



January/February 2019

The Christ Child Society
Naples, Florida

Youth Haven Director to speak in January

Jinx Liggett, Executive Director of Youth Haven, is the featured speaker at the Jan. 8, 2019 General Meeting. Youth Haven is Southwest Florida's only emergency and residential shelter for



children ages 6-18 who have been removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect or abandonment. Children who arrive at Youth Haven have been traumatized and are in crisis. Here they find their first

step toward finding physical and emotional support, and gaining peace in their lives. Youth Haven has three programs to meet the needs of these children: The Counseling Center, The Emergency Shelter, and the Homeless Teen and Transitional Living Center.

Founded in 1972, Youth Haven's mission is, "To protect and empower children and strengthen families in Southwest Florida through comprehensive care and community collaboration." Youth Haven has been rated a 4-star charity by Charity Navigator.

Jinx Liggett became Youth Haven's Director of Programs in 2010 and was named Executive Director in 2013. She has an extensive background in healthcare administration, working with both for profit and non-profit inpatient mental health treatment facilities for children, adolescents, and adults.

Her many accomplishments include serving as past president of the board of trustees of the Shelter for Abused Women and Children. She was named a 2013 Power Woman by Florida Weekly. She and her husband were honored last January by *Champions for Learning* for their contributions to and support for education in Collier County.

Have you paid your dues yet?

Membership dues are \$75 for the period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. If you have not already done so, please send your dues to: Maureen Kincaid, 1284 Pocantico Lane Naples, FL 34110.



Members arriving at Christmas Party with their gifts. Story, more photos on page 2.

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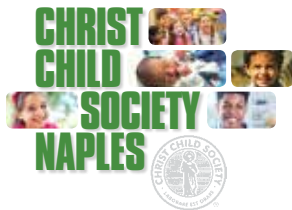
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Hostesses Terry Schrantz, Jane Kassolis, Gloria Gaughan, Kathleen Flynn Fox and Ginny Packard.

2018 Christmas Brunch a big success

The beautifully decorated dining room at Collier's Reserve Country Club became a virtual Toyland for the disadvantaged children of Collier County. Some 120 members arrived carrying toys and gift cards to enjoy each other's company while dining on a delicious brunch. Some members shop for the event throughout the year and brought multiple gifts. In all, members and guests brought more than 640 toys and \$2,825 worth of gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target and Publix. This was a substantial increase from last year, when we collected 450 gifts and \$1,775 in gift cards.

The gifts and cards were distributed to the following agencies: Fun Time, Grace Place, Youth Haven, Friends of Foster Children Forever, The Shelter for Abused Women and Children, and Providence House. Representatives from these organizations were present to select donated toys appropriate for their children. The gift cards were distributed to the agencies calculated by the number of children they serve.

Heartfelt thanks go to the five members who hosted this wonderful event: Kathleen Flynn Fox, Gloria Gaughan, Jane Kassolis, Ginny Packard and Terry Schrantz.



Organization reps who came to "shop" for their children.

Founders Luncheon February 12

This season's Founders Luncheon will feature The Rev. Lisa Lefko, CEO of Habitat for Humanity. Invitations will be in the mail shortly.

When: Tuesday, February 12

Where:

Royal Poinciana Golf Club
1600 Solana Road, Naples

Time: 11:30 am / lunch served at 12:30 pm

Cost: \$85 per person

Valet Parking: Provided

Questions:

Mary Henrikson / meh153@aol.com

Founders Luncheon

Committee members are Mary Henrikson, Chris Bonarrigo, Cheryl Grant, Karen Eilers and Karen Nally.

Our speaker, the Rev. Lisa Lefko, has been a Collier County resident since 1994. She grew up in Miami and moved to Naples from central Florida. Ordained in the United Methodist Church, she serves Cornerstone United Methodist Church as well as being the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity. Her passion has always been mission ministry, particularly working with the poor. After volunteering with Habitat (and following a mission trip to Haiti in 1999), she joined the staff of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County. She finds joy in working with people from all walks of life and partnering in the goal to provide the most basic of human needs: safe, affordable shelter for families in need.

Please use the RSVP card included with the invitation when it arrives, and respond by Jan. 24. We look forward to seeing you at what is always a fun event for our members and their guests.

New Member Tea January 15

The New Member Tea will be held Jan. 15, at The Vynes Restaurant in Grande Place, Moorings Park at Grey Oaks. The address is 2355 Rue du Jardin, Naples.

Members will be available to speak about the various missions of the Christ Child Society of Naples, and light refreshments will be served. New members will have the opportunity to sign up for Christ Child activities if they so choose.

Hostesses for this event are:

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Joanne Powers, 239-213-7745
jrpowers39@gmail.com

Jerry Risk, 239-213-7796
jerylann@icloud.com

If you know of anyone who would be interested in learning about our organization, please contact one of the hostesses so they can be sent an invitation. As always, this is an event to which an RSVP is appreciated for planning.

Please bring supplies for Grace Place to General Meeting

As at all of our General Meetings, we will collect non-perishable foods and necessities for the Grace Place Food Pantry at our Jan. 8 meeting. Grace Place is located in the heart of Golden Gate, and many families depend on the Food Pantry held there every Friday. A representative will be at the parking lot entrance of the Northern Trust Bank (in back) to collect items. Do not bring them upstairs to the meeting, as they may be missed.

Suggested food items are: breakfast cereals, canned fruits and vegetables, canned soup, corn tortilla flour, dried beans, pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, powdered milk, rice, sugar, and vegetable oil. Other necessities are diapers and baby wipes, toothbrushes and toothpaste, laundry detergent, and bar soap.

Calendar of Events

Board Meetings:

*Northern Trust Bank
Liggett Room (formerly
Keewaydin Room) 3 pm*

January 3, 2019

March 7, 2019

April 11, 2019

General Meetings:

*Northern Trust Bank
Fourth Floor
Larson Room 3-5 pm*

January 8, 2019

March 12, 2019

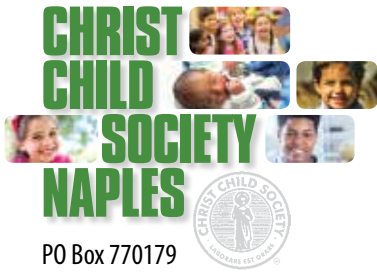
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Save the Dates:

January 15, 2019
New Member Tea

February 12, 2019
Founders Luncheon

April 6, 2019
Red Wagon Gala



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2019 Red Wagon Gala

Save the Date: Saturday, April 6, 2019 Royal Poinciana Golf Club

The Red Wagon Gala, led this year by Janis Morrisroe, has been in the planning process since last spring. This is a major fundraiser that provides a large portion of the financial support for the programs the Christ Child Society

of Naples sponsors. It is now held every other year, so the funds raised at the Gala must stretch for two years. We hope all members will attend!

Among the live auction items planned so far are the use of a home on the Dingle Peninsula of Ireland and a VIP package to a Chicago Cubs game, as well as David Yurman jewelry from Bigham Jewelers. The Auction Committee is looking for a member(s) to donate a dinner for eight at her home. If you can help with this, please contact Janis.

This should be a lovely evening with a wonderful dinner and the same great band that entertained us last time. We look forward to seeing all of our members there!

*Red Wagon
Gala*

