

Offering the best of support

CHESCA offers:

- 🏠 CHESCA County field trips
- 🏠 CHESCA County sports
- 🏠 CHESCA County classes
- 🏠 CHESCA County fellowships
- 🏠 CHESCA Website, complete with how-to-get-started section
- 🏠 Quarterly newsletter
- 🏠 Resource materials
- 🏠 Used curriculum sale
- 🏠 Nurture Groups
- 🏠 Certified Teachers for assessments
- 🏠 Legislative updates in Ohio and around the nation
- 🏠 Respond to media events on behalf of Christian home educators



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The support group that's more like family to each other...



CHESCA has Nurture Groups in the following geographical locations:

- 🏠 Alliance
- 🏠 Canton
- 🏠 North Canton



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# ▶ What is CHESCA?



## What is CHESCA and how does it work?

**C**HESCA is a Christian home school support group. This unique support group is one of few in the State of Ohio that is organized county-wide. Our main objective is to support Christian parents in their endeavor to home educate their children. This support takes many forms. First, we try to plug parents into resource people who can steer first-timers into the right direction. After new parents understand Ohio law and get settled in CHESCA, our support group offers field trips, classes and fellowshiping opportunities throughout the year to enhance the home school experience. This all happens through our volunteer association with each other. So, when our families get accustomed to their first home school year, we ask them to participate in helping with the CHESCA association.

## Where do I start?

**O**ur support group has an extensive web site that has been designed to serve families in any part of the home school journey. If you are just starting your journey, there are How To Get Started pages, complete with curriculum choices, styles and ways to home educate and ideas on how to start. If you have been on the home school journey, there are sections of the web site that will enhance your experience. There is a whole section dedicated to keeping our member families apprised and aware of legislative initiatives that could impact home education policy in Ohio and around the country. CHESCA has also authored and distributed a reference notebook entitled, "**Home Education in Stark County and the State of Ohio**". This manual is located in all Stark County District Libraries. This will also give

you all the information you need to start your home school adventure and show you how to join CHESCA. The pages can be photocopied and you can fill out all the forms at your leisure. The manual is laid out clearly and will give you a list of contact people in our CHESCA Nurture Groups.

## Nurture Groups

**O**ur Nurture Groups stand, ready to assist you. These smaller groups are the heart of CHESCA and are mostly located in various geographical locations around the county. This is where you will find the help to get you accustomed to the home school community. These groups will have various activities, like a mom's night out, breakfasts for dads, yearbooks for the school year, tours of facilities around town, family activities, support group meetings, etc. Most importantly, these groups offer one on one support for first year home schoolers. CHESCA will get you hooked up with someone. Their job is to take care of the first year homeschoolers and assemble the veteran homeschoolers to help. That is why we call these groups Nurture Groups...to help nurture our families.

## CHESCA's role as a county support

**T**he county group offers things that cannot be done in the Nurture Groups. CHESCA has been long noted by many home schoolers for it's field trips, classes and sports programs. Some of the classes CHESCA has offered are swimming, spring board diving, gymnastics, art, band, ice skating, science, drama and horsemanship. Some of the sports programs that have been offered are basketball clinics, racquetball, baseball/tee ball, track and field, tennis, bowling, wall climbing, roller skating, volleyball and fitness. We know there is more to rounding out your children's education than just sports and classes. That's why we get group rates to places like the Canton Symphony, Canton Players Guild, Canton Ballet and Laser Quest.

Then there are the fantastic fellowship opportunities, such as family camp, father/son camp, parents dinners, Keepers and Contenders of the Faith groups, and Christian family concerts.

## How does support happen?

**G**lad you asked. CHESCA happens because our members volunteer. Someone sacrificed their time for the benefit of the association, whether it was setting up field trips and sports programs, processing registrations or serving a council position or Nurture Group leadership position.

We think the **first** year of homeschooling is so important that we don't ask members to take much on. However, after that initial year, we ask our members to participate by helping the CHESCA association. Otherwise, you would not have all these choices for your support. We take the axiom to heart, "More hands make for less work", and use it to our benefit. All this is only to give homeschoolers the best support possible. We know that homeschoolers are on the cutting edge and we want to give each other our very best!

Become a part of us as we become more like family to each other! Please ask someone to view a membership form and consider joining today!



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