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FEATURE: Maryville is Still Home—Residential Programs at Maryville





**FEATURE STORY:** 

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#### A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## Dear Friends,

In this issue of the Voice of Maryville, we have good news to share. We are expanding our pediatric healthcare for medically fragile children in Cook and Lake County. We have opened our new Chicago office in the Austin community, to provide parenting programs and behavioral health services for children and their families. We have redesigned, rather than ended, our shelter and residential programs so that we can serve children from many places.

Ever on our mission to care for children and strengthen families, we could not do it without the support of donors, volunteers, and partners of all kinds. You will read about some of them in these pages.

On behalf of the children and families in our care, thank you.

Peace and all good,

Sister Catherine M. Ryan, O.S. 7.

Sister Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F. **Executive Director** 

On the Cover: Members of the staff of our residential programs at the Eisenburg Campus in Barlett.

# Maryville is



Most people know that Maryville is no longer an orphanage. And many recall when Maryville closed some of its residential programs a few years ago. Our programs have changed, constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community, but we are still a home to the same number of children on two campuses in Des Plaines and Bartlett.

In an interview with Evelyn Smith, director of program services, we talk about what has changed, and what Maryville's residential programs look like today.

#### Q: What kind of residential programs does Maryville run?

We run four programs. The girls' programs are on our Bartlett campus and the boys are in Des Plaines. In Bartlett, we have a home for pregnant and parenting young women, a home for young women with intellectual disabilities and a program for unaccompanied immigrant children. In Des Plaines, we have a program for young men who are transitioning from the Department of Juvenile Justice back to the community, and a program for unaccompanied immigrant children.

#### Q: Has the number of children in residential care at Maryville gone down?

The number of children we had in residential care did go down after we closed some programs a few year ago, but with the launch of some other programs, we have as many children now as we always did.

#### Q: What about education? Do the children who live at Maryville have to go to school?

The girls in the residential program in Bartlett take a bus to school. We want them to be a part of the community and to develop friends outside of Maryville too. Our staff tries to make it as normal as possible for our kids. If they want to go to a prom, we make sure they can do that, football games too.

The boys in Des Plaines attend Maryville's Jen School.

We also run two schools for the unaccompanied immigrant children with a certified teaching staff in Bartlett and Des Plaines.

# Still Home

## Q: Do they participate in other community or neighborhood activities?

Our children participate in volunteer services, visiting a homeless shelter, things like that. They're living in a community so they are giving back too. It is such a feeling of accomplishment and joy for them to give back.

#### Q: How long to the children usually stay?

Usually about 18 to 24 months, it depends on the child. We like to put up really good guardrails for our kids that they can walk with until they're ready to do it on their own.

## Q: What would you say is the philosophy, or approach, to caring for the children in your residential programs?

We make it individualized and personal, not institutional. We take a therapeutic approach too, meaning the children receive therapy: individual, group, sometimes substance abuse. We always try to meet every child where they are at that moment. We also want to be culturally competent.

#### Q: What do you mean by culturally competent?

We are sensitive to the diverse ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds our children come from. We want them to



celebrate and observe their heritages. We offer them education and experiences that coincide with their backgrounds. We also expose our kids to generational differences. Our staff ranges in age from the 20s to the 60s. It's good for our kids to be exposed to that.

## Q: What do you want people to know about your programs?

We're doing a lot of redefining of programs. We are meeting the needs of kids on a much more personal level. All of these children have gifts and we are looking at how to build on those gifts rather than focus on their deficiencies. We try to "listen to hear" what are kids are really saying to us.





## A Special Partnership:

## THE PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Park Ridge Community Church chose Maryville to donate time, resources and talents to, because all of the church's members, younger and older, artistic or not so much, could get involved in supporting our different programs in different ways. This goal to come together as a church and reach out to people in need has resulted in a special partnership with Maryville.

"We are a United Church of Christ, a blend of many different faiths within the community. It's very much about service and celebration of life, loving God and serving as a family," said Debbie Deitke, of the church's Christian Outreach Committee. "It's important to pull the congregation together with different projects."

The church donated two new looms so the girls in Maryville's residential program could learn to weave. Yarn spindles were included, handmade by the 86-year-old father of the church's pastoral care director and sent from New Jersey.

The church's Women's Group made adorable stuffed puppies for our children. Inside each puppy was a crocheted heart made by the church's Knitting Night Ladies group. The puppies were lovingly stuffed by the children of the congregation, placing a crocheted heart, with a prayer, in each.

What joy and comfort the Park Ridge Community Church as brought to our children and families.



Pictured from left: Maryville Volunteer Coordinator Mary Kieger, Liz Swanson, Luan Zoellner and Debbie Deitke of the Park Ridge Community Church.

#### **DONOR PROFILE**

## Stephanie Rachael Lieberman

About four years ago, Stephanie saw an ad in her church bulletin seeking volunteers for Maryville's Junior Board. She learned more about Maryville and its mission, and decided to sign on. Since then, she's taken some the girls in our residential program to a basketball game, donated clothes to the Crisis Nursery and volunteered to collect Christmas gifts at a shopping mall.



