

# Misericordia

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Dear Family and Friends,

How quickly these summer days seem to pass, and how wonderful it is to feel as if we are finally getting closer to the end of the restrictions of Covid-19. I will never take the “ordinary day” again for granted. In this 100th Year Anniversary of Misericordia, we look back at the past with such gratitude and embrace this “new beginning.”

The residents continue to live involved, structured and happy lives in spite of this period of unexpected challenges. Our staff never wavered in their commitment to assure that every person in our care not only has the right to life but to one worth living! We are now full speed ahead into the 100th Year Anniversary of all that was, is and will be at Misericordia. What a long way we have come from the maternity hospital on 47th Street where the Sisters of Mercy began their mission! How we have changed and grown! I am in awe of all that has been accomplished.

It was a busy spring. In late April, our second virtual Candy Days surpassed all expectations. In June, almost 700 golfers hit the links for the Bums Golf Outing. We thank the Bums Committee, under the leadership of Kevin Connelly, and all who supported this wonderful event. The success of the virtual Misericordia Family Association (MFA) Benefit was a testament to the hard work and creativity of chairs Beth Merlo and Holly Jennings, their wonderfully gifted committees, and the dedication and complete support of our families. Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere thanks to Fr. Jack, Kevin Connelly, Lois Gates and her team for their support and assistance in all our fundraising efforts.

As we enter into the second half of 2021, it is exciting to look forward to “in person” events. Misericordia follows more stringent rules concerning reopening than the general public, by following Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance. This is to protect our children and adults, so we are taking small steps. We are still “cautious” about bringing together large groups of people, and decided to again forgo the annual September Family Festival. In lieu of Fest, we are excited to announce that we will again hold our Keep Misericordia Strong Campaign and popular Cash and Car Raffles. We hope you will support these fundraising efforts as you have so generously done in the past.

Off campus, we are excited to be open to the public at our Glenview Sweet♥Shop, and anticipate the August/September opening of “Hearts & Flour Bakery and Café” just two blocks south of campus. It has been fun watching the progress of the “Hearts & Flour Bakery and Café.” It’s a large, beautiful building with a drive-in bakery and space for community activities. This new setting will help us meet our goal to provide residents with work experiences off campus!

Planning for off-campus events like the Heart Links and the Women’s Golf Outing, as well as events hosted by our Women’s Board and Women’s Auxiliary, have begun. We will soon open our Madden Home for six women in Evanston and a recently built (and beautiful!) new campus home for fifteen residents on campus. We will be bringing 21 new families in and moving some of our current residents to other appropriate areas.

I continue to be honored by your loyalty and support. I want to thank all of our families for understanding and cooperating with our Misericordia Administration under the leadership of Mary Pat O’Brien and her Administration Team. Our major goal was to keep our residents safe and healthy and working together. I know we achieved that goal, and we realize it was a great sacrifice for families and their Misericordia Family member.

God surely has blessed Misericordia because we are doing God’s work, with loving gratitude, to all our families and friends blessed to be called to this beautiful mission: providing a good life for God’s most vulnerable. What could be a more loving and important mission!

As we enter Misericordia’s second century, I truly believe together we can accomplish all our goals and dreams. I can’t begin to imagine where Misericordia will be 100 years from now, on our 200th Anniversary, but as history has proven these past 100 years, the possibilities are endless.

Lovingly,

*Sister Rosemary*

Sister Rosemary Connelly  
Executive Director

# Keep Misericordia Strong



#  MisericordiaStrong

## Please Join Us — as we rise to provide a beautiful, meaningful and safe environment for our residents

As with many gatherings, for the health and safety of all, Family Fest will not be held in 2021. With our largest fundraising event on hold for the second year, our challenges remain!

**The ongoing needs of our most vulnerable people do not change to meet the times. Instead, we rise to fulfill our commitment to provide them a quality of life that is a “Life Worth Living!”** This is at the heart of our **Keep Misericordia Strong Campaign.**

During the global health crisis, Misericordia has continued to offer our residents a beautiful and safe environment filled with dignity, meaningful activities, education and excellent care. We invite you to help us raise the more

than \$20 million needed each year to continue the programs and care for which Misericordia is known. There are many ways to be a part of Keep Misericordia Strong, including **Sponsorship Opportunities** and the **Cash and Car Raffle.** We know that we can count on you to help **Keep Misericordia Strong!** Please refer to our website or enclosed insert for information on how you can be a part of this much-needed effort.

