



# My Joyful Heart

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



"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires." ~ *James 1:19-20*



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## What's happening at My Joyful Heart

Goodbye summer and welcome fall!



With the cooler weather comes a busy time for My Joyful Heart. We are in the middle of enrolling for the new school year and preparing for the most Glorious time of the year. We look forward to your help and have many ways you can join in the ministry.

Send us an email or call to let us know how you can help or what your talents are, and we will help you figure out your spot here!

Call us (815) 806-1700

Email us [information@myjoyfulheart.org](mailto:information@myjoyfulheart.org)

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## Stories from My Joyful Heart

### New board members announcement



We welcome two new board members: **Patricia Nomanbhoy** and **Connie Spear**. Both ladies have been long-time volunteers and bring with them experience to continue to move us forward.

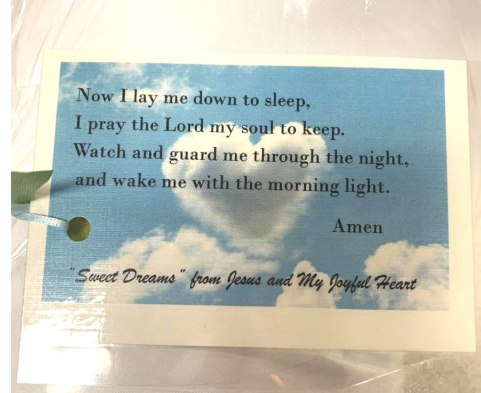
**Gina Rahn** and **Sue Orsic** have stepped down after many years of loyal service to My Joyful Heart. They will continue to volunteer and support My Joyful Heart.

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world." *Romans 1:8*

### Pillow Drive success!

We are putting our Sweet Dreams Pillow Drive to bed! Thank you to each individual and group that helped us reach our goal of 1,100 pillows and pillowcases.

We all know getting enough sleep is essential for helping maintain optimal health and well-being and so many of you came together to help a child in this small way. They will be distributed this Fall attached with a Sweet Dreams prayer card.



## Fundraiser updates



### Walk-A-Thon

One of our amazing Board Members is hosting a Walk-A-Thon to benefit the children of My Joyful Heart from **Sept 20 – Oct 3**.

Join in and set a step or a mile goal per day and get pledges per mile. Then, collect and donate your pledges by **Oct 10th**.

This is a great opportunity to get outside, enjoy the fall weather and, with each step, know you are taking steps to help the children.

[Download a Pledge Form](#)

[Download a Step/Mile Log](#)



### Trivia Night

The August Trivia Night was so fun that we have decided to host another!

Join us on  
**Thursday October 22**  
**from 7:30 – 8:30pm**  
for a night on YouTube Live with a Fall Theme.

Tickets are \$10 and you must be pre-registered to be eligible for cash prizes. Invite your friends all over the nation, invite your college-aged children, invite your neighbors!

*If your business is interested in sponsoring this event for \$200, give us a call or send an email!*

[Buy Tickets Here](#)



### Bunco Is Back!

Heads up that we are going to host a fun night on **Friday November 13** at the American Legion in Lockport.

This will be a very limited event and tickets will open on **Oct 23rd**.

Join us for bunco, baskets and a boxed meal.



## Sponsor a child

The ability to sponsor a child is priceless, as many

of you already know. While it brings joy to our hearts to help these children, YOUR sponsorship helps them feel even more special.

As a sponsor, you can send special gifts or gift cards to your child above and beyond the basics we provide. You can write as often as you would like. Any letter we receive back from your sponsored child will be sent along to you.

Your child will receive items on his or her wish list and you can create a meaningful relationship with him/her. Sponsorship is \$35/month or \$420 for the year.



[Sign Up Here](#)



### We did it...AGAIN!

We have been honored with one of the first Top-Rated Awards of 2020 from GreatNonprofits! We appreciate all your contributions.

[Read inspiring stories about us and add your own!](#)

## Christmas Giving Tree 2020

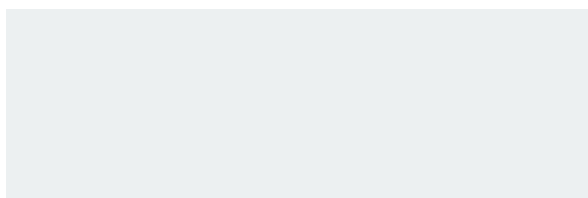
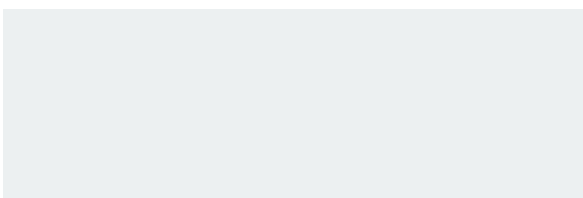
We are seeing an increase in the needs of our children this year as well as an increase in the number of children we serve. We have a Christmas Giving Tree program to help our kids get items they have on their wish list (a traditional tag or a digital list).

Contact us if you have a church, group, business or frequent a business that would wish to participate in the Giving Tree 2020.



## My Joyful Heart at-home

### Current At-Home / Group Projects







Tie-dye small pillowcases (we have the cases here at the warehouse – we just need you to get the dye and have fun coloring the bags).



Sewing cords onto the tie-dyed pillowcases to turn them into drawstring bags.



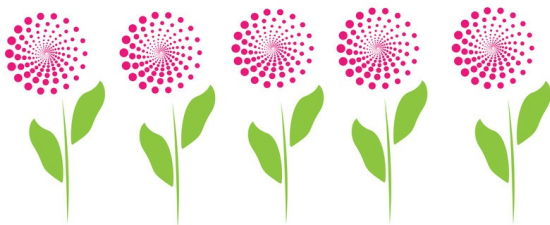
Writing letters of encouragement on decorative paper for our kids.

Due either the week of **October 12, 2020** (for Thanksgiving) or **January 31, 2021** (for Valentines).



Making no-sew fleece blankets for our kids.

*Thank You!*



While we could never thank each person individually in our newsletters, we are grateful for all the help we get. Highlighting a few is always fun, but every hour spent here, dollar donated or task done at home helps us continue to serve and share the love of Jesus with the children.

**Kathy & Cathy** have been making hundreds of masks for our children. While it has never been on the school list, they are an essential part of the school year now. Thank you both for the helping with these so quickly!



**Jean** has 894 hug pillows completed! With the fabric that she just received, she has another 77 more cut out and waiting for filling. She is so thankful for all the help so far!



So many of our volunteers knit scarves, hats and gloves to give our children to keep them warm during Chicago's cold winters. This shipment came from **Barbara** in Michigan. They are beautiful, soft, and warm and we cannot wait to give them to the children this fall!



Don't forget to choose My Joyful Heart as your charity of choice when you shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)!

### Our Wish List

Thank you to everyone that has made purchases off our Amazon Wish List. We are always in need of basic hygiene items and have also added some of the items we use to pack the gifts for the children. This list will continue to be updated throughout the year.

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And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:19

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