. The program received an additional $215 in donations. Total expenses for the program were $1,209. | | | |
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| **Partnerships** | | | |
| Merrick House  Parkview Head Start | | | |
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| **Clients** | | | |
| Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: | | 12 (Merrick House) / 100 (Parkview Head Start) | |
| Age range of clients served: | | 2-5 years | |
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| **Volunteers** | | | |
| How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): | | Merrick House: 11 volunteers / 32 volunteer hours  Parkview: 53 volunteers / 126.50 volunteer hours | |
| What roles do the volunteers have in this program? | | | |
| * Read to younger children * Provide a follow-up activity to reinforce the story | | | |
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| **Program Description** | | | |
| The main goal of our program is to encourage reading literacy. Our dedicated volunteers read to preschool students two to three times monthly and provide a follow-up activity to reinforce the story and enhance comprehension. | | | |
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| **More Information:** | | | |
| At Parkview, to ensure that the children have access to books in their homes, the volunteers read a book of their choice and a second book is chosen by the Chairman which is read for a determined number of weeks by all of the readers. At the end of those weeks, each child is given a copy of this book and activity folder related to the book. | | | |
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| **Contact:** | [**ccs\_office@yahoo.com**](mailto:ccs_office@yahoo.com) **Attn: Preschool Reading Enrichment Programs** | | |

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| **Cleveland Chapter** | | | Reading & Literacy |
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| **School Library Program** | | | |
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| **Timing, duration, frequency of program** | | | |
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| **Fiscal Information** | | | |
| St. Francis Library budget for the last fiscal year was $1,750. The program received an additional $500 in donations. Total expenses for the program were $2,329.  St. Rocco Library budget for the last fiscal year was $1,750. The program received an additional $20 in donations. Total expenses for the program were $1,734. | | | |
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| **Partnerships** | | | |
| St. Francis Elementary School  St. Rocco Elementary School | | | |
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| **Clients** | | | |
| Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: | | 208 (St. Francis) / 130 (St. Rocco) | |
| Age range of clients served: | | Preschool - 8th Grade | |
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| **Volunteers** | | | |
| How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): | | St. Francis: 22 volunteers / 754.50 volunteer hours  St. Rocco: 16 volunteers / 844.75 volunteer hours | |
| What roles do the volunteers have in this program? | | | |
| * Volunteers staff and manage the libraries – including checking out books, re-shelving returned books, and operating the computer system * Help children select books that interest them * Read to younger children | | | |
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| **Program Description** | | | |
| Recognizing that literacy is a pathway out of poverty, CCS Cleveland has partnered with two elementary schools in the community to provide the students with an opportunity to find books that spark their interests, teach them library etiquette and how to use a library. Our library programs have been existence for many years.  We read to the younger children and help students choose books. Members encourage reading as a pleasurable activity that will instill the desire to learn, build vocabulary and language skills. | | | |
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| **More Information:** | | | |
| Volunteers recently completed computerizing both libraries and have installed Accelerated Reading programs in each. | | | |
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| **Contact:** | [**ccs\_office@yahoo.com**](mailto:ccs_office@yahoo.com) **Attn: Library Chairs** | | |

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| **Cleveland Chapter** | | | Reading & Literacy |
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| **Book Give-Away Program** | | | |
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| **Timing, duration, frequency of program** | | | |
| Christmas and Easter | | | |
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| **Fiscal Information** | | | |
| The Book Give-Away Program is not included in the CCS Cleveland budget.  Books are donated by the Cleveland Kids Book Bank and supplies for the program (packing tape, labels) were donated by members during FY20-21. | | | |
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| **Partnerships** | | | |
| The organizations we serve are: Christ Child Society Layette Program, Christ Child Society Preschool Reading Enrichment Program at Merrick House, Christ Child Society “My Stuff” Bags Program, Christ Child Society Provisional Christmas Party, Haven Home Community Center, Malachi Center, Westside Catholic Center, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, St. Augustine Parish, St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish, St. Ignatius of Antioch School, St. Ladislas Parish, St. Malachi Parish, St. Mary Parish - Elyria, St. Mary School - Elyria, St. Vincent De Paul Parish - Elyria, St. Francis Parish – Elyria , Immaculate Conception Parish PSR class, St. Colman Parish PRS class, St. Patrick Parish – Bridge PSR class, Metro Catholic Elementary School, SS. Robert and William School, St. Adalbert School, St. Aloysius/St. Agatha School, St. Columbkille School, St. Francis School - Cleveland, St. Jerome School, St. Jude Elyria School, St. Mark School, St. Mary Byzantine School, St. Peter School – Lorain, St. Rocco School, St. Stanislaus School, St. Thomas Aquinas School, St. Thomas More School, Stepstone Academy, Urban Community School  What role does your partner(s) have in the program?  Participating CCS Program Chairs, Community Centers, Parishes and Schools determine the number of books they will need to distribute at least one book to every child. | | | |
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| **Clients** | | | |
| Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: | | 5,000 + (8,874 books distributed) | |
| Age range of clients served: | | Infant to mid-teen | |
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| **Volunteers** | | | |
| How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): | | 75 volunteers / 318.75 volunteer hours | |
| What roles do the volunteers have in this program? | | | |
| * Sort books into one of three categories – preschool, early elementary, upper elementary and place a Christ Child Society sticker in the book * Once sorted the books are placed in boxes with the quantity of 50 books per box * Volunteers deliver the boxes to the schools and community centers * At Christmas, volunteer deliver boxes to the parishes, and staff tables after Mass for the book distribution – children and families are able to take as many books as they would like. | | | |
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| **Program Description** | | | |
| The goal of this program is to distribute books to children throughout the Greater Cleveland area. The Cleveland Kids Book Bank is unable to distribute books with a religious theme and donates them to The Christ Child Society of Cleveland. Volunteers sort the books into categories and place a CCS sticker in each book. Books that have “been loved a little too much”, have writing in them or are otherwise damaged, are given away at the CCS Showcase Resale Store. | | | |
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| **More Information:** | | | |
| The Christ Child Society of Cleveland piloted a Christmas Book Sunday program in 2019 and distributed over 2,000 books at parishes in the Diocese. The program was such a success that we continued with Christmas Book Sunday in 2020 – distributing 5,450 books in parishes, community centers and schools. The program was then expanded to include Easter books, bible stories, and books about saints or other religious topics. 3,424 books were distributed during Lent 2021. A list of parishes and schools that could most benefit from this program was obtained from the Diocese of Cleveland Secretariat for Parish Life. The list 20 parishes, 24 schools and 5 community centers in low- to mid-income neighborhoods. | | | |
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| **Contact:** | [christchildsociety.bookprogram@gmail.com](mailto:christchildsociety.bookprogram@gmail.com) | | |

