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# What's happening at My Joyful Heart

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - *1 Peter 4:10*

This verse describes the people of [Grace Fellowship Church of Mokena](#) who wholeheartedly support My Joyful Heart in so many ways. It all started in 2017 with a cup of tea. The women's ministry hosted a tea party and invited me to share the amazing faith stories behind My Joyful Heart—and there were many! I have fond memories of that beautiful day and so our story began....

Our neighbors and friends of Grace Fellowship have been true partners to us – and have generously touched the lives of the children enrolled in our program by fundraising, gift-giving, hosting collection drives, loading/unloading trucks for Savers, running errands (as far as Kankakee!), volunteering and sponsorship. From their Christmas Giving Tree to school deliveries and working in our warehouse, we are blessed by the very special people and families of this Christian Church who are committed to helping others know God and to make Him known.

**On behalf of the children we serve, THANK YOU GRACE FELLOWSHIP for all you do to help us fulfill our mission. We couldn't do it without you!**





## Stories from My Joyful Heart

### Bee Thankful



A huge THANK YOU to [Bombas](#) for their donation to My Joyful Heart! Did you know that “Bombas” is derived from the Latin word for bumblebee? Bees live in a hive and work together to make their world a better place. They're small, but their combined actions have a big impact on the world. That's why their mantra is “bee better.”



Also, did you know that every pair of socks you purchase from Bombas will help someone in need! Check them out at [www.bombas.com](http://www.bombas.com). We are so grateful to Bombas for helping our kids!

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## What an Honor

And what a surprise! On Thursday, July 25th, Diane was invited to speak at the Rotary Club of Chicago O'Hare, one of our longest and dearest supporters. Following her presentation, THEY PRESENTED HER with the Paul Harris Fellow Award and Gold Pin!

Rotarians can nominate non-Rotarians for this distinctive award "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world."

On behalf of the children we serve, THANK YOU Rotarians for this incredible honor.



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## Back to School

Where did the summer go?!? We're busy in the warehouse getting ready for our back-to-school gift event. We would like to thank everyone who is helping replenish our inventory of school supplies for the kids of My Joyful Heart. And we are in awe of the creative ways that you help us: Facebook Birthdays, Summer BBQs, Business Collection Drives, Bargain Shopping and even garage sales! Your generosity is touching many lives. Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

P.S. This image is of the "Hope Note" that will be tucked into the backpacks our kids will receive. And, keep the collections going please...we can accept your donations year-round

*"In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."* *Matthew 7:11-12*

**You are headed in the right direction  
when you walk with God**

Love,

Jesus & My Joyful Heart

**Back to School** with a **NEW** attitude!

# Night *of a* Thousand LIGHTS



Please join My Joyful Heart, friends, supporters and neighbors for an evening of raffles, music,

dining and dancing as we celebrate the 1,000+ kids of My Joyful Heart. This is our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year.

**Where:** Silver Lake Country Club  
14700 S. 82nd Avenue  
Orland Park, IL

**When:** Saturday, November 16, 2019  
6-11pm

**Tickets:** Early bird pricing \$50 per person,



*We are in need of event sponsors as well as donations for our raffle baskets and silent auction. If you can help, please call us at (815) 806-1700 or email*

through November 1st.

Tables of 8 are available

**Event page:** [Click here to visit our event page for more information](#)

[information@myjoyfulheart.org](mailto:information@myjoyfulheart.org)

[Buy Tickets Now](#)



## Back to School Shopping?

[Shop with Amazon Smile this summer and choose My Joyful Heart NFP as a beneficiary!](#)

STAY CONNECTED



**If anyone is interested in hosting a collection drive for the kids of My Joyful**

### Back to School Wish List

- Spiral Notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 2-pocket Folders
- Crayons & Colored Pencils
- Ink Pens (Blue)
- Washable Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Filler (Loose Leaf) Paper
- Memo Pads & Manuscript Pads (Grades K-2)
- Pencil Boxes (hard plastic)
- Rulers
- Backpacks (Small & Large, Boy & Girl)
- Clear Backpacks

**Heart, please contact  
Diane at (815) 806-1700**

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