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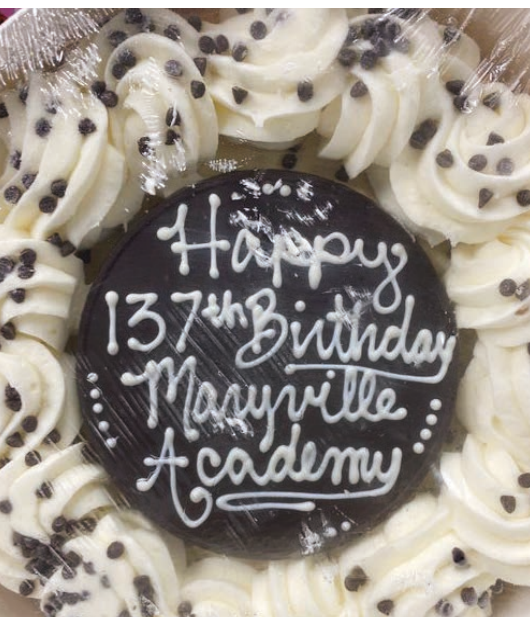
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Serving Maryville's children and families since 1883

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Happy 137th Birthday, Maryville

Maryville staff and supporters—their dedication, hard work and service to caring for Maryville’s children and families—took center stage during Maryville’s 137th birthday celebration on August 14.

“We stand on the shoulders of those who have developed Maryville during its 137 years,” said Maryville Executive Director Sister Catherine Ryan, O.S.F. “How better to prepare for the future than to look to our colleagues who have been attending to the needs of our children for many years.”

Maryville was formerly St. Mary’s Training School. On August 14, 1883, the Governor of Illinois granted permission for St. Mary’s Training School to go ahead as an incorporated school that served as the home and education for the youth.

It was in 1950 when the children engaged in a contest to select a new name for St. Mary’s Training School. The children “went to the polls” and chose the name “Maryville Academy” for their community. The campus in Des Plaines was often referred to as City of Youth.

Maryville’s growth and impact have touched thousands of lives. From its humble beginnings in 1883, Maryville today serves the community in six service areas: Behavioral Health Services, Early Childhood Services, Educational Services, Family Services, Jovenes Adelante Services and Residential Services. It has campuses in Bartlett, Chicago and Des Plaines.

Navigating the challenges presented by COVID-19, Maryville is keeping the children, families and staff safe by following the guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the directives of the City of Chicago and the office of Gov. J.B. Pritzker and their respective health departments. Maryville showed its appreciation to its heroes, our frontline and essential workers, by putting up a colorful yard sign that read, We are All in this Together, on all our campuses.

Maryville Academy thanks our friends and supporters on the occasion of our 137th Birthday

Celebrating our children, families and staff



Our mission is to help children and families reach their fullest potential by empowering intellectual, spiritual, moral and emotional growth.

SERVICE AREAS

- Behavioral Health Services
- Early Childhood Services
- Educational Services
- Family Services
- Jovenes Adelante Services
- Residential Services



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Maryville continues its mission of healing children, strengthening families, and building a better community. Maryville looks to the future, to the needs of children and to the ways Maryville can address these needs. Its leadership team and staff, and their many community supporters are steadfast in transforming the lives of more children and families, in helping them reach their fullest potential and in making a lasting difference in the next 137 years and beyond.



The legacy of Cheryl Heyden

Maryville felt the profound void with the loss of its beloved Associate Executive Director Cheryl Heyden in late August. She dedicated her life to the children of Maryville for 44 years.

Cheryl Heyden joined Maryville in 1976 after receiving her Bachelor in Science degree, major in psychology, from Elmhurst College and her Masters in Social Work degree from the University of Illinois Jane Adams School of Social Work.

Through her years at Maryville, Heyden served in a variety of positions, including serving as live-in parent at a girls' home, supervisor of the girls' diagnostic unit, assistant community director of different programs and program director for the Des Plaines campus and group homes.

She was named human resources director in 2000 and continued in that position through 2002. In 2004, Cheryl served as special assistant to Charles Walsh, chairman of Maryville's Board. In 2005, Cheryl was named Maryville's associate executive director.

