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- Charles R. Swindoll

What's happening at My Joyful Heart

A Message from Our Founder

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! It promises to be another year of growth and so many good things here at My Joyful Heart. We started this new year off with 55 schools returning to our program and, by the end of August, added 4 new schools to our roster. Along with these new students, we're also thrilled to welcome 10 new volunteers! When our numbers expand, so do God's blessings upon My Joyful Heart.

Here's a "behind the scenes" look at what's going on in our warehouse: keeping 1,100+ children in clothes, assembling hygiene packs, sorting through toys, inventorying school supplies and more! It's incredibly busy and it is a challenge. We do what we can and count on Jesus to do what only He can. Thank you Jesus for being the Light in our world.

Enjoy the news we have for you and please keep the children in My Joyful Heart in your prayers.

Diane Carroll



Stories from My Joyful Heart

Thank You



Because of the generosity of so many, the kids of My Joyful Heart received backpacks filled with everything they need to start the school year. Though basic school supplies may seem insignificant, let us assure you it is not. When a teacher hands out a list of what is needed for the year, it's a real problem for the children we serve who are living below the poverty line. We thank you for the collection drives you held to help our kids...they are grateful and so are we!



Night *of a* Thousand LIGHTS

It's an exciting time for us...a new school year has started AND we're in full swing event planning! From prize gathering to basket wrapping to menu and music selection, our dinner dance promises to be the best ever.

We hope that you'll join us on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park as we celebrate the 1,000+ kids of My Joyful Heart. This is our largest and most important fundraising event.

Visit our website for ticket information and follow us on Facebook for more details. You don't want to miss this special night.

[Buy Tickets Now](#)



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, through November 1st.
Tables of 8 are available

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

Speaking of baskets....



Do you know anyone in business who would like to donate an item for our raffle and silent auction? It's a win-win situation where we benefit from their donation and they receive the advertisement and goodwill which comes as a result of their generosity. Visit our website for information or call our office at 815-806-1700 with questions or to arrange a gift pick-up.

Sip, Sip, Hooray!

We are adding a new fundraising idea to our Night of a Thousand Lights event on November 16th – a Wine Pull Raffle! Can you help us by donating a bottle or two? We are hoping to have an assortment of different kinds and quality, including a few high-end to make this really fun!

You can drop your donations off at our Ministry Center, 9981 W. 190th Street, Suite I, in Mokena or call us at 815-806-1700 to arrange a pick up. All donors will be recognized at our event on our official Thank You board.



Got soup?



We reached our goal to collect 1,100 individual packets of dry soup mix for our Fall gift event!

A huge thanks to everyone who donated, especially our friends at Dot Foods in University Park. Not only did they provide soup, but also donated 1,000 packets of hot cocoa!

The Fall gift bag is sure to warm the hearts of our kids. Your generosity certainly warmed ours.

A little bird told us....

Friends of My Joyful Heart are hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, September 29th from 1pm to 5pm at Crafted, located 19200 South La Grange Road Unit E, in Mokena.

We're told they have a great afternoon planned with raffle baskets, split-the-pot, and trivia! They will also televise the Hawks and Bears games. Bring a new bottle of shampoo or body wash and you'll get a free raffle ticket. All proceeds will benefit the kids in our program. Mark your calendar and stop by!



Meet our volunteers — *the first in a series*



Janet Fitzgerald

Jan heard about My Joyful Heart from her daughter and started volunteering with us in April 2017. She helps with everything from sorting donations to value shopping and especially loves being part of our Christmas Giving Tree event. Most recently, Jan can be found running around town soliciting donations for our upcoming Dinner Dance fundraiser. She describes herself as “organized, logical, and practical” ... we couldn't agree more and couldn't be more grateful for everything she

does to benefit our kids. Stop by and meet Jan...or better yet, donate a raffle prize.

If you sponsor a child and would like to send them a card or letter, please note the following cut-off dates:

- Fall – on or before **Monday, October 7th**
- Christmas – on or before **Monday, November 25th**

Please do not include any of your personal details (email, phone numbers) on your correspondence.

P.S. Did you know that your sponsorship provides all the items for every gift event? Some sponsors buy “extras” to include for their child, but it's not necessary. A card or personal note tucked inside their gift is sure to bring a smile.



"An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up." - Proverbs 12:25

Dear Joyful Hearts,

Thank you for the gifts you picked out and sent to me. I am very grateful for that, especially the warm jacket that will keep me warm even though it's very cold outside. The things you do just shows that you actually care for kids like me. You know, the name of your organization actually comes in handy because, if your hearts weren't full of joy, I don't think you would take out so many hours of your life just to help out children like me. So for that I say thank you.

Also the birthday cake will be getting baked soon, and the other decorations, and accessories, will be used at my birthday. May God bless you! I encourage you to keep up the good work, "what goes around comes back around".

Sincerely,

 



If anyone is interested in hosting a collection drive for the kids of My Joyful Heart, please contact Diane

Fall Wish List

- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Body wash and bar soap
- New washcloths and towels
- Packs of adult size underwear
- Winter pajamas, all sizes, boys & girls

at (815) 806-1700



Starting your Christmas shopping early?

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

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