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WHERE LOVE LEADS TO ACTION

Shower of Love

*Join
us!*



We hope you'll join us on

Saturday, November 5th

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It's all about baby showers right now, especially with Shower of Love coming up this Saturday. Please drop by the Carmel Mission's MacMahon Center between 10 and noon with friends and/or a spouse and enjoy hearty nibbles and warm beverages--and giving from the heart to children in our area who really need our support. Even



just a few minutes will fill your heart and lend solidarity to our cause . . .

But Shower of Love is not the only baby shower we've had this month. Yarns & Stitches came together to celebrate member Dani's new baby Madeline with a traditional shower with tea in tea cups, pretty flower arrangements, games, sweets and shower gifts. Welcoming Dani's baby was so much fun and the Yarns & Stitches ladies

didn't miss a detail in making it lovely and lively. The joy everyone there shared made it clear that we are uniquely privileged to be able to work together to create special bundles with handmade items for babies we don't know from families whose needs are great. We can't hold them or coo over them or hear how they are sleeping through the night. But from a respectful distance, and working with our wonderful partners, we can make their first weeks safer, warmer, easier and better. In this month of gratitude, let us be deeply grateful for this.

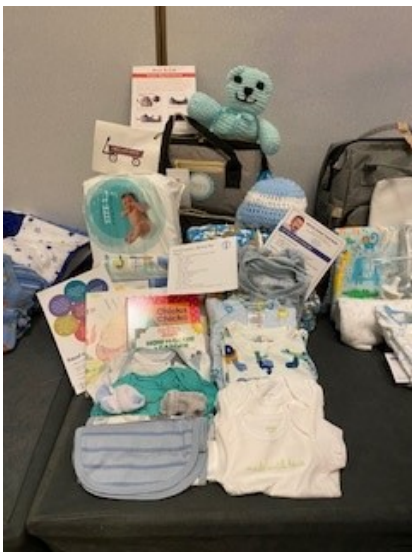
October was also a month where some exciting things got their beginnings, including an expanded relationship with Santa Catalina School, and a possible collaboration with the Monterey County Food Bank to donate diapers to toddlers and infants in need. More on both of these next month, as we flesh out these exciting opportunities. In the meantime, it's not too late to invite a friend or two or bring your spouse or grandkids to Shower of Love for a few minutes--to celebrate the babies we serve and share our wonderful work with others in our lives.

Blessings--and see you there! Oh, and Happy Birthday, Miss Mary!

Anne Kelley, President



**The 2022 National Christ Child
Convention,
in our own words. . . .**



It was my pleasure to attend the NCCS Convention this year with Board Member and Shower of Love Chair Sarah Hills and new member--and member of Yarns & Stitches--Dee Rasco. The Tucson Convention was the best I have attended in many years, perhaps ever, and I was thrilled we all were there. As a former national president, my experience is little different, as I know so many people from so many years--so it's a reunion of sorts for me. That said, Sarah, Dee and I hung together and really explored issues and ideas with other members and took advantage of the really good educational programming to come away with some concrete ideas on how to enhance our programs. As Kathy Gibbs couldn't make it, I presented in her place on a panel which included our preschool literacy program, which was held up as an example to others of great planning, creativity and perserverance. And we had a great time meeting/re-meeting wonderful people who care about children as we do. Read on to hear from Dee and Sarah on their impressions of the Convention

Anne Kelley, President



The 2022 National Christ Child Society Convention in Tucson, Arizona was very inspiring. As a new member of only one year, I was immediately struck by the commitment, passion and dedication of the 96 delegates present. Some were new members like me, but others had been members for decades. Yet we were bonded together by our deep passion for making a difference of the lives of children in our community. Baby bundles from many chapters were displayed to give others an idea of what other chapters are doing. A field trip to a local underserved school showcased a CCS vending machine of free books where students could earn a token for a free book of their choice to build literacy. Different chapters shared their stories of successes and challenges. Some stories moved you to tears to learn how the love and service of our work in CCS can make a difference in a child's life. It was very powerful. It made me proud to be a part of such a needed and worthwhile organization that recognizes and values the worth of every child. Overall a positive experience that I recommend to others if you have the chance in the future.