#### What motivates her? "Maryville's mission that all children matter."

She encourages others to get involved, that the need is there and it's not going away. She attended the 10th anniversary celebration for the Crisis Nursery and many former clients showed up to celebrate. "It's remarkable the difference Maryville made for them. They appreciate it."

Stephanie is a practicing family law attorney. She sees cases involving divorce, child support and custody, and abuse and neglect. She sees people have no one to turn to when things get rough which is why the work that Maryville does is so important. Her contributions to that work are important too.

What does she get out of it? "It's rewarding to make a difference in the lives of other people and to see people's lives change for the better."



## St. Monica Program: Turning Lives Around

Since it began in late 2016, the St. Monica Program has helped dozens of mothers of young children recover from substance abuse and return to sober, self-sufficient, joyful lives. The program provides substance abuse treatment and mental health services for pregnant and parenting women. What's unique about this program is that mothers don't have to leave their children while they recover. The children live with them at our John and Mary Madden Center on Chicago's West Side.

## Hester Painting and Decorating Celebrates 50 Years with Newly Rebuilt Center for Children

In recognition of its 50th year in business, Hester Painting and Decorating of Skokie volunteered to paint the interior of the reconstructed Maryville Center for Children.

According to company president Steve Hester, rather than throw themselves a party, they decided to give back. "We thought it would be better to celebrate by giving back to the community that has helped us build and sustain our business for 50 years." Hester Painting was founded in Chicago by Chairman Tom Hester. The company relocated to Skokie 30 years ago.

"This facility provides an amazing service and we wanted to help create a welcoming atmosphere for families in crisis," Steve Hester said.

Hester Painting secured a donation of 50 gallons of paint from Sherwin Williams. Calumet Paint & Wallpaper and Benjamin Moore provided all the other items necessary including paint brushes, paint and sandpaper.



Pictured from left: Hester Painting and Decorating's Jeff Hester, Steve Hester and Jim Guthrie with children from our Crisis Nursery

Dozens of members of members of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, Painters District Council 14 volunteered to turn the center into a bright, cheerful, welcoming place.



#### Broadcast Studio Offers Students New Channels

Maryville is hitting the airwaves with a new broadcast studio at the Des Plaines campus. Students at the Jen School will be offered a class in broadcasting and given the chance to learn how to produce broadcast shows. The studio will also be used to produce broadcasts for other Maryville programs.

According to Principal Anne M. Craig, it is a significant addition to the curriculum Jen School can offer students.

"This opens up a whole new set of doors in terms of education and training. It opens our students' eyes to new possibilities. Our students might not even consider the option of a career in broadcast journalism or broadcasting because it's so abstract. By giving them the hands-on opportunity to try it, they can begin to consider the idea of actually pursuing it."

### New Location in the Austin Neighborhood of Chicago

We have opened a new office for family programs in the Augustus Tolton Peace Center in the Austin neighborhood of Chicago. Our Crisis Nursery is offering parent support classes there and a resource center will be available to the public for computer and internet access. We are making plans to open a sixth branch of our Family Behavioral Health Clinic at that location. Thank you Catholic Charities for making the space available to us.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

A generous donor has offered to match donations to Maryville in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is Maryville's mission to protect the dignity of all children, at every age. Please consider supporting our programs that care for children and strengthen families. For more information, contact Ray Coughlin, coughlinr@maryvilleacademy.org, or 847-294-1717.

### Watch Maryville Cares

Maryville has launched a new cable program, Maryville Cares, to talk about our programs and services and to give families useful information about where to turn for support. We have talked about holiday depression, special education, after school programs, treatment for substance abuse and more. Watch it live on CAN TV Channel 21 in Chicago or online anytime at cantv.org/hotline.



### Children's Healthcare Center Wins Approval for Additional Hospital Beds

The Illinois General Assembly passed legislation providing for four additional beds at our Children's Healthcare Center, which brings the total number of hospital beds to 16. For 10 years, we have been providing a safe transition from hospital to home for children with complex medical conditions. This program is one of only three facilities in Illinois providing this kind of transitional care.

The goal is to teach parents and caregivers how to confidently care for their children at home and to prevent hospital readmissions. We are grateful to Illinois State Senator John G. Mulroe for sponsoring this legislation.



## Maryville Gym Gets First Renovation in 30 Years

For the first time in 30 years, we completed a major restoration of Maryville's South Gym. Refinished hardwood floors, weight room equipment and other touches have given the place new life. The gym, originally built in 1931, has special meaning to thousands of children and adults who spent many hours playing, competing and growing up there.

The Maryville gym complex has provided a quality facility for the children in our care, for the youths in our CYO and residential programs, and our Jen School students. It has been a place where countless memories and lifelong friendships have been made. But time and use had taken its toll.

All of this was made possible with a generous donation by two friends of Maryville, along with the contributions of other longtime friends, supporters and former Maryville staff. If you would like to make a contribution to the gym renovation, contact Ed Strabel, StrabelE1@maryvilleacademy.org.

## Family Behavioral Health Clinic Expanding

Our Family Behavioral Health Clinic has expanded from two to five locations in the city and suburbs. We serve hundreds of clients, providing a range of mental health and substance abuse services. The clinic is one of a dwindling number of mental health clinics that accepts Medicaid. We see a significant need for mental health services, certainly among vulnerable populations, and we are working hard to meet that need.

## Our Programs

#### RESIDENTIAL

#### **Casa Esperanza and Casa San Francisco**

Temporary shelter care, 24-hour social services for immigrant children. The programs also operate two schools with certified teaching staff.

#### Casa Imani

Therapeutic residential program for pregnant and parenting young women ages 13 to 21. Residents have a history of trauma and are in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services.

#### **Casa Salama**

Therapeutic residential home for adolescent young women ages 13 to 21 with intellectual disabilities and mental health issues. Residents have a history of trauma and are in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services.

#### St. Dominic Savio

Provides clinical care and other social services to young men ages 14 to 18 who have been released from the custody of the juvenile justice system. The goal is a successful transition back into the community.

#### St. Monica

Serves pregnant and parenting women seeking treatment for substance abuse. The program is one of only a few in the region that allows women to live with their children while in recovery.

#### **EDUCATIONAL**

#### Jen School

Provides integrated educational services for students with emotional, behavioral, and learning disabilities. Also offers life skills and vocational training.

#### **Stephen Sexton Training Institute**

The Stephen Sexton Training Institute was created to promote the exchange of information on mental health issues and to raise awareness of suicide and suicide prevention. Maryville conducts seminars at no cost to social service workers. caregivers and others.

#### **CHILDREN'S CARE**

#### **Crisis Nursery**

This program offers short-term care for children up to age 6 for families experiencing personal crises. Available 24 hours, 365 days a year, the program provides parenting support and referral services.

#### **Children's Healthcare Center**

Provides transitional medical care between hospital and home for medically fragile children. Respite care services and training for caregivers is also provided.

#### **FAMILY OUTREACH**

#### **Family Behavioral Health Clinic**

Provides outpatient therapy, substance abuse counseling and other services for individuals and families. The clinic has expanded to five locations in Chicago and the suburbs.

#### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### **Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)**

Maryville sponsors and manages the CYO for the Archdiocese of Chicago. The CYO provides a variety of athletic and after school programs and services for thousands of area children every year.

#### **Maryville Golf Academy**

Established in 1994, this Professional Golf Association-led player development program is offered to children and young adults who face physical or emotional challenges or who may live in underserved communities. Also includes caddie training programs.





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## 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **JULY 16**

23rd Annual Maryville/ Illinois Professional Golf Association Gleason Cup

To benefit the Maryville Golf Academy

**Evanston Golf Club** 4401 Dempster Street Skokie, IL

#### **SEPTEMBER 14**

Jammin' with Jen

To benefit the Jen School

Maryville
50 North River

1150 North River Road Des Plaines,IL

#### **SEPTEMBER 24**

Maryville CYO Golf Outing

To benefit Maryville CYO

The Preserve at Oak Meadows 900 North Wood Dale Road Addison, IL

Find out more at www.maryvilleacademy.org

## Gift Annuities: A Two Way Street

"I wish I could do more to help the children, but I'm worried about my future. What if I live for many more years and I don't have enough to take care of myself?"

We've heard these words many times, and we completely understand. People are living longer these days, and traditional investments, like certificates of deposit, presently are offering very low interest rates.

Our friends want to help Maryville, but finding ways to get more income is a real concern. But take heart, we have a possible solution to accomplish both goals.

Creating a charitable gift annuity with the Maryville Academy Foundation is a two way giving street: when you make an irrevocable gift of \$5,000 or more to benefit the Foundation, you will receive payments in return for the rest of your life. You cannot outlive these payments.

The news gets even better! When you create the gift annuity, a portion of your payments is tax-free and you also receive a charitable tax deduction. And at the end of your days, what remains in the contract will help heal our boys and girls.

A gift annuity payout rate can be established to benefit one or two people, and the rate of return is based on age: the older one is, the higher the payout rate will be. A sample of our payout rates is shown below.

Gift annuities can be funded with cash or by using appreciated stock. They can even be created to receive the income later, which offers you an even higher payout rate.

When you create a gift annuity to benefit the Maryville Academy Foundation, you are placing a portion of your future in our hands—and a portion of our future will be in your hands. What a wonderful legacy this would be, honoring the friendship we have shared over the years.

Don't hesitate to call Ray Coughlin at 847.294.1717 to find your specific payout rate, be sent a no-obligation illustration or to learn more.

| SAMPLE GIFT<br>ANNUITY RATE CHART |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Age                               | Rate |
| 60                                | 4.4% |
| 65                                | 4.7% |
| 70                                | 5.1% |
| 75                                | 5.8% |
| 80                                | 6.8% |
| 85                                | 7.8% |
| 90+                               | 9.0% |