

# WHO supports Christ Child Society with donations

“Nothing is ever too much to do for a child,”

Mary Virginia Merrick, founder of the Christ Child Society, said in 1887.

## WOMEN HELPING OTHERS

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Today the movement that Mary Virginia Merrick began over 125 years ago has become a federation of 44 chapters with a membership of over 6,000 volunteers, organized to meet the contemporary needs of America's neediest families.

The Christ Child Society of Texas, Capital Area, Inc., is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization open to members of all faiths. The motive and spirit is a love for the Christ Child, expressed in fellowship and service to our community's youth who are most in need of spiritual, physical, emotional, or economic support, regardless of race or creed.

Nationwide, all Christ Child chapters have a common service project of providing layettes to mothers of newborns in need. In addition, each chapter responds to the unique needs within its own community. Capital Area members provide bereavement gowns, hygiene packets for disadvantaged elementary students and for homeless middle school and high school students, and caps and gloves to elementary school students in need.

At the Women Helping Others June meeting, Meg Beasley, president of the local Christ Child Society of Texas chapter, showed the members of WHO some of the beautiful handmade items made by the volunteers.

The generosity of the WHO membership showed. The WHO la-



Meg Beasley, president of The Christ Child Society of Texas, Capital Area, Inc., receives a donation of \$500 from WHO Vice President Maria

dies brought enough supplies of diapers for infants and toiletries for older children which filled two automobiles with their donations. At the meeting, WHO Vice President Maria Tolleson presented a donation of \$500 to the Christ Child Society of Texas, Capital Area, Inc.

The WHO ladies are at it again with two new and exciting events in the works. The first event is WHO is sponsoring an annual fundraiser to benefit Sun City and Georgetown seniors served by Meals on Wheels of Williamson & Burnet Counties and Madella Hilliard Senior Center in Georgetown. The fundraiser is open July 20th through October 26.

The second big fundraiser event

is a Sock Hop currently in the planning stages, which will take place on October 1 for the benefit of The Georgetown Project - The Nest serving students who are at-risk, homeless or living in transition and enrolled/attending a Georgetown ISD high school. The Sock Hop will take the participants back to the 1950's with poodle skirts and polka dots and lots of fun.

More information about these two events will be forthcoming.

*Anne Marshall is a member of Women Helping Others, a Georgetown-based club that works to help area nonprofit organizations. Each month, the group meets to assist and spotlight the efforts of a local nonprofit.*