



My Joyful Heart

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH
CHICAGOLAND'S CHILDREN IN
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The Lord is my strength and
my shield; in him my heart
trusts, and I am helped; my
heart exults, and with my
song I give thanks to him.

Psalms 28:7

We hope you enjoy our fresh new look for 2021!

WELCOME TO MY JOYFUL HEART

We're so happy you're here!

2020 is a year we won't quickly forget. It has presented all of us with challenges that have deeply affected every area of our lives and the lives of the children we serve. We are forever grateful to all of you and your continued generosity that has allowed us to continue on our mission. Despite the process and logistical challenges that the pandemic posed, we closed the year with a wonderful Christmas shopping event. We hosted two online Trivia Nights, welcomed two new schools to the program, along with many new volunteers and donors and enhanced the look of the Tiniest Boutique within the Ministry Center. We have witnessed the creativity of our volunteers as they endlessly helped from home knitting scarves, tie-dying and sewing cords on gift bags, creating bookmarks and craft kits, organizing giving trees and collecting toys, hygiene items and over 1,000 pillows! THANK YOU for helping us bring hope to these precious children.

Welcome to our many new supporters that, over the past several months, have helped with so many things from collection drives to donations, from seeing a child's need and filling it, for bringing in new friends and volunteers and for spreading the word to help us grow. Even though we had an over 50% reduction in our volunteers, we still logged over 2,100 hours in 2020! A huge testament to our volunteers and their commitment to the mission of My Joyful

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Meet the Team

It sure takes a village to serve the children and for all our donors, supporters, and volunteers, we are grateful. We thank God for the team we have here and want to take the opportunity to share with those who cannot be in the Ministry Center.

Diane Carroll – Founder and Executive Director

Erin Burns – Director of Operations

Kristin Lord – Warehouse Coordinator

Sharron Besteman – Warehouse Assistant



Diane Carroll

I thank the Lord for the past 19 years of providing for My Joyful Heart and look forward to what He has in store for me during my semi-retirement.



Erin Burns

The past 9 months here have been nothing short of amazing. I love being a part of a phenomenal team that takes every opportunity to share Christ's love with children.



Kristin Lord

I am happy to have found My Joyful Heart after pursuing two careers and my role as a stay-at-home mom.



Sharron Besteman

MJH is a wonderful organization to be a part of because it helps young people know that they are loved. It meets some of their basic needs so they can be successful in school and daily life.

Starting the New Year with A Challenge

Let's talk about underwear. This non-glamorous part of everyday life tends to get forgotten. In reality, we only think of them when we run out or get a hole. We just reach in the drawer and pull out another pair. But what if you didn't have these? Unfortunately, that is the reality for most of the children in our program.

We spend a TON of our budget on purchasing these forgotten items and we could use your help. In fact, we've made it our ongoing campaign from

Undies for Everyone



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**YOUR GENEROSITY IS
AWESOME!**

CLICK TO DONATE

now through **August 31st**. We are accepting NEW packages of undergarments (including briefs, boxers, hipsters, camisoles, bras and undershirts) in child sizes 5-16 and any adult size. Or you can donate to this campaign and we will purchase them for you!



MLK Family Day

We hosted a family serving day on Jan 18th and we were blessed with help from so many! We were able to pack up some Christmas items and set up and get ready for Valentine's Day.

If you are interested in getting on the list for our family serving days, send an email to information@myjoyfulheart.org. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Tiniest Boutique

It may be small, but it is decorated for the seasons by an extremely talented volunteer. The items for sale rotate often—so stop on by our Ministry Center and see for yourself!

We are located at:
9981 West 190th Street | Suite I-J
Mokena, IL 60448

Call us if you have any questions about our hours
(815) 806-1700


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Joyful Hearts,
Thank you for the continuous blessings you have given me. Thank you for always thinking of others. I really appreciate you all.



Dear Joyful Heart,
Thank you for all of this FABULOUS things! The coat is the best out of all of the things because it is the thing I need most. December 25th isn't about gifts. It is a day of family, love, and also a joyful heart. I really do appreciate the wonderful things you have given me, so thank you and have a great day on December 25th!




A Note to Our Sponsors

Thank you for your continued investment in the life of a child in need. You are changing lives!

You can write to your child at any time and even add a special gift, if you choose. To include something for the **Summer Gift Event**, please drop it off at the Ministry Center or send it directly to us before **April 16th**.

If you send to us directly from a site (such as Amazon), email information@myjoyfulheart.org for details on how to address your package so we are clear who it is for. Thank you!

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Our Wish List

Did you make a new year's resolution to get organized? Are you wondering what to do with all those gifts that you can't use? My Joyful Heart would be happy to have them!

We can use all kinds of items to create raffle baskets for our fundraisers and our older students benefit from "re-gifting". For questions about donations, give us a call at (815) 806-1700 or send an email to information@myjoyfulheart.org

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wishlist

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- Toys (new or gently used)
- Hygiene items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes)
- Flip flops and sandals:
 - Youth shoe size 11 through Adult sizes (up to Mens 13 and Womens 11)

- Sunglasses, lawn games, sports balls, frisbees
- Underwear, t-shirts, cami's (new, all sizes from Kids XS – Adult 3XL)
- Amazon gift cards (to purchase office supplies)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Come join us!



[Click here to spread the word with our Facebook invite!](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

Aurelio's Pizza Fundraiser

Save yourself a night of cooking and order some famous Aurelio's pizza or Italian food from the **MOKENA** location on **Monday Feb 22nd** and a percentage of the proceeds will come back to us.



Aurelio's Pizza in Mokena

19836 Wolf Rd #1
Mokena, IL 60448
(708) 478-0022

Curbside pickup is available upon request.
FLYER MUST BE TURNED IN AT PICK UP OR DELIVERY for us to get the proceeds.

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