



## FAMILY FEST 2022

### Family Fest returned in September with a day of singing, laughter and dancing in the rain.

The show went on! In the face of drenching rain and delays, the Misericordia family rallied on September 11 to present our first Family Fest in two years. Although many friends and family were understandably unable to attend in person, their



support was felt! Because of the careful planning and hard work of countless donors, volunteers and staff, we can still call the day a success!

Thank you to our wonderful friends at S&C Electric Company who provided the parking for the day. We also thank Andy Francis of Evergreen KIA for the car raffle donation of a 2022 KIA

Forte — and the Greco family for steering the Cash Raffle. Thanks to John Tortorello and his grounds crew for supervising the set-up and clean-up in such a difficult situation.

We are so grateful to our Corporate Donors for their ongoing support of programs that benefit the residents of Misericordia. And THANK YOU to Sister Rosemary, Father Jack Clair and Lois Gates for their leadership in the belief that the residents of Misericordia deserve a “life worth living” — even when it rains!



The Greco Family



Andy Francis





**A message from  
Sister Rosemary Connelly  
and Lois Gates**

Dear Family and Friends,

Into every life a little rain must fall – and that was certainly true on the day of our Sept. 11 Family Fest. But it wasn't just a little rain! We were very excited to get Family Fest back in person, and despite the inclement weather, thousands joined us to celebrate Misericordia's children and adults. As the Holiday Season approaches, we are getting ready to welcome thousands of guests, who through the years have joined us to celebrate and do their Holiday shopping at Misericordia's Gift Shop. It is official, we are back!

Many groups have done so much these past months to help Misericordia achieve our fundraising goals, and for that we thank you! The Heart Links Golf Committee, the Family Fest Committee, our Women's Auxiliary and Women's Golf Outing Committees, the Chicago Marathon Heartracers, and most recently, our Women's Board Heart of Mercy Ball Committee. Each group has gone beyond our expectations to support and share Misericordia's mission.

As we continue to care for our current residents and take steps to expand, Misericordia is always in need of caring and competent staff. Please spread the word to your family and friends about our wide range of job opportunities. We provide competitive salaries, wonderful benefits, and an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of God's most vulnerable people.

In closing, know we pray that you and all those you love continue to be in good health. We look forward to seeing many of you at one of our Holiday events on campus! Until then, may God be with you and yours throughout this beautiful season of Autumn and the blessings of Christmas that will soon follow.

In loving gratitude,

*Sister Rosemary*

Sister Rosemary Connelly  
Chairman  
Misericordia Foundation

*Lois C. Gates*

Lois Gates  
Executive Director  
Misericordia Foundation



Lois Gates, Cardinal Blase Cupich, Sr. Rosemary Connelly  
and Father Jack Clair

**From the  
Desk of  
Father Jack Clair**

Dearest Supporter and Friend,

The most beautiful Fall colors in years is a quote from the Tribune. Campus is beautiful as it is every Fall, but the colors are beautiful this year. We are so lucky to have this magnificent campus and home.

I wish all of the world and particularly Chicago, would have so much beauty. So many of our neighbors and staff continue to face so many challenges in life, that some of the beauty can be lost. We can focus on only the bad and the dividing news that we

hear every day. That is no way to live. The Good Lord gave us the gift of this beautiful world and we should treasure it!

I continue to have meetings individually with our staff. They remind me of the beauty of the World. They are loving people who care very deeply about our residents. I am so impressed with their love and their commitment. They are a blessing to all of us that have family members here.

The beauty of our world can also be seen in so many other things connected to Misericordia. The Women's Board and their Ball were extraordinary. All of our volunteers are amazing. The artwork being created for the Artist in All, simply beautiful. Preparations for all of the Christmas events give beautiful hope to us all. The residents and their smiles are each day's gifts. We are a truly blessed community.

My deepest thanks for your support of our little effort to create a beautiful world. As you enjoy the colors of this Season, please think and pray for us here at Misericordia. Your support gives us great courage and hope. Thank you so much and God Bless You!

Fr, Jack

*Fr. Jack*

Father Jack Clair  
President and Executive Director  
Misericordia Home



Misericordia's Leadership Team (Back row) Geana Connelly, Sharon Keane, Tina Stendardo, Scott Thompson, Michael Diaz, Joseph Ferrara, Ashley Hespen, Chris Hegg Krackenburger, Valerie Freil and Carol Hawley. Front row Mary Pat O'Brien, Lois Gates, Sister Rosemary Connelly, Fr. Jack Clair, and Kevin Connelly. (Inset, Denise Tigges)



## GIVING TUESDAY November 29



Misericordia Heart of Mercy  
[www.misericordia.com](http://www.misericordia.com)

### After Black Friday and Cyber Monday... It's Giving Tuesday! November 29, 2022

A Very Special Opportunity to Match Your Gift to Misericordia by the Coleman Foundation!

Every gift (on or offline) we receive of \$225 or more on Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022, will receive a \$225 match from our friends at the Coleman Foundation, up to \$12,500 cumulatively.

## 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!** Be sure to spread the word to family and friends who would like to support Misericordia.

**Start the season of giving with a gift to Misericordia Heart of Mercy. Thank You!**



Misericordia was happy to welcome State Senators Julie Morrison (far left); Laura Murphy (center); Lobbyist Stephanie Vojas Taylor (R. of center) and their colleagues for a morning of service followed by lunch with Sister Rosemary. Thank you for visiting!



**DSP WEEK** was celebrated in September to thank our amazing workforce for the wonderful care they give to the residents of Misericordia. Being a Direct Service Professional is truly more than "just a job." For the steadfast professionalism and compassion shown during these most challenging times and for helping to make Misericordia such a special place every day, we are proud to honor you!

