



Christmas Clearing Council
of Waukesha County

CHRISTMAS NOTES

October 2022

Although Christmas is months away, the CCC board and staff are working hard to make it the best experience possible for donors, sponsors, volunteers and client families. In 2021, new online application forms for clients and sponsors streamlined communication between staff, clients and sponsors, and made accessing and giving help easier and convenient. For those families whose children are not sponsored, our Toy Shop Committee continues to improve the Toy Shop experience so that it's enjoyable for all. We look forward to seeing you in December.



Lindsay Fischer
Board President

The realities of financial struggles are apparent in many homes across Waukesha County this year. Inflation has made it increasingly difficult for some families to stretch their budgets – even for necessities. We strive to help ease that burden at Christmas. With the help of generous donors and sponsors, children in qualified families can experience the Christmas they deserve. Whether you are new to CCC or a longtime supporter, we are so grateful for all of you who help share the magic of Christmas.



Sarah Hein
Executive Director



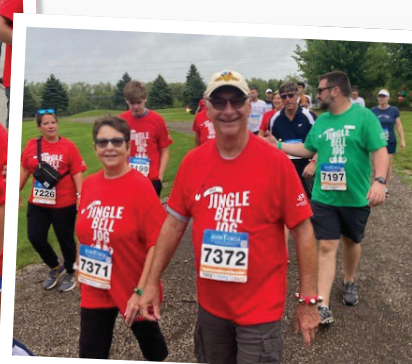
STEPPING INTO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



On July 24, more than 160 runners and walkers gathered at The Ingleside Hotel for our first Jingle Bell Jog, a 5K/10K walk/run. The oldest participant was 73, the youngest just 5. Runners and walkers enjoyed a 5K or 10K route along the Lake Country Trail and on the hotel grounds. After crossing the finish line, participants enjoyed food and beverages provided by The Ingleside Hotel, as well as beer and music provided by Raised Grain Brewing.

Proceeds from the event will support our 2022 Toy Shop and teen gift card programs.

Many thanks to Silver Circle Events, The Ingleside Hotel, Raised Grain Brewing and our sponsors. (See full list of sponsors on page 2.)





THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN SHARE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



- **Sponsor a child/children:** Sign up to sponsor on our website. Deadline is Dec. 4 at 11:59 p.m.
- **Donate gift cards:** Children ages 12-18 who are not sponsored receive gift cards. Most requested cards are for Target and Walmart in \$10, \$15 or \$25 denominations. You can:
 - Buy Target gift cards online through our registry and they will be shipped directly to us.
 - Mail cards to CCC, P.O. Box 791, Pewaukee, WI 53072.
 - Drop off gift cards at any Waukesha State Bank drive-through or lobby Nov. 1-Dec. 15.
 - Contact us at info@christmasclearingcouncil.org to arrange for a board or staff member to pick them up.
- **Donate money:** Send a check to CCC, P.O. Box 791, Pewaukee, WI, 53072, or donate online, through our website using PayPal or a credit card, or by Venmo.
- **Volunteer:** Check for volunteer opportunities on our website starting in mid-October.
- **Sign up for Amazon Smile:** Choose CCC as your preferred nonprofit.
- **Spread the word:** Tell your extended family, friends, co-workers, church members, neighbors, and others about CCC and our mission to help children in low-income families.
- **Organize an event:** Try a casual day, a holiday cookie baking or sweater contest, or a project you choose.
- **Refer families:** Have families that need help apply via our website by Nov. 15.

Visit www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/support for more details.

MANY THANKS TO OUR JINGLE BELL JOG SPONSORS

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CCZ Funeral Home

Citizens Bank

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MEET OUR 2022 ANGEL AWARD WINNERS



The Christmas Clearing Council established the annual Angel Awards in 2006 to recognize those in our community who, through special acts of generosity, further the CCC mission of helping families celebrate a more joyful Christmas. We are proud to announce the 2022 recipients.



YOUTH: Arrowhead High School Interact Club

The Club has sponsored children since 2013 and volunteered at Toy Shop for 10 years. In 2020, members helped at our outdoor gift card giveaways, when COVID prevented us from holding Toy Shop. These teens are always courteous, respectful, and helpful – and wonderful ambassadors for our program.



BUSINESS: The Ingleside Hotel

For several years, The Ingleside Hotel has been an enthusiastic and generous partner to CCC. As a business, they have sponsored families, collected and donated books and raised funds during the Country Christmas Illuminated Walking Nights, which began in 2019.

L to R: Executive Director Sarah Hein, Tiffany Woodward and Jesse Wilder.



INDIVIDUAL: Laura Montes

Laura is a valued CCC office volunteer who has shared her time and talent to help our client families in many ways. She has also sponsored children, and volunteered as a bilingual interpreter at Toy Shop and at our 2020 outdoor gift card giveaways.

L to R: Laura Montes and CCC customer service coordinator Natalie Kranzman.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION: St. Johns UCC Merton

This small congregation has had a mighty impact on CCC. Parishioners have sponsored children since 1999 – making them one of our longest-running sponsors. They have also collected hats, mittens, gift cards and financial donations, volunteered at Toy Shop and hosted a Christmas in July service to support CCC.

L to R: Board member Ben Hein, Rev. Mary Jane Huber, Executive Director Sarah Hein.



ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Orange Hat Publishing

The Orange Hat team was pivotal in helping us create a diverse library of books at Toy Shop. Staff organized several thousand books and volunteered at Toy Shop, helping our client families pick out books that would resonate with their kids.

L to R: Veronica Davis and Shannon Ishizaki, owner of Orange Hat Publishing.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Nov.1-Dec. 14** Drop off gift cards at any Waukesha State Bank. Drop off toys at any of our drop-off locations
- Nov. 15** Client application deadline
- Nov. 18-20** Ingleside Hotel County Christmas Walk
See: <https://www.thecountrychristmas.com/buy-tickets-2/>
- Dec. 4** Last day to apply to sponsor a family
- Dec. 14** Last day for sponsors to deliver gifts
- Dec. 17** Toy Shop

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