



My Joyful Heart

Sharing the love of Christ with
Chicagoland's children in need

Happy Easter

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!



"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will
succeed." - Proverbs 16:3



What's happening at My Joyful Heart

April is National Volunteer Month

You are one of life's most valuable natural resources...and one of ours! You logged 4,100 volunteer hours with us last year - AMAZING!!! We can't thank you enough.

Thanks to our tireless volunteers who provide the support needed to help us fulfill our mission. We're glad there's a month to recognize you (you deserve it!) but we want you to know just how thankful we are all year long for sharing your time and your talent, and for the compassion you show to the kids we serve. We couldn't do it without you and we are so very grateful.



Diane Carroll
Founder and Executive Director

Stories from My Joyful Heart

O'Hare Rotary Open House at My Joyful Heart

The O'Hare Rotary Club sponsored an Open House at My Joyful Heart on Saturday, March 23rd for members to stop by and learn more about who we are and what we do. We also had several churches and neighboring businesses visit. Our conference room was transformed into a historical journey with signage, newspaper articles, pictures of events and volunteers, and messages from the kids. We gave tours of the warehouse.

It was a great day! Thanks to everyone who came out and special thanks to the Rotary Club for helping us continue our mission of caring for local needy children and to bring them hope.



So young at heart

Doris is a 94 year old volunteer. She first became aware of My Joyful Heart in July 2015 when a newspaper article got her attention. Since that first meeting almost 4 years ago, Doris has been crocheting scarves and hats for our kids.

Doris is also a very talented painter and has donated several of her personal pieces for our fundraisers. Thank you, Doris, for being a part of our family!



Easter is just around the corner



Come Easter morning most kids will be looking for colored plastic eggs...would you like to give your child or grandkids a different, fun and meaningful experience? **Finding Jesus** is the way to do it! Make this delightful game a tradition for your family, too.

Regularly priced at \$20, our pre-Easter sale is on now and you can purchase TWO games for \$30. This sale is only good through noon April 17, 2019, so act fast!

[ORDER YOURS NOW](#)

Bunco is back - May 3, 2019

You love it! You want more! You got it!

Bunco is back and we'd love for you to join us again or for the first time.

All tickets include pizza, pasta salad, dessert and open bar. There will be door prizes, raffle baskets and a silent auction, too!

Tickets are \$20 each. Buy now, as there are a limited number of seats and we expect to sell out again. Please note that a ticket is not required for entrance, but you must register and pay in advance to be placed on the check-in list.

When: Friday, May 3, 2019 at 6pm

Where: American Legion Post

15052 Archer Ave

Lockport, IL 60441



[BUY TICKETS NOW](#)

Free money!



We were overjoyed to receive a check from Amazon for \$128.74 based on YOUR purchases from last quarter. This was our highest donation ever!

Because you selected My Joyful Heart as your charity to support (www.smile.amazon.com), we earned a donation to purchase items to help the kids enrolled in our program. It's so easy and we are so grateful. Keep on shopping!!

[START SHOPPING](#)

We're Gr-r-reat!

Last year, My Joyful Heart was named a "2018 Top-Rated Non-Profit" by GreatNonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews of charities and nonprofits. This award was based on the rating (we averaged 5 stars!) and number of reviews that we received from volunteers, donors, and friends.



Please help us to receive this honor again in 2019 by writing a review. By writing a review, you also help others learn about our organization. We appreciate your support!

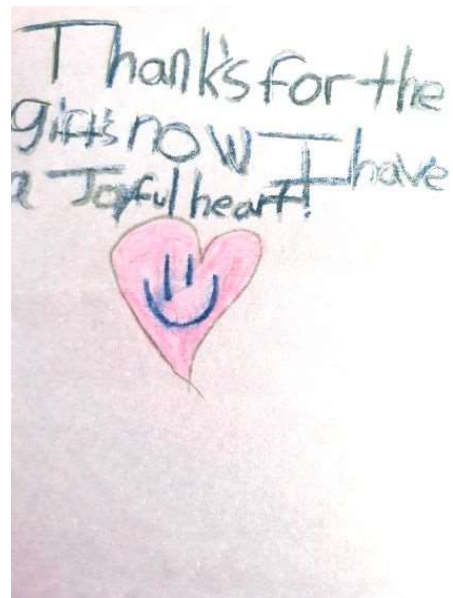
[WRITE A REVIEW](#)

Savers is back!



Start bringing us the new or gently used clothes you never wear, the household items, dishes and knickknacks you never use, the CD/DVDs you no longer watch, plus all the great stuff stored in your basement! Savers pays My Joyful Heart for donations we make to them and they sell, repurpose or recycle them. Savers create jobs and reinvests in the local economy. Won't you help?

We will be collecting from now until June 1st. Please no furniture or electronics.



In Loving Memory of



Connie Rosenthal

Volunteer and Friend



Can you help us? Our current wish list



- Birthday gift bags
- Plastic clip pant hangers
- Unused gift items (bath products, gift cards, kitchen items, jewelry -- think regifting)
- Baskets

