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## Maryville, CYO and St. Martin de Porres Foster Peace on the West Side through Athletics

On May 1, Chicago Archbishop Blase J. Cupich celebrated a Unity Mass at St. Martin de Porres Church on the city's West Side. The parish serves the West Garfield Park and Austin communities, neighborhoods that are among Chicago's most deadly in terms of gun violence.

Cupich told the congregation that in the face of an escalating number of shootings and gun-related homicides, new opportunities are needed to fight the "hopelessness in the hearts of our youth." His words did not go unheeded.

Maryville has just announced that its Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) program will partner with the St. Martin de Porres parish this summer to offer an six-week Basketball Clinic for West Side children.

The new program will be offered at Purcell Hall, 4300 W. Washington Blvd., in Chicago, starting on Saturday, July 2, 2016. Its primary goals will be to provide organized athletics for the Austin and West Garfield Park communities and offer a safe place for youth to play, learn and grow. Sessions will be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon and the

program is scheduled to run through August 6. Additional days may be added.

Students in 3rd through 8th grades are invited to participate in the Basketball Clinic. Each session will include fundamentals training for different ages and skill levels. A small scrimmage game will be held each week to allow athletes to practice new skills.

"We are honored to be able to extend our CYO program to the children of the city's West Side," said Julie Fischer, Maryville Director of Development and Communication. "This effort embodies our mission of caring for children and strengthening families. The parish of St. Martin de Porres needs help and its residents need hope for a brighter future. Maryville is proud to be partnering with the community to keep kids safe this summer."

One of the organizers of the new CYO Basketball Clinic will be Fr. Tom Walsh, who has been the pastor of St. Martin de Porres Church for almost three years. He believes that the children in his parish desperately need an alternative to the gun violence and related traumas that impact their lives every day. "We are trying to create a safe environment that is fun for our kids," Walsh said. "I think basketball represents an opportunity to help our young people see the things we can do when we come together and work together."

The St. Martin de Porres parishioners live in West Garfield Park and Austin, communities that are predominantly African American. These neighborhoods are densely populated with children, disengaged teens and adults who struggle with the effects of unemployment, violence and high crime rates. More than 48 percent of the residents of West Garfield Park live below the poverty level. In Austin, more than 35 percent of the residents live below the poverty level.

Maryville has a long history of caring for children in the Chicago area. One of our largest programs is CYO, an effort that was organized in 1930 to provide young men in gangs with an alternative to the streets. In FY2015, more than 2,100 youth participated in our CYO activities which include basketball, track and field, soccer and cheerleading. The new West Side Basketball Clinic will extend our reach even further this year.

**To learn more about CYO and its various programs for children or to volunteer this summer, please contact Kim Williams at 312.491.3534 or [williamsk4@maryvilleacademy.org](mailto:williamsk4@maryvilleacademy.org). To support CYO with a donation, please contact Julie Fischer, Director of Development and Communication at 847.294.1950 or [fischerj@maryvilleacademy.org](mailto:fischerj@maryvilleacademy.org).**



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Caring for Children. Strengthening Families.



## A Message from Maryville's Executive Director

Sr. Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F.  
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Dear Friends,

When Maryville was founded in 1883, many children needed the protection, education, and healing that an orphanage could provide. As we readied for our second century of caring for children, they needed protection, education and healing through clinically-based homes, and we provided that specialized type of support. An example of this healing type of care is illustrated in the article below.

Today, as government funding is reduced, most children reside in foster homes rather than in residential treatment. Throughout our history, Maryville has always created programs that best address the changing needs of children and families.

In keeping with our mission, Maryville currently serves children in their communities through the Maryville Crisis Nursery, Children's Healthcare Center, Jen School, CYO, Family Behavioral Health Clinic and other programs.

Your support ensures the continued protection, education, and healing of at-risk children and their families. Thank you for helping us transform lives!

Peace and all good,

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

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



## Bartlett Girls Cultivate Vegetables, Peace and Tranquility

If you're a seasoned gardener, you can vouch for the benefits of spending a few hours planting bulbs, watering tomato plants or pulling weeds. The combination of physical activity, sunshine, fresh air and productive work can substantially improve a person's mood and create a general sense of well-being.

When the girls in the Therapeutic Residential Programs at our Bartlett Campus planted a new vegetable garden in early May, they experienced many of the same positive results.