Heyden was recognized by Continental Who's Who as a Pinnacle Lifetime Achiever in the field of social work early this year. She exemplified passion, dedication and longevity and was a fine example of a leader who embodied the mission of Maryville Academy.

A celebration of her life was live streamed in mid-September where loving remembrances were shared by Maryville staff and others. "Cheryl knew

how to empower staff and develop the strengths with smile, words of encouragement and looking ahead..." wrote Bilingual Staff Educator Jose Sanchez.

"One thing was certain when seeing Cheryl on campus. She always met every employee with a smile and words of encouragement. Cheryl Heyden exemplified what Maryville stood for and it was evident when in her presence."

—St. Teresa of Calcutta Home staff

Administrator Mary McCann Sanchez said that "Cheryl's enduring passion for the safety of all children, regardless of race or language or national origin, was exemplified by her commitment to facilitating safe transitions."

"People like Cheryl don't cross our lives' paths that often. Her dedication to Maryville's children was unparalleled...may we remember the lessons she taught us so well," said Mary Kaess, Crisis Nursery Advisory Council member.

To honor Heyden's legacy of serving Maryville's children, the Learning Center on campus in Des Plaines will be named after her and will be called **The Cheryl Heyden Learning Center.**

Crisis Nursery receives support from CPD Superintendent, Chicago First Lady

Chicago Police Department Superintendent David Brown and Chicago First Lady Amy Eshleman, and some of the key members from their teams, visited the Maryville Crisis Nursery in late July and praised the work that Maryville and staff are doing to protect the children.

Superintendent Brown stressed the importance of the Crisis Nursery as a resource in the community. “One might ask what a crisis nursery have to do with police law enforcement and keeping people safe,” he said. “And the quick answer is everything. It has everything to do with it. Keeping our family safe, keeping our cities safe, keeping our neighborhoods safe.”

He said the best ways to maintain safety is to prevent crime from happening. “How do you do that? he asked. “You invest in families, in young people, in babies. You help keep them home especially when they are facing a trauma or a crisis.”

Superintendent Brown thanked the Maryville Crisis Nursery staff for “doing great work in keeping Chicago safe and for what you are doing and what you are going to do to protect these families.”

The Chicago First Lady also thanked staff and said that coming (to the Nursery) was an opportunity to listen and learn about the extraordinary work that the Crisis Nursery is doing. “When I hear the story about the Maryville space and Crisis Nursery, it just reminds me of what makes Chicago so extraordinary,” she said. “It’s partnerships, it’s collaboration, it’s the fact that it takes a village right now, every day to take care of our youngest, most vulnerable children. You hear compassion, love, safety and how we are wrapping our arms around the children.”

Maryville Executive Director Sister Catherine Ryan and Crisis Nursery Director Amy Kendal were in attendance and welcomed Superintendent Brown and the Chicago First Lady. They spent the rest of their visit reading to the Crisis Nursery children. They also gave gifts to the children and played with them.



A Special Visit

CPD Supt. David Brown (2nd in on right) and Chicago First Lady Amy Eshleman (right) took time from their very busy schedules to read to the Crisis Nursery children and give them gifts.

Volunteer Coordinator Mary Kieger retires after 31 years



Mary Kieger

Volunteer Coordinator Mary Kieger retired at the end of July after 31 years of dedication and support of Maryville’s mission. She was honored at the Program Directors meeting by Maryville Executive Director Sister Catherine Ryan and the leadership team a week before her last day where she was given a retirement award honoring her service.

Kieger’s illustrious career at Maryville began in 1989 as a child care worker at the Columbus Maryville Shelter where she took care of children ages birth to 12. She became the program coordinator in 1992 when Maryville opened a program at Thorek Hospital.

Kieger considered dealing with the children and helping teens with behavioral issues as her most rewarding experience at Maryville.

“I find it rewarding to have calmed them down, sat and talked to them about what happened and gave them options,” she said. “I greatly appreciate my coworkers who helped me provide the children with the attention and care that they deserve.”

Kieger was also responsible for all donor in-kind donations and this responsibility will be taken on by Tina Hock, manager of special events and donor services.

Jen School reopens blended classes in October

After implementing remote learning for more than six months, Maryville Jen School, led by Principal Anne Craig, has made the decision to have all its students return to the Des Plaines campus Monday, October 19. It will be a blended remote learning plan with half of the students physically attending at a time.