*For information about becoming a corporate sponsor, contact:  
Father Jack: [frjack@misericordia.com](mailto:frjack@misericordia.com)  
or call 773-273-4165*

*For questions on raffle, contact:  
Lois Gates: [loisg@misericordia.com](mailto:loisg@misericordia.com)  
or call 773-273-4160*

## You could win \$50,000 in the Cash Raffle!

Tickets are \$100 each  
Only 3,000 tickets available

*Cash and Car raffle tickets are available online at [www.misericordia.com](http://www.misericordia.com)  
(You will receive an email receipt)*



## Win a KIA Forte 2021\* (\*or \$15,000)

Tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$100



*Donated by Andy Francis  
of Evergreen KIA [www.evergreenkia.com](http://www.evergreenkia.com)*

**Please call 773-273-4160 with questions. Drawings will take place virtually on September 15, 2021.**

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



Misericordia is committed to ensuring that we are an inclusive community that creates a sense of belonging and celebrates the diversity of humanity. We are so grateful for our dedicated and compassionate staff that embrace our mission and values and were essential in helping us to formalize our additional value of Diversity and Inclusion. This value, along with our original values of Quality of Life, Connection, Responsibility and Spirituality, set the foundation for our next 100 years!





## Grateful thanks and new beginnings at Farmers Markets – Misericordia’s run at Federal Plaza ends after 12 years

After many years, Misericordia Hearts & Flour Bakery is pulling out of the Federal Plaza Farmers Market in the Chicago Loop.

In 2008, the late Phyllis Paulo recruited a cadre of volunteers who worked at the market through 2019. These dedicated volunteers donated their time six months a year for 12 years through rain, wind and blazing summer sun. Over the years, they made friends for Misericordia, generated more than \$500,000 in sales and made it all look easy!

The Federal Plaza location has come to an end as the Bakery shifts its focus from a market dependent on office workers in the Chicago Loop to home-based customers at the vibrant downtown Evanston Farmers Market every Saturday. The Daley Plaza on Thursdays is still going strong! As times change, we remain grateful for the impressive work these volunteers have given to Misericordia.



Phyllis Paulo



Thank you to Gigi Elza, Bonnie Driscoll and Sharon Braun, our faithful all-weather volunteers!

Visit our Hearts & Flour Bakery tents until September at these locations:

### Evanston Farmers Market

7am for seniors and people with disabilities

7:30am - 1pm open for everyone.

Intersection of University Place and Oak Ave.  
(just east of East Railroad Ave.) FREE parking in the adjacent  
1800 Maple Avenue Self Park.

### Daley Plaza Farmers Market, Chicago

Thursday, 7am - 2 pm

Corner of Washington & Dearborn  
The Hearts & Flour Bakery and Farmers Markets  
are fully Covid-19 compliant.

Left: Thank you to Mayor Lori Lightfoot and First Lady Amy Eshleman who stopped by Daley Plaza to say hello!



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



Our friends, families and the business community rose to the challenges of presenting the second virtual Candy Days event.

Getting the word out that Candy Days would not be held in person this year would not have been possible without the help from our friends in the media!

Jewel-Osco was a phenomenal partner, as were Outfront Media and View Chicago LLC. We are forever grateful for your faithful support!

We are especially grateful to the 500+ people who created Personal Giving pages and to the 20,000+ donors who contributed to this record breaking year.



*Misericordia is thankful. Thankful for our residents, for family and friends, and for the leadership that has seen Misericordia through such growth and goodness in the past 100 years.*

With grateful hearts, the MFA reached out to friends old and new to present a virtual event that brought funding and support to their loved ones who have a second home at Misericordia.

The presentation included a pre-program, guest videos, auction, and car and cash raffle. Once again, the amount of funding raised was phenomenal, a testament to the ongoing support of our community.

Congratulations go to Benefit Chairs Beth Merlo and Holly Jennings, whose leadership was invaluable. A special thanks goes to Lou Manfredini, who is always there for us, to Carol Marin for her terrific narration of our anniversary video and to Jane Lynch and Pat Foley for their remarks.

Thanks also to MFA Chaircouple Laurie and Bill McCarthy, to MFA Fundraising chairs Tracie and David Platt, to the Adbook Committee and to all who worked so hard to make the night a success.

Without our faithful sponsors, this event would not be possible! An extra thank you goes to Jim Capraro for his work on video production and to our “behind-the-scenes” tech crew.

