



# My Joyful Heart

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



"...let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show  
the truth by our actions." - 1 John 3:18



## What's happening at My Joyful Heart

Volunteers: We couldn't do it without you!

On Thursday, June 20th, we finished up early to celebrate the end of yet another successful school year at My Joyful Heart. The Board of Directors hosted a luncheon at

our ministry center to thank the people who give their time and talent – our volunteers. We spent the afternoon enjoying food and friendship...and had a little fun “get to know you” game, too. Of course the day wouldn’t have been complete without some recognition.

Congratulations to our “300 Club” inductees, **Ann Neary** and **Jean Toberman**, who each gave more than 300 hours this past school year. Our runner-up, **Marcia Tracy**, received our “Almost There” award for her 267.75 hours of volunteerism. We also had 7 volunteers awarded for more than 100 hours each. We thanked our long-service volunteers and the countless others who shop, run errands, gather prizes for our fundraisers, organize departments, and literally lend their muscles. We capped off our recognition with our first “MVP” award to **Jean Toberman**. Jean is our “Most Versatile Person” – she can do anything!



To our volunteers... thank you for spending the afternoon with us. You may not realize this, but you are all real life heroes in the lives of all the kids we help. Thank you so much for all your hard work. You are always willing to be there for us whenever we need you. Every single day you pass through our doors, we are so thankful to Jesus for having the best volunteers. **You are all a blessing to us.**



# Stories from My Joyful Heart

## What a bargain...look how we stretch our funds



Shopping in the off-season really pays off. Take a look at this receipt from our latest Kohl's purchase – **we saved a whopping \$4,794.12!!**

This purchase included 267 fall & winter clothing items, which averaged about \$1.80 each. Oh, to think of the smiles on the children's faces when they receive their gift bags!

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## What a blessing!

It's said that a smile is a sign of joy, a hug is a sign of love, and a laugh is a sign of happiness. And that good people are a sign of God's blessing. Pastor Ron, Tiffany Johnston, and the [Calvary Church](#) VBS team and families are true blessings to My Joyful Heart.

On June 21st, My Joyful Heart was bestowed a monetary blessing that will provide annual sponsorship to 15 children. Diane Carroll responds, "I was absolutely stunned when called to the stage and I still find myself at a loss for words to express just how grateful we are and for how much your gift means to My Joyful Heart. Thank you for all that you do to help support us in our ongoing work to provide for children in need and to bring them hope. And on a personal note, we are going to miss you, Miss Tiffany. God's blessings to you and your family in your amazing new journey."







# AMAZON WILL SEND US MONEY!



Every item available for purchase on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) is also available on AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) at the same price.

## So why change?

Because every purchase you make helps the kids of My Joyful Heart. When you shop AmazonSmile and select "My Joyful Heart Nfp", Amazon makes a donation to us based on a percentage of your purchase. And mark your calendar for July 15th ... it's the beginning of Amazon's prime days. It's a 48-hour parade of deals you won't want to miss.

Please start shopping and help the kids of My Joyful Heart!

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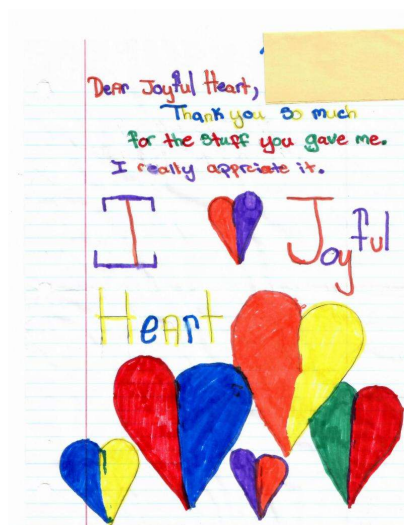
Save the date - November 16, 2019



Please join us on  
November 16,  
2019 at Silver Lake  
Country Club in  
Orland Park, IL as  
we celebrate the

1,000+ kids of My Joyful Heart.

Visit our [website](#) and follow us on  
[Facebook](#) for more details, including  
sponsorship opportunities, prize  
donations, and tickets. You don't want to  
miss this special night.





**If anyone is interested in hosting a collection drive for the kids of My Joyful Heart, please contact Diane at (815) 806-1700**

## **Back to School Wish List**

We know it's just the beginning of summer, but we're already thinking about our Back-to-School and Fall gift events. We're in need of school supplies:

- 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