The plan, according to Principal Craig, is to rotate the students. There will be a gold and blue week with students attending four classrooms each week, splitting them in two groups; while half the students are in-person, half the students will be remote. To prepare for the October 19 reopening, Jen School faculty returns October 15 for training.

“The start of school year 2020-2021 has by far been the most unique start to any school year in memory,” said Craig. “None of us could have imagined kicking off the new school year from our homes, let alone being online six months ago when we first heard of COVID-19 and social distancing.”

Craig added that despite the many challenges, Jen School students, faculty and staff have made the school year already successful with their understanding, assistance, and flexibility.

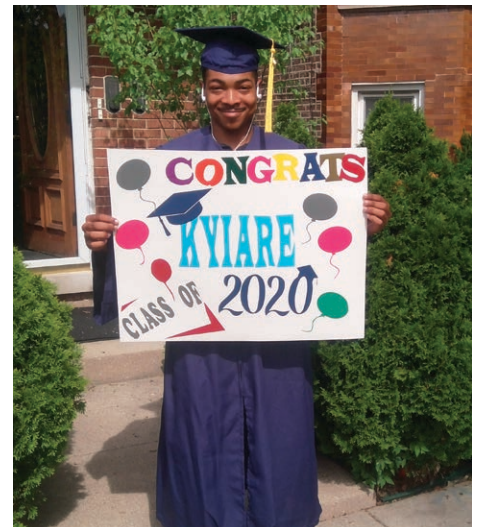
“Our students have done a remarkable job adjusting to this new way of learning, engaging and taking ownership of their education,” said Craig. “They have shown true resiliency during these unpredictable times and I am so impressed and proud of them.”

Craig thanks staff, students and their parents for their patience as reopening plans are continually developed and refined. “Our priority continues to be and will remain the health and safety of everyone,” Craig emphasized. Moving forward, she said, she and her staff will continue to look to state and local agencies for guidance to finalize plans.

Since remote learning was implemented in mid-March, Craig said that faculty and staff remained connected with their students through weekly home visits. Check-ins were performed on porches or outdoors while practicing safety and social distancing. “We made sure that our students have what they need in terms of Wi-Fi connection, school supplies, food and other necessities,” said Craig.

Aside from participating in academic classes, students participated in vocational classes where they designed 3D projects online.

The physical absence of students this summer did not deter longtime volunteer



Class of 2020

Congratulations to Jen School Class of 2020 graduates! They made history by completing their graduation requirements during the most uncertain of times. They are also the first co-ed graduating class.

master gardeners to continue with the Jen Organic Garden Program. The garden yielded a successful harvest and Jen School was able to donate 1,000 pounds of produce to Des Plaines and other local food pantries and put together food baskets for students that were delivered to their homes.

Maryville Spirit in Action



Children's Healthcare Center



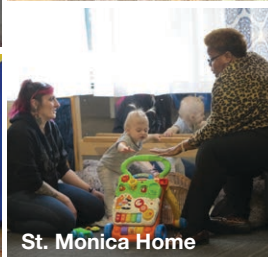
St. Monica Home



Des Plaines Campus



Eisenberg Campus



St. Monica Home



Children's Healthcare Center



Crisis Nursery

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISERS



26th Annual IPGA/Maryville Gleason Cup Invitational

Maryville Executive Director Sister Catherine Ryan joins first place team winners John Brdecka (left) and Jose Soto (right) at the Evanston Golf Club. Not in the photo are team winners Aaron Hicks and Garry Groh. Congratulations!



Maryville CYO 5th Annual Golf Classic Invitational

Maryville Golf Academy Program Manager Juan Espejo (right) conducts a golf clinic at The Preserve at Oak Meadows Golf Course.



Wine Tasting and Garden Tour

Maryville Business Development Director Nancy Wolfe (left) enjoys the wine tasting experience with her friend Mary Matticks (right).

Four successful fundraisers cast lifeline for programs during challenging times

After several Maryville fundraisers were canceled in the spring because of the pandemic, the Development team was able to pull off four successful fundraisers to benefit children and families for different programs at Maryville.

