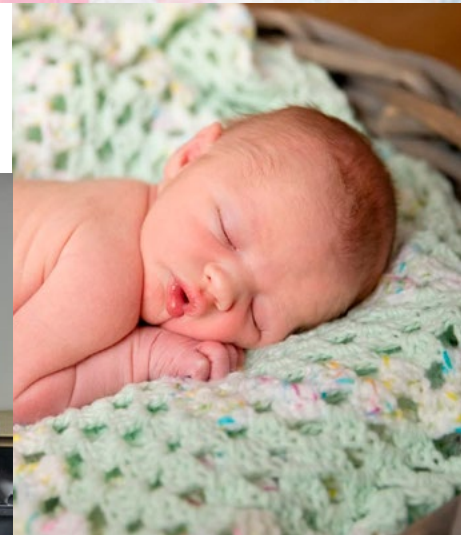


National Christ Child Society

Since 1887, the Christ Child Society has been dedicated to improving the lives of children in need. As the second-oldest continuously operating Catholic charity in the United States, we are a national organization rooted in compassion and service.

The Christ Child Society was founded in 1887 by Mary Virginia Merrick in Washington, D.C. Her work began with a simple yet powerful act of kindness: providing a layette—a carefully prepared bundle of essential items such as clothing, blankets, and supplies—for a newborn whose family was in need. She lived by the belief that “nothing is ever too much to do for a child.” That single gift of comfort and dignity inspired family and friends to join her, and what began as one layette grew into a national movement. The National Christ Child Society (NCCS) office was opened in 1905 to support chapters. Today, the Society includes more than 45 chapters nationwide, each serving children at risk in their own communities.

Christ Child Chapters continue to live out Mary Virginia Merrick’s guiding principle: “See a need and fill it.” Every chapter carries forward the Layette Program, our signature initiative, while also developing additional programs that reflect the unique needs of the communities they serve.



Today, more than **4,700 members** of all denominations come together to serve vulnerable children through hands-on programs in communities across the country.



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