



Soaking in Sunshine at Misericordia's 41st Annual Family Fest

A sublime and sunny day told the story of Family Fest 2023, as thousands of friends and family gathered to celebrate the Misericordia Community. This annual occasion — full of fun, music and food — is also a very important and successful fundraising event thanks to the careful planning and hard work of countless donors, volunteers and staff.

Thank you to S&C Electric Company who provided parking for the day. We also thank Andy Francis of Evergreen KIA for the car raffle donation of a 2023 KIA Sportage LX AWD — and the Greco family for leading the Pauline Greco Fest Cash Raffle. Thanks also to John Tortorello and his grounds crew for the set-up and clean-up of such a big day on our expanding campus.

We are very grateful to our corporate donors for their ongoing support of programs that benefit the residents of Misericordia. And we are thankful to Sister Rosemary, Father Jack Clair, Lois Gates and the Misericordia administration for their tireless leadership. Family Fest could not take place without the support of so many dedicated individuals. Together we help to ensure a safe, happy and productive future for our beloved residents.



Andy Francis of Evergreen KIA
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A Message From the Misericordia Foundation



Dear Family and Friends,

It seems that here in Chicago we truly live all year for the three brief months of summer and then, in a snap, it is gone. This summer was no exception, only more so as we moved from one event to the next. We began with the Bums Golf Outing in June. In July the Siblings Organization's 2023 Artist in All event was once again held at the Art Institute of Chicago. In early August we were back on the links at the Heart Links Golf Outing followed by our Misericordia Family Association (MFA) Benefit where all our families came together to celebrate everything Misericordia. It was a spectacular evening and, like the others, brought in much-needed funds for our children and adults. The summer ended with the 2023 Family Festival. God rewarded us with a beautiful day to make up for the monsoon we experienced last year. The Women's Golf Outing completed the run of events on September 18 on a crisp and sunny day, making it the perfect way to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall.

We remain busy with no sign of stopping in fall. Our Chicago Marathon Heartracers have led the way, and, after a year's worth of planning, the Misericordia Women's Board brought to life the perfect and much-anticipated Heart of Mercy Ball. It was truly a night to be remembered. Now the Holiday Season is upon us. We will welcome thousands into our "home" to celebrate with family and friends. We invite everyone to visit for Holiday cheer and shopping at one of our Boutiques on campus and at the Sweet♥Shope in Glenview.

We want to thank all the chairmen and women and their committees and all the volunteers who made our summer and fall events so special and so successful! You are truly a gift.

Please keep Misericordia in your prayers. Please ask God to send us caring, compassionate and competent staff so we can reach out to families on our waiting list. The 16 homes of Sister Rosemary Park are going up quickly, but we will need to hire additional staff once construction is complete before residents can move in. If you know of any good candidates, please send them our way.

In loving gratitude,

Sister Rosemary

Sister Rosemary Connelly
Chairman
Misericordia Foundation

Blessings,

Lois C. Gates

Lois Gates
Executive Director
Misericordia Foundation

From the Desk of Father Jack Clair



Dear Friend and Supporter,

Where does the time go? I am going on two years in my new role and I am still amazed each and every day. Misericordia is an extraordinary place. Not that we don't have our challenges. Our plusses can also be those challenges.

I just returned from a lobbying trip to Springfield. Our legislators are so respectful of our work and ministry. It is humbling. Thanks to our volunteer lobbyists, John Nicolay and Margaret Houlihan. They freely watch out for Misericordia's best interest every day. The good reputation also puts pressure on us to maintain our quality even in staff shortages. I am so grateful for all of the hard-working staff who make Misericordia a wonderful Home for our residents.

The good reputation also challenges us as many want to come to Misericordia with their child. We cannot possibly meet everyone's needs. The lists are so long for almost every area. My hope is that many of the folks who have filled out applications are also doing this at other facilities. We do not want to give false hope that everyone will get in. We would have to double our size to meet the current requests. That just cannot happen in the current employment situation.

The good reputation also demands financial resources. Our deepest thanks go out to you our donors. Without you we could not have this reputation. Your generosity makes the lives of our residents so beautiful. The many residents who come from poverty settings receive all of the same things as those with families who can support them. My sister used to say – "This is a bit of Heaven." She was right. Our folks live wonderful lives. For that we thank you!

I would be remiss if I did not reach out to all of you asking for prayers – for Misericordia, for our community at large, and for Ukraine and the Middle East. These are very tough times. Together let us make our prayer for a better world!

God Bless you,

Jack Clair

Father Jack Clair
President and Executive Director
Misericordia Home

A tour of our campus offers an up-close look at the loving environment and excellent programs available to our residents. Thank you for visiting, please come back soon!



We are so grateful to Villa Park - 46th District IL State Rep. Diane Blair-Sherlock (pictured third from left) for taking time from her busy schedule to tour Misericordia and see our programs.



