



# My Joyful Heart

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

**YOU WILL KEEP IN PERFECT PEACE  
THOSE WHOSE MINDS ARE STEADFAST,  
BECAUSE THEY TRUST IN YOU.**

**ISAIAH 26:3**



We are extremely fortunate to be able to welcome our volunteers back to the ministry center as of June 2 and will remain focused on keeping everyone safe, healthy and informed.

Please contact us for specifics on volunteering, dropping off donations or if you have any general questions or concerns.



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# What's happening at My Joyful Heart

## Did you know?



In the U.S., in 2018, 40 million children were poor or low-income. Most of these children are at serious risk from the economic impacts of the coronavirus on their families. Reduced work hours and unexpected medical bills are resulting in tighter budgets, layoffs, hunger, evictions, and foreclosures, increasing the risk of housing insecurity and related health problems.

For many of the 1000+ children in Chicagoland that My Joyful Heart serves, this is the norm, intensified during these last few months. Many restrictions have been placed on businesses, service organizations and lives in general during the COVID-19 pandemic and the difficulties surround us. It is crucial that during these times we continue to trust in God to bring good out of these situations. Viewing these problems as opportunities to rely more on Him, we have seen the good over the past few months and will continue to serve these children every way possible as we try to bring good to them in Jesus' name.

**Give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—Ephesians 5:20**

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## With special thanks from our kids



Happy Valentine's Day

Maya Angelou School

Dear My Joyful Heart:

I thank you for everything in the Joyful heart bag im very thanking for the clothes and everything else in the bag I wouldn't have alot of things if it wasn't for the Joyful heart bag.

## Summer Event update



With schools being closed we thought that was the end of our summer event; it wasn't! 8 school contacts have worked with us to ensure that their children receive the summer gifts and we are excited to share that 237 children will be blessed with bags.

While these bags will not end their troubles, the goal is to remind them that Jesus loves them and that He is always there for them. Thank you to the school contacts that will carefully and safely deliver the bags to the children and to

our amazing skeleton crew of volunteers that helped get the bags together. We are forever grateful.

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## Girl Scout cookie donation

We have been blessed to receive a donation of 300 cases of Girl Scout cookies from Daisy Troop 55786 of Girl Scouts GCNWI. The children in My Joyful Heart will be excited to find this delicious treat tucked in their summer bags.

The extra cookies have been donated to the Frankfort Food Pantry and Operation Blessing. We are grateful to Daisy Troop 55786 and everyone who worked to make this possible!

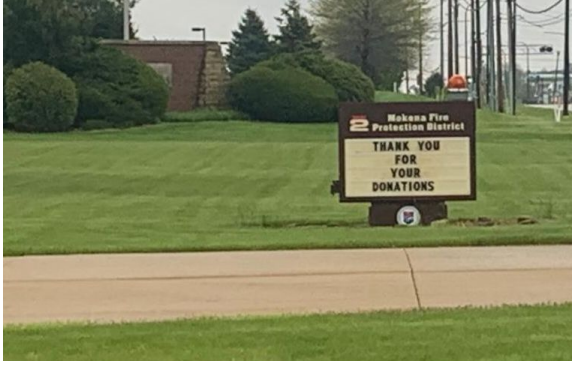


## Helping our First Responders

We shared some of our resources with the Mokena Fire Department to help with their call for supplies. Boxes of exam gloves, safety goggles and masks were donated from My Joyful Heart.

A big thank you to all First Responders!!!



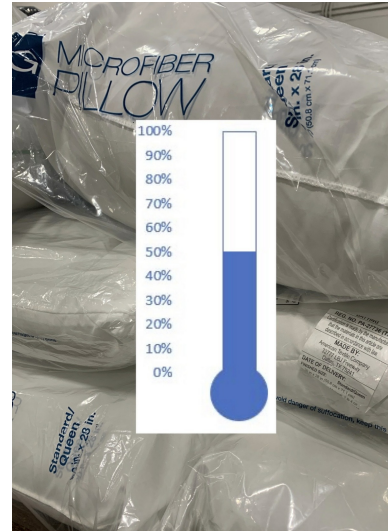


## Sweet Dreams Pillow Drive

We continue to be blessed with pillows (and pillowcases) that our generous supporters have donated to our Sweet Dreams Pillow Drive. We would like to hit our goal by the end of August. **We have currently collected 560 pillows!**

Whether our lives are filled with large or small concerns (or both), worry keeps you from getting a good night's sleep. Our goal here is to help the kids remember that God is always with them and they are never truly alone.

**Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,  
for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.—Joshua 1:9**



One of our phenomenal volunteers Jean Toberman has continued serving the children of My Joyful Heart during these times when she has extra hours at home. She is sewing special "hug pillows" for the children and has run out of stuffing for them.

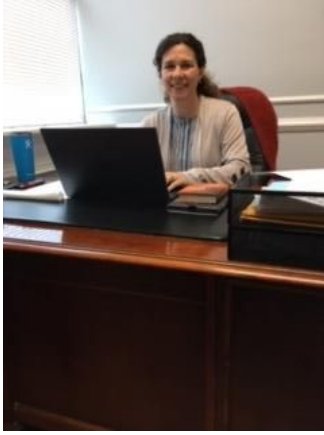
If you would like to sponsor her efforts or drop off extra filling that you have lying around your house, please give us a call at (815) 806-1700. Thank you, Jean, for your time and love for these children.

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## Welcome Erin Burns

We have an addition to the staff at My Joyful Heart!

Erin Burns joins us as our Director of Operations. Erin worked at Accenture for the past 20+ years in program management, operations and process improvement. She is married to her high school sweetheart and has four amazing and active



children.

Erin will be transitioning into Diane's position to allow Diane a partial retirement. We are blessed to have Erin on board and look forward to an exciting future.



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## Our Fall Wish List

- New standard size bed pillows
- New pillow cases
- Poly-fil toy stuffing
- White copy paper
- Shampoo, body wash, toothpaste
- Wash cloths