"From a therapeutic stance, the garden elicits peaceful and relaxing feelings," said Theresa Workman, a Maryville staff therapist. "The space itself invites a calm environment. Gardening also gives the girls a sense of responsibility and purpose—it's something to take care of—which, in turn, can build up their self-esteem and self-worth."

The girls who reside at our Bartlett Campus range in age from 13 to 21. Most have a history of childhood trauma, or are struggling with an intellectual disability or mental illness. All are in DCFS care. Efforts like the gardening project can help the girls build a stable, consistent relationship with staff members and foster the healthy regulation of emotions. The positive reinforcement they receive from seeing a project to fruition helps them grow socially, behaviorally and spiritually.

"Many of the girls get excited about the idea of helping with the garden," Workman said. "And they're looking forward to the end result—fresh vegetables!"

For Maryville's youth, gardening may have even greater, more profound significance than a fall harvest. In 1984, the American biologist, naturalist and researcher Edward Osborne Wilson introduced his "biophilia hypothesis," which suggested that an instinctive bond exists between human beings and other living systems. Wilson defined biophilia as "the urge to affiliate with other forms of life."

For our girls, who have dealt with difficult challenges in their young lives, this connection to nature is a healing one. Please keep them in mind this summer as you enjoy the beauty of the season. At Maryville, these young ladies are able to enjoy new experiences that nurture them, help them grow, and will ultimately enrich their lives.

**If you would like to make a donation to support programs like the Bartlett Campus Garden, please contact Julie Fischer at 847.294.1950 or [fischerj@maryvilleacademy.org](mailto:fischerj@maryvilleacademy.org).**



# Donors Help Maryville Transform Lives

*“We are so grateful for these generous gifts and the belief in the work that we do here at Maryville. We could not provide these programs and services without the support of our friends and neighbors throughout the Chicago area.”* —Julie Fischer, Maryville Director of Development and Communication

**THE RIVERS CASINO FOUNDATION** has awarded a \$40,000 grant to Maryville for support of the educational programming at the Maryville Jen School and the Maryville Children’s Healthcare Center.

- \$25,000 will be used to implement a 3D printing program at the Jen School. The grant funds will enable the Jen School to purchase 3D printers, 3D scanners, filament material for printing, computers for design and 3D modeling software. 3D printing will be a valuable addition to the Jen School job skills training program and will enhance the educational and vocational experiences for students.
- \$15,000 will be used to purchase iPads, laptops, and educational software for the Children’s Healthcare Center to connect school-age pediatric patients with their schools, giving them online access to lessons, assignments, and educational software programs. The new technology will enrich the lives of children with a variety of disabilities and complex needs.

The Jen School, located on Maryville’s Des Plaines Campus, provides specialized academic and vocational opportunities for young men, ages 10 to 21. The Maryville Children’s Healthcare Center, located on Chicago’s Northwest Side, is a transitional care facility that serves medically fragile children, ages birth to 21 years, who may be technology dependent.

In February 2016, the **TEEN BOARD OF LET IT BE US**, a Barrington-based nonprofit organization, donated 170 tote bags to the youth of Maryville’s Therapeutic Residential Programs. Each gift bag contained a set of sheets, a towel, a washcloth, a blanket and toiletries. To finance this project, the Teen Board held fundraisers at their school and collected cash donations at Jewel. They also gathered together on a Saturday to hand-assemble the bags. Each gift bag was adorned with a small compass to help guide a youth on his/her life’s path after they leave Maryville. Please join us in saluting our friends at Let It Be Us for their efforts on behalf of our children!

In April 2016, the **GIRL SCOUTS OF CADETTE TROOP #40063** decided to collect diapers for the Maryville Crisis Nursery in order to earn their Silver Award for community service. When they discovered that the nursery was within their own neighborhood, it made the project personal for them. The troop members reached out to their school principal and pastor at St. Celestine School and Parish asking if they could present their “Diaper Drive” to the community. By utilizing donation boxes set up at the church and school, they collected diapers for two weeks. With the help of their friends and neighbors, the girls surpassed their original goal of 2,000 diapers and collected more than 3,000 diapers for the nursery!