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| **Cleveland Chapter** | |  |
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| **Showcase Resale Shop** | | |
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| **Timing, duration, frequency of program** | | |
| Year Round – Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm | | |
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| **Fiscal Information** | | |
| The Showcase Resale Shop is self-sustaining, paying rent, utilities and supplies from its proceeds. For FY19-20, total expense was $46,698 and net revenue was $4,816. | | |
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| **Partnerships** | | |
| The organizations we serve are: Edna House, St. Hermans, Westside Catholic, City Mission, Habitat for Humanity and I'm in Ministry.  What role does your partner(s) have in the program?  Accepting donations of clothing, household goods, and accessories that Showcase is unable to sell. | | |
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| **Clients** | | |
| Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: | Not Tracked | |
| Age range of clients served: | Not Tracked | |
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| **Volunteers** | | |
| 413 Volunteers / 5,758 volunteer hours |  | |
| What roles do the volunteers have in this program? | | |
| * Members price donations, stock the racks and shelves, run the cash register, create window displays, and in general, manage the operations of the store. * At least two volunteers must be present for the store to be opened. | | |
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| **Program Description** | | |
| Our Showcase Resale Shop is a resale shop that is staffed and maintained by Christ Child Society of Cleveland volunteer members. The Showcase Store offers clothing for men, women and children, shoes, handbags, jewelry, toys, books, housewares, pictures and other miscellaneous items. Merchandise is obtained through donations from members as well as outside donors. Our motto on selection of items for sale is: “Is it perfect? Would you buy it?” Donations of new, gently used and like-new items are accepted during store hours.  Revenue from Showcase goes to support CCS Cleveland programs. | | |
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| **More Information:** | | |
| The first Showcase resale store was opened in 1957. The Christ Child Society of Cleveland committed to donate $10,000 to the St. Don Bosco Home for Boys, and they raised that money through the profits from the Showcase Resale Store. The original store was on the east side. Eventually, another Showcase resale was opened in Lakewood. In 2007, due to stiff competition from other resale stores near the east side store on Warrensville in Maple Heights, the store was closed, leaving the store on Detroit Ave. in Lakewood as the only store. In 2016, the building housing Showcase was to be sold, so the store was moved to its present location at 15404 Madison Ave. in Lakewood. The store is staffed and maintained by Christ Child Society of Cleveland volunteers. | | |
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| **Cleveland Chapter** | | | Basic Needs  General Education  Self-Esteem |
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| **School Uniforms** | | | |
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| **Timing, duration, frequency of program** | | | |
| July – October, as needed | | | |
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| **Fiscal Information** | | | |
| The budget for School Uniforms for FY19-20 was $40,000. Total expense for the program was $48,812. | | | |
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| **Partnerships** | | | |
| Shoes and Clothes for Kids | | | |
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| **Clients** | | | |
| Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: | | 2,000 | |
| Age range of clients served: | | Kindergarten – 8th Grade | |
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| **Volunteers** | | | |
| 35 Volunteers / 205 Hours | |  | |
| What roles do the volunteers have in this program? | | | |
| * Members help pack uniform packages at the SC4K facility. | | | |
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| **Program Description** | | | |
| In the 2000’s uniforms, socks and underwear were ordered for students and packed into bags which were given to social workers who the distributed them to the students. In the 2010’s, vouchers were given to students to shop at Silverman’s Department Store, where they were able to get 2 tops, 2 bottoms, socks and underwear. When Silverman’s went out of business, children could use their vouchers to get uniforms that Mr. Silverman distributed a van. In 2015, Mr. Silverman’s Uniforms for Kids Program was merged with Shoes and Clothes for Kids. Since then, we have had an arrangement where we give Shoes and Clothes a grant, and they provide 2 complete uniforms, a leisure outfit, a backpack of school supplies, socks underwear and a certificate for shoes to 1200 students whose names are provided by our approved social agencies. | | | |
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