Thank you to the leadership of MFA Liaison Mary Pat O’Brien, Sister Rosemary Connelly, and Executive Team members Lois Gates, Kevin Connelly, Father Jack Clair and to Julie O’Sullivan for their guidance during this milestone year in Misericordia’s history.



From left to right: Mary Pat O'Brien, Beth Merlo, Holly Jennings and Lois Gates.



The behind-the-scenes crew from left to right: Elliot Kaufman, Jim Capraro, Julie O'Sullivan and Scott Thompson.



**2021 Misericordia Family Association (MFA) Benefit Sponsors**



**Lou Manfredini**



**Jane Lynch**



**Behind-the-scenes parent volunteers were there to "answer the call!"**



**Many thanks to our generous friends Brett Matthews, Jim Spellman and Joe Segreti of Dupage Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram who donated the 2021 Jeep Compass Latitude for the car raffle.**

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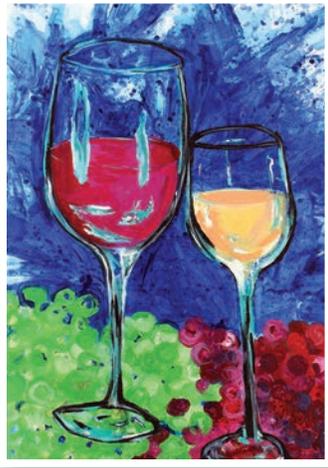
THE LOCKUP STORAGE and Soudan/Hielscher Family

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The Waltz Family

## All You Need is Love — Toasts and thank yous to the Misericordia Women's Auxiliary



Above, left to right: All You Need is Love event co-chairs Vanja St. Clair, Beth Bruns and Laura Tillotson



Above: Mary Schramm and immediate past president Ann Waris. Mary will serve as the Women's Auxiliary President for the coming year.

Above, center: left to right: Anne Mills, Laura Tillotson, Chrissy Roman and Rachel Schulenberg



The Misericordia Women's Auxiliary presented a Virtual Wine Tasting and Auction fundraising event on February 12 to a delighted group of online supporters.

The Wine Tasting Program included a trio of wines for the event delivered ahead of time, as well as a delicious charcuterie board to complete the evening's enjoyment. Expert sommeliers Aaron McManus of Oriole, Fernando Beteta, one of only 236 Master Sommeliers in the world, and Ryan Baldwin, former Head Sommelier at Margeaux Brasserie Waldorf Astoria Chicago, offered tasting notes and answered questions regarding each of the three wines.

Thanks to Bloomingdale's for its continued sponsorship of Misericordia Women's Auxiliary Board events and to everyone who joined us to support our residents.

## MISERICORDIA LOVES CHICAGO SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

As we begin to transition back to in-person events, the Auxiliary is looking forward to the Misericordia Loves Chicago gathering on September 23 at beautiful Theater on the Lake.

*For information, contact:  
Anne O'Leary: [annieol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annieol@sbcglobal.net)*

*Peggie Maniscalco:  
[stageright6902@gmail.com](mailto:stageright6902@gmail.com)*

## Smell the Coffee — We are getting close!



Our new **HEARTS & FLOUR BAKERY and CAFÉ** at 6130 N. Ravenswood Avenue will be opening soon! Located less than 1/4 mile from our campus, this location will be a fully functioning drive-thru bakery that will be another work opportunity for our residents.

## PLANNED GIVING

### *Have you remembered Misericordia in your estate plan?*

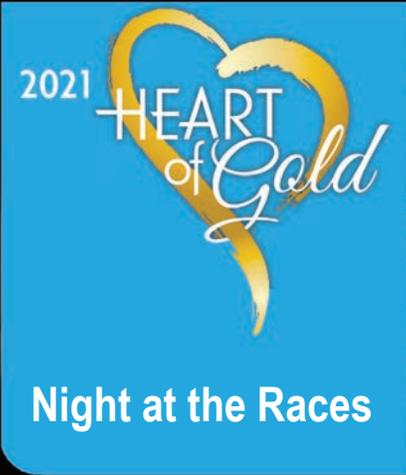
Bequests and other planned gifts are an important source of funds to assure the continuation and growth of Misericordia. If you want to learn more about ways to include Misericordia in your estate plan, please call or email:

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

**You can also learn more by visiting the Planned Giving page at [www.misericordia.com](http://www.misericordia.com).**



Dressed in their "Derby Hat Best," from left to right, Misericordia parents Lisa and Barry Cruse, Women's League President Ann Weithers, Lois Gates, Sister Rosemary Connelly, Lou Manfredini