A big thank you to IL State Rep. Brad Stephens for presenting Sr. Rosemary Connelly with a proclamation in honor of her receiving the Laetare Medal from the University of Notre Dame.

GIVING TUESDAY

November 28, 2023



MISERICORDIA HEART OF MERCY

Every gift we receive on **Giving Tuesday - November 28, 2023**, will make a positive difference in the lives of Misericordia residents. Your generosity helps to fulfill our mission to provide a "life worth living" to our most vulnerable population, THANK YOU!

CHALLENGE GRANT

Please help us reach our Challenge Grant Goal!

We have an anonymous, end-of-the-year Challenge Grant. A very kind and generous couple has challenged Misericordia's friends and supporters.

Every gift we receive by the end of this year will be matched dollar for dollar up to a specified amount. By sending your gift today, you can double its value!

Please spread the word to family and friends who would like to support Misericordia.

Begin this season of giving with a gift to Misericordia Heart of Mercy.

Matching Gifts



You may be able to double or triple your impact with a gift to Misericordia! Visit [misericordia.com/donate/matching-gifts/](https://www.misericordia.com/donate/matching-gifts/) or contact your company's HR Department.

For information, contact

Martha Floberg, Development Officer:
marthaf@misericordia.com | 773-273-4125



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Misericordia's Community Day Services is excited to have the Coffee Packaging program, located at 6130 N. Ravenswood Ave., up and running again. Laura Schultz, DT Instructor (far left) and Chuck Carper, Supervisor, MisWorks, (second from right) are pictured above with residents currently employed in the program.



Federal employees nationwide can pledge donations to Misericordia. Our CFC code is 43851



Our friends from Eli's Cheesecake Co. came to meet the residents of Misericordia, take a tour of our campus, and have lunch at the Greenhouse Inn Restaurant!



It was great to see 40th Ward Chicago Alderperson Andre Vasquez and his family lending their support and having fun at Misericordia's Family Fest!



Congratulations to our friends at The Walsh Group who were the winners of the 3 on 3 BISNOW Basketball Tournament of Champions - winning \$39,500 for their favorite charity, Misericordia!

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Campus visitors make our day!



Our Art Department welcomed Chicago White Sox Pitcher Dylan Cease to share his talents with them for the day along with autographs, photos and hats. Thanks Dylan!



Many thanks to our friends at Hines, who volunteered alongside our residents in our Art Department, recycling, gardens and Misericordia's Hearts & Flour Bakery. It was a pleasure to have you here.



Thanks to YPO-Chicago Chapter (Young Presidents Organization) for volunteering with our residents in our Art Department, Hearts & Flour Bakery and our Greco Gardens horticultural program, ending their day with lunch in our Greenhouse Inn Restaurant.

Together Again — Celebrating the 63rd Annual MFA Benefit

The Misericordia Family Association presided over a joyful night reconnecting with our community, meeting in person for the first time since 2019.

The MFA Benefit on August 27 was hugely successful, thanks to the combined efforts of so many: Thank you to Benefit co-chairs Deb Brashears and Sue Ziesemer, to our great friend and emcee Lou Manfredini, MFA chair-couple Pam and Jim Capraro, to MFA

fundraising chair Holly Jennings, the Ad Book Committee, and to all the hard-working MFA members who made the night a smashing success.

The generous donation of a 2023 Hyundai Tuscan SEL by Bret Matthews and Jim Spellman of Happy Hyundai made our car raffle possible.

Without our faithful sponsors, this event could not take place. We acknowledge the generosity of Presenting Spon-

sors Janis and Steven Hersh Family and Friends and all other sponsors with grateful hearts.

Thank you to the leadership of Sister Rosemary Connelly, Father Jack Clair, Lois Gates, Kevin Connelly, MFA Liaison Mary Pat O'Brien and Julie O'Sullivan, for their guidance in producing this truly special event.



Thank You to the Presenting, Silver, and all Misericordia Family Association Benefit Sponsors



Mis athletes 45 years and over can now compete in Special Olympics Golden Games! Our senior athletes participated to their fullest in several events: bowling, archery, track, power lifting, boccia, basketball and soccer. Great job team!

Congratulations to the Siblings Association and the artists of Misericordia for 26 years of Empowerment through Art. The pictures speak for themselves from our most resident-centered event.

Misericordia Siblings Association
THE ARTIST IN ALL
 July 19, 2023
 Art Institute of Chicago Modern Wing

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The 2023 AIA
 Team

THE ARTIST IN ALL will return to the Art Institute of Chicago on May 21, 2024!

MARATHON WINNERS

Our congratulations and deep appreciation go to all of our runners who gathered to represent Misericordia at the 2023 Bank of America Chicago Marathon!

