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"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." - *Psalm 107:1*

# What's happening at My Joyful Heart

## A Message from Our Founder

Things really couldn't get any busier than right now! We are in the middle of the fall gift event...our volunteers are doing a fabulous job choosing coats in the children's favorite colors and they are packing bags filled with hats, scarves, gloves, school uniform shirts, underwear, socks, additional clothing and a hygiene pack. On top of this, we are putting together an amazing dinner dance fundraiser...Night of a Thousand Lights... to celebrate the 1,000+ students we have enrolled in My Joyful Heart (see below for more information).

Thanks to everyone for helping make all of this possible. May God bless you during this beautiful time of year.

*Diane Carroll*



## Stories from My Joyful Heart



We hope you'll join us on Saturday, November 16, 2019 for a special evening as we celebrate the 1,000+ children of My Joyful Heart.

Enjoy a family-style dinner, dancing, cash bar, silent auction and more! And all for the ticket price of just \$50! This is our largest and most important fundraising event.



Visit our website for ticket information

**Where:** Silver Lake Country Club

and follow us on Facebook for more details.

You don't want to miss this special night, tables are filling up fast!

[Buy Tickets Now](#)

14700 S. 82nd Avenue  
Orland Park, IL

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

**Tickets:** Early bird pricing \$50 per person, now through November 11th  
Tables of 8 are available

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

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## Who likes pancakes?



We sure do! The Women's Connection of Parker Road Bible Church held a pancake breakfast and bake sale on Saturday, October 19th with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit the children of My Joyful Heart. It was a wonderful morning of fellowship and the most delicious pancakes and toppings! We are grateful to everyone who came out for breakfast and to everyone at Parker Road

Bible Church for their generous support.

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## Kick the Keg

A huge THANKS to the friends of My Joyful Heart who held a Kick-the-Keg fundraiser at Crafted 1979 Bottle Shop & Tap Room in Mokena on Sunday. They raised almost \$1,700 and collected 200 bottles of shampoo and body wash for the kids in our program. Wow! What a creative and fun way to help.



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## What an honor!

On Saturday, October 19th, the Swallow Cliff Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented Diane Carroll with the Excellence in Community Service award.

This award is presented on local, state, and national levels to individuals and groups who have contributed to their communities in an outstanding voluntary, heroic, civil, or benevolent manner, or who have participated in or organized community activities.



On behalf of the children we serve, THANK YOU Daughters of the American Revolution for this very special honor.

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## Christmas Giving Trees



Do you know anyone with a business or perhaps a church or community service group that would like to host a Giving Tree for the children of My Joyful Heart?

If yes, please contact Diane Carroll at (815) 806-1700 or send an email to [information@myjoyfulheart.org](mailto:information@myjoyfulheart.org) with questions or to arrange a giving tag pick-up date.

Thank you for helping us bring Christmas joy to local children in need.

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## What's on your Christmas wish list?



We are seeing so many of our kids asking for cookies...can you help us fulfill their wish list?

Our enrollments are up and we have several new schools. As we think about our Christmas gift event, wouldn't it be great to give ALL of our kids a tin of cookies?

Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday at our Ministry Center located 9981 W. 190th Street, Suite I-J, in Mokena, between the hours of 9am and 2pm.



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## Meet our volunteers — a continuing series



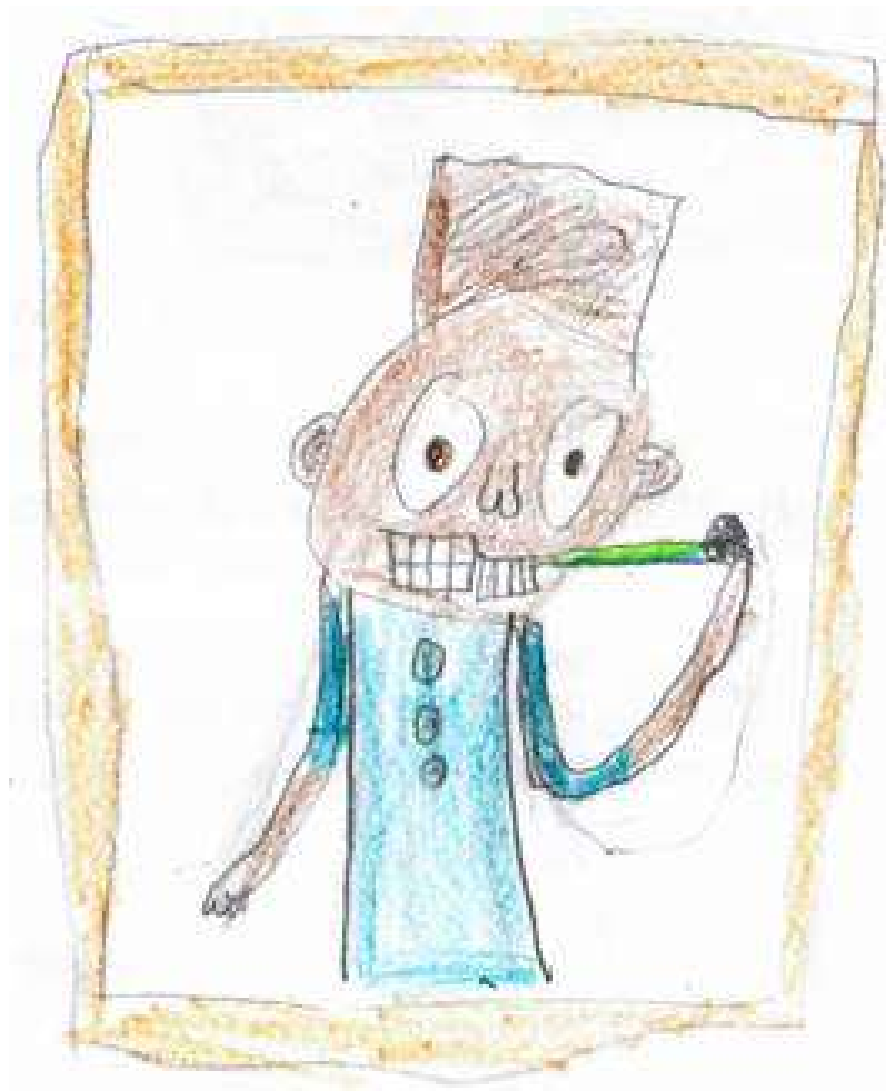
**Barbara Smith**

Barb is one of our lead packers, ensuring that each one of the hand-selected items fit snugly into the gift bags for our more than 1,000 children! When she's not busy packing, Barb is doing inventory and organizing our school polo shirts, socks and underwear departments. She will be celebrating three years of volunteering with My Joyful Heart in December.

Thank you, Barb. You knock our socks off :)



**This drawing from one of our students brought a smile to our faces.  
He was happy to receive a new toothbrush!**



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

## Fall Wish List

- Children's Books (no violent themes)
- Puzzles
- Board Games
- Card Games (Uno)
- Dolls / Barbie Dolls
- Toy Cars, Trucks
- Slipper Socks
- Pajamas (all sizes)
- Cookie Tins





## Starting your Christmas shopping early?

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

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