## CONGRATULATIONS HEARTRACERS!



Race Day was a winner as our Heartracers gathered to represent Misericordia at the 2022 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. To find out about joining the 2023 Chicago Marathon Misericordia Heartracers, contact Martha Floberg, Development Officer at 773-273-4125 or [marthaf@misericordia.com](mailto:marthaf@misericordia.com).

## PLANNED GIVING

### HAVE YOU REMEMBERED MISERICORDIA IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN?

Bequests and other planned gifts are an important source of funds to assure the continuation and growth of Misericordia. If you want to learn more about ways to include Misericordia in your estate plan, please call or email:

**Bob Bourke at 773-273-4173**  
[robertb@misericordia.com](mailto:robertb@misericordia.com)

*You can also learn more by visiting  
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# FAMILY FEST 2022

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# MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S BOARD

## *Heart of Mercy Ball 2022*



**Misericordia Women's Board President  
Sharon Taylor**



**Cardinal Blase Cupich**



**Rocking the Conga line!**



**Stacy and (emcee) Rob Johnson  
Thanks Rob!**



**Platinum Sponsors  
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**Congratulations to honorees (Back Row) Dorothy & Ed Wehmer,  
Wintrust Bank, Marcy O'Keefe Twardak, and (Lower Right) Ed  
McGowan, pictured with Sister Rosemary and Father Jack.**



**Thanks to the Misericordia Heartbreakers and  
Charlie Carpenter for great entertainment!**



**Frank O'Hara and the  
Heartbreakers singing  
and signing!**



**Thank you for your leadership!  
(Pictured from left) Board President Sharon Taylor, Ball  
Co-chairs Julie Carpenter and Ann O'Hara, and  
President Elect Meg Fiorenza.**

The mood in the International Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago was jubilant on October 15 when the Misericordia Women's Board welcomed guests to the first in-person Heart of Mercy Ball in two years.

"Hearts + Home United!" brought a generous community together to honor our 2022 honorees and support the second home to the more than 600 residents at Misericordia. This year the

Women's Board primary fundraising focus is on an exciting new three-acre residential development on Thome Avenue, south of the main campus. This development, named Sister Rosemary Park, will reach out to families on our waiting list. Much gratitude goes to our sponsors, underwriters, attendees, volunteers, and the many donors from near and far who contributed to the most successful Ball yet!

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### *Platinum Sponsors*

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With love and appreciation  
for Sister Rosemary

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In honor of Sister Rosemary Connelly,  
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## Heart Links Invitational

This year's annual Heart Links Invitational at Shoreacres Golf Club was a day to celebrate as the phenomenal Heart Links Committee (pictured) again hosted a group of avid golfers and friends. We thank our dedicated sponsors (pictured below), and all who attended for raising significant funds for Misericordia's expansion plans and programs. We look forward to seeing everyone again next summer to celebrate this amazing event!



### MATCHING GIFTS

**YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DOUBLE OR TRIPLE YOUR IMPACT WITH A GIFT TO MISERICORDIA!**

For more information, please contact Martha Floberg, Development Officer  
marthaf@misericordia.com | 773-273-4125.

Many companies provide a matching gift when an employee contributes to a favorite charity.

To see if your company will match your gift to Misericordia, visit [misericordia.com/donate/matching-gifts/](https://misericordia.com/donate/matching-gifts/) or contact your company's Human Resources Department.

## FIRST LOOK *for charity*

**FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 10,  
2023**

### MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

View the Chicago Auto Show before the public opening while supporting Misericordia! Your ticket will gain entrance to the Misericordia reception and Auto Show Gala.



Thank you for your support! (From left) Auxiliary President, Tracy Winslow and Event Co-chairs Rachel Schulenburg, Claudia Miquelon and Megan Lassman

For corporate package information, please contact Vanja St. Clair  
[vanjastclair6@gmail.com](mailto:vanjastclair6@gmail.com) (312) 213-7999

To purchase tickets, visit [www.misericordiawomensauxiliary.org](https://www.misericordiawomensauxiliary.org)





## Summer Benefit Concert

**for Misericordia!** The sold-out benefit concert on September 1 at picturesque Theater on the Lake Restaurant was a great way to close out the summer. The evening also featured the amazing band Tributosaurus and delicious food from our friends at Smoque BBQ. Special thanks to Maggie & John Wrenn and Theater On The Lake, as well as our generous sponsors, committee members and 650+ friends in attendance!

## In Loving Memory

*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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(Above) John Wrenn, Kevin Connelly and Hugh Connolly.



(Left) Gerry Corcoran, Denise Cozzini and Maureen Corcoran.



**The Misericordia Women's Golf Outing** returned in September with a happy day of golf and a delicious lunch at Oak Park Country Club. This year's event was held in loving memory of Mary A. Ryan. Our deepest thanks go out to the Ryan sisters and the Women's Golf Committee for raising awareness and funds for the residents of Misericordia in Mary's honor. (Above) The family of Mary A. Ryan with Sister Rosemary and Lois Gates

SAVE THE DATE

November 16 | The Artist in All  
Art Institute of Chicago

December 4, 11, 18  
Christmas Brunches  
JMRC, Lois Gates Courtyard Inn & Hogan

February 10 | First Look for Charity  
[www.misericordiawomensauxiliary.org/](http://www.misericordiawomensauxiliary.org/)

March 17 | Heart of Gold  
[www.heartofgoldbenefit.org](http://www.heartofgoldbenefit.org)

April 28-29 | Candy Days  
[www.misericordia.com](http://www.misericordia.com)

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