Months of training, miles and miles of running, and a great charity to support all added up to a fantastic day for Misericordia's Heartracers on October 8.

Seventy-five runners raised over \$172,000 for our children and adults at Misericordia. We are so proud and grateful to all involved for this huge effort, Thank you!



Thinking about joining the 2024 Chicago Marathon Misericordia Heartracers?

Contact Martha Floberg,
 Development Officer at 773-273-4125
 or marthaf@misericordia.com.

In Memoriam.

The practice of asking for donations to a favorite charity to commemorate the death of a loved one is very thoughtful. In the past few months, such requests have resulted in donations that benefit Misericordia. We thank those benefactors and their families, and respectfully ask that you remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

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2024 

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Thank you for your support! (From left) Auxiliary President, Mary Doug Brown and event co-chairs, Jennifer Fritzche, Christine Moran and Megan Banas.

To purchase tickets, visit www.misericordiawomensauxiliary.org

For corporate package information, please contact Vanja St. Clair
vstclair@misericordia.com

Heart Links Annual Invitational

The Misericordia Heart Links Committee hosted their invitational at beautiful Shoreacres Golf Club in Lake Bluff on August 7. We thank our dedicated sponsors and all who attended for raising significant funds for Misericordia's expansion plans and programs. We sincerely thank our grand sponsor,

R.J. O'Brien & Associates. We also give special thanks to event chairs Hugh and Carrie Connolly, Greg and Linda Fahrenbach, Dave and Sue Moore, Jeff and Cari Mory, and Rick and Janice Price. Because of your generosity we are one step closer to our goals!



Pictured above: Bob Huffman, Kevin Connelly, Linda and Greg Fahrenbach, Carrie and Hugh Connolly, Janet and Rick Price, not pictured Jeff Mory, and Dave Moore.



Benefit concert for Misericordia rocks the Lakefront

Guests at a benefit concert for Misericordia on August 31, at Theatre On the Lake were in for a treat when the band Tributosaurus became Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and R.E.M. for the night! Many thanks to our generous Grand

Sponsors and hosts John and Maggie Wrenn, Theater On the Lake, Sterling Bay, and Smoque BBQ as well as committee members and all 700 friends in attendance.

Pictured above: Our friends from Grand Sponsor Sterling Bay



2023 Women's Golf Outing

It was a beautiful September day for the Women's Golf Outing as the 2023 Committee honored Lois Gates who has played such a huge role with her many years of service, advocacy and love to the residents of Misericordia!

Pictured above: The Women's Golf Committee



Above: Lauren DeSimone, Nikki Mulcrone, Lois Gates, Sister Rosemary, Rose Martin, and Michelle Lynch

MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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December 3, 10, 17
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www.misericordia.com

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Bob Bourke at 773-273-4173
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You can also learn more by visiting the Planned Giving page at www.misericordia.com.

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Visit our **CHRISTMAS COTTAGE** and **HEARTSTRINGS GIFTSHOP** for a beautiful selection of clothing, accessories, baby and children's items, Mis Wear, and gifts created by Misericordia residents.

Have lunch at the **GREENHOUSE INN RESTAURANT** and make a day of it!

MISERICORDIA Hearts & Flour Bakery

Goodies are a great gift option! Order Bakery items from our website at: www.misericordia.org call 773-273-4759, or email: bakery@misericordia.com



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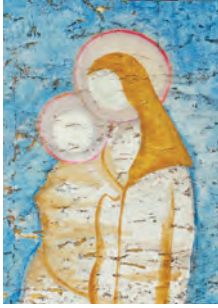
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Wishing you Christmas Blessings during this Holy Season.

A Peaceful Place Item #CR-1




A child is born to be a blessing of peace for us all.

Mary and Jesus Item #CR-2



A light will shine in the darkness, bringing peace to all.

Away in a Manger Item #CR-3



Hail Mary, full of grace, we celebrate Christ's birth. Merry Christmas!

Faithful Journey Item #CR-4



Hear them ring! Season's Greetings to you and yours!

Silver Bells Item #CR-5



Unwrap the magic of the season. Happy Holidays!

Wrapped in Snow Item #CR-6



May your days be merry and bright this Holiday Season!

Wonderful Chicago Winter Item #CR-7



Sending you peace, love and joy this holiday season.

A Winter Night Item #CR-8



May the warmth of the season bring you gifts of love and peace.

No Place Like Home Item #CR-9




Heartfelt Holiday Greetings!

Holiday Roads Item #CQ-3



Warm Wishes to you and yours!

Christmas Candles Item #CQ-4



Rejoice! The Savior is born.

What Child is This #CC-1



Glory to the newborn King!

Holy Night Item #CP-2



In their search for a king they found their Savior. Have a blessed Christmas!

Three Kings Item #CL-5