Two new fundraisers were launched in early June and in mid-August. The inaugural Virtual Week of Giving fundraiser went live June 1 to 5, and featured an online auction that drew excitement from Maryville's friends, donors and supporters.

The first-ever Wine Tasting and Garden Tour, benefiting Jen School, became a reality on August 15. Organizers made sure that social distancing guidelines and safety protocol were followed. The successful outdoor event went on for three hours with a limit of 40 guests for each hour for the wine tasting. Guests had the option of visiting the Jen School garden after.

The Maryville CYO 5th Annual Golf Classic Invitational at The Preserve at Oak Meadows Golf Center in Addison attracted 50 golfers. Due to State guidelines, the golf outing followed a scramble format. Dinner immediately followed at Green Street Grille in Bensenville.

Finally, the fourth and very successful 26th Annual IPGA/Maryville Gleason Cup Invitational welcomed 116 golfers at Evanston Golf Club. The golf invitational benefited Maryville Golf Academy.

For more information on the programs, you can visit the Maryville website at www.maryvilleacademy.org

A promotional banner for the Virtual Week of Giving. At the top left is the Maryville logo with the tagline "Caring for Children. Strengthening Families." and the website "www.maryvilleacademy.org". The main text "Virtual Week of Giving" is written in large, stylized blue and green fonts. Below it, "JUNE 1-5, 2020" is written in bold black letters. At the bottom, it says "To benefit the children and families we serve" and lists "Bid on auction items" and "Donate" with a small image of a group of diverse children smiling.

DONATE NOW

To make a difference in the lives of our children and families, you can donate at www.maryvilleacademy.org

CONNECT WITH US



How will you be remembered?

In the quiet moments of our lives, we wonder how we will be remembered. It is natural to think about the people whose lives we feel we have changed because our paths crossed. We wonder how the world is a different place because of our human interaction. We wonder about the choices we make and how they will impact our lives and other people's lives.

Through our kindness and generosity, we hope to build a legacy where people we know—or even strangers—whose lives we have touched will pay it forward. It is our inherent trait to do good while we are still alive, hoping that we will be remembered fondly when we are gone, and our legacy will flourish in the most loving way.

You have profoundly made a difference in the lives of the children and families of Maryville. The children have been given a second chance in life because of your sacrifices and generosity. They were able to start over because of you.

In considering our legacy, we are grateful for the chance to look back while also thinking ahead. Today, we invite you to look ahead and consider how you might shape your legacy in a way that will impact the lives of more Maryville children—by including them in your estate plans.

As we look to the years ahead, our hope is to not only provide care to infants, shelter and therapy to at-risk children, and safety to abused or pregnant girls (to name just a few of our programs), but with your enduring support, also expand our programs to include more children.

With great humility, we ask you to consider including the **Maryville Academy Foundation** in your estate plans. You would be creating a legacy that will impact thousands of children.

There are many ways you can accomplish this task. Do not worry if you already have your will prepared; contact your attorney and ask

him/her to add a simple codicil to remember Maryville. It is not expensive to do so and can be accomplished quite easily.

By including the **Maryville Academy Foundation** in your estate plans, you have several options:

- you may choose to make a general bequest by designating property or a dollar amount.
- you can leave a percentage of your estate.
- you can state that you want the **Maryville Academy Foundation** to be a “residual” beneficiary after other loved ones have been cared for.

You may also choose to make us a full or partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy, an IRA, a CD, or savings account, or even a donor advised fund.

Whichever way you choose, please know how grateful we are. Every gift counts, no matter the size. The sharing of your life in this beautiful way will enable the hopes and dreams of our children and families become a reality. Their lives will be changed because of your generosity.

As noted above, our legal title is **Maryville Academy Foundation**.

If you have decided to include Maryville in your estate plans, please let us know. You can do so by calling us at 847-294-1717. We would be honored to enroll you in our Visionary Society.

To help you with your planning, please call us if you would like a free copy of our planning guide and asset organizer, the *Personal Affairs Record Book*. It is our gift to you in gratitude for all that you have already done for us.

Questions? Want to talk? We are here to help. **Please contact our Director of Development Megan Biasco at (847) 294-1717 or at biascom@maryvilleacademy.org**



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