Dee Rasco



In September, I was privileged to attend the National Christ Child Society Convention in Tucson Arizona. It was a wonderful opportunity to join a nationwide group of Christ Child Society Members who came together to learn, inspire and share ideas. During three days of speaker meetings, breakfast roundtables, and workshops, we focused on the themes of philanthropy, membership and leadership. From the many lessons learned, we are hoping to apply some of the strategies to our local Monterey Bay chapter. We have been advised to build the capacity of all our volunteers and leadership. We will be working on a board assessment, which will help us identify what our board's strengths and needs are, which in turn will help us during the board recruitment process. I came away from the Convention encouraged and inspired as together, we continue to grow our chapter and help make a significant impact on our community.

Sarah Hills, Board Member

**VOLUNTEER, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL
OPPORTUNITIES**

**Yarns & Stitches Will Meet Wednesday
November 16 and 30 at 10:30 a.m.**



As usual, we'll meet
at the St. Angela
Library in PG! **LET
JOAN KNOW** if you
have any questions . .
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Help Pack or Deliver our Baby Bundles



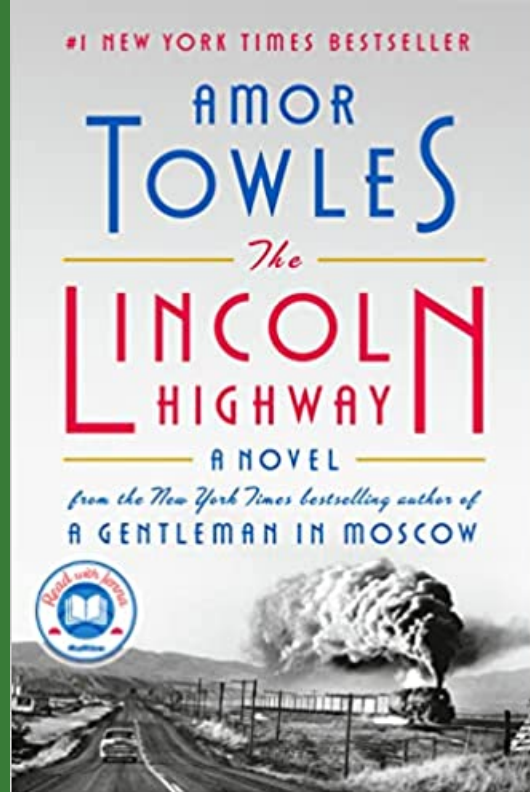
We will be packing
and delivering
bundles to Natividad
at the end of
November.
LET RITA KNOW if
you are interested
and when you are
available!

**Join the Book Club at 6 p.m. on November 9
for *The Lincoln Highway* & *The Gold Bug***

After a very well-
attended discussion of
The Spanish Daughter

in September, the Book Club will tackle both Amor Towles' *The Lincoln Highway* and Poe's very brief *The Gold Bug* on November 9. **LET LINDA KNOW** if you are planning to join so she can make accurate reservations and advise you of the restaurant.

The Book Club will take the month of December off, returning in January with our popular "Food, Glorious, Food" cookbook exchange and potluck. More on that in December's newsletter . . .



Join Us for a Walk at
November 19 at 10 AM



After a fun walk at Palo Corona last month, we're going to meet this November at the Mission Trail, across from the Carmel Mission, and walk up the hill and then down into the village and round back to the trailhead. **LET Nanci Know** if you are joining the walk. As usual, we will meet at 10 a.m.--and remember your water.

Happy Birthday to Our Founder!

Today, November 2, is Virginia Merrick, Servant of God's birthday. May we remember her and remain inspired by her always--and may she pray for us and our work in this community!



Many Happy Returns to:



Vicki Kimes (11/2)
Grace Gambucci (11/29)
Kathy Bonelli (11/30)



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