In May 2016, **HALF PRICE BOOKS** announced that through its “Half Pint Library Book Giveaway” it was going to “distribute books to as many different nonprofit community organizations as possible.” The chain sent an email out to invite Chicago-area nonprofits to attend book distribution events in Rockford, Niles and Downers Grove. Maryville staff responded to the invitation and, as a result, we were able to bring 10 cartons of gently used books back to our Des Plaines Campus! We received board books for our Crisis Nursery, as well as age-appropriate fiction and non-fiction books for our Jen School, Therapeutic Residential Programs, Children’s Healthcare Center and Madden Shelter.



Half Price Books Giveaway



Charlene Guerrero, Emily Czachor, Caitlyn Weber (shown L to R)



Let It Be Us bags donated to Maryville youth.



Tabitha Charlet (far left), Clyde Brown and Rebecca Banks (far right), all of the Rivers Casino Foundation, met with Maryville Academy Grants Administrator Daniela Krivak (second from left) to present the \$40,000 grant check in March 2016.



L to R: Executive Director Sr. Catherine Ryan, Honoree Bert A. Getz, Jr., and Board Chair Richard A. Devine at the 10th Annual Award Gala.

# Building a Brighter Future Together

*An Evening Benefiting the Crisis Nursery and the Children's Healthcare Center*

**THANK YOU** to everyone who attended or supported our 10th Annual Award Gala on Friday, April 29! We honored Mr. Bert A. Getz, Jr. with the 2016 Guardian Medallion Award for his support of the Center for Children and a wonderful time was had by all! Your generosity transforms the lives of the children and families Maryville serves!

## SAVE THE DATE! 2ND ANNUAL JAMMIN' WITH JEN

**Friday, September 9, 2016**

Enjoy farm-to-table buffet dining (featuring produce from the Jen School garden), tours of the greenhouse, beer, wine and live music. This year, we'll also celebrate the Jen School's 10th Anniversary!

**To learn more, contact Tina Hock at 847.294.1982 or [restivo-hockt@maryvilleacademy.org](mailto:restivo-hockt@maryvilleacademy.org).**



## SAVE THE DATE! 2ND ANNUAL LINKS & DRINKS

**Nine-Hole Golf Tournament for Women  
Tuesday, September 20, 2016**

Please join us for our 2nd Annual Links and Drinks event at The Glen Club at 2901 W. Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60026. The Lady of the Green Cup golf tournament for women starts with a 2 p.m. clinic, followed by the 9-hole tournament. Shopping boutique, drinks and heavy appetizers to follow. Not a golfer? Join us for the evening fun and festivities! Registration online at [www.maryvilleacademy.org](http://www.maryvilleacademy.org), starting on July 20, 2016. All proceeds benefit the Maryville Center for Children in Chicago.



**For information, please contact Julie Fischer at 847.294.1950 or [fischerj@maryvilleacademy.org](mailto:fischerj@maryvilleacademy.org).**

## 22ND ANNUAL GLEASON CUP INVITATIONAL

*Benefitting the Maryville Golf Academy*

**Monday, July 18, 2016**

**Evanston Golf Club**

**4401 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60076**

**\$675 per golfer**

**\$2,700 per team**

**\$500 Hole Sponsorship**

10:00 a.m. — Registration

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — IPGA Clinic

11:30 a.m. — Lunch

1:00 p.m. — Tee Time

5:30 p.m. — Cocktails and Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres

6:00 p.m. — Awards Presentation

**Registration will be available June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Hock at 847.294.1982 or [restivo-hockt@maryvilleacademy.org](mailto:restivo-hockt@maryvilleacademy.org).**

*The Gleason Cup Invitational Committee: Mike Rourke, George Rourke, Jack Flynn, John Madden, Juan Espejo*



2015 Gleason Cup Participants

## MARYVILLE 133RD ANNIVERSARY

**Sunday, August 14, 2016**

Originally called St. Mary's Training School, Maryville was established by the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1883 as a safe haven for young boys, many who had been orphaned by the Great Chicago Fire. The school not only educated youth, but helped them learn trades so that they could become productive adults. Today, as the foster care system evolves and families struggle in a difficult economy, Maryville faces new challenges, but our mission remains the same. We help every individual reach their fullest potential by empowering intellectual, spiritual, moral and emotional growth. The Maryville Family is grateful for all those who have made our work possible over the years. Thank you for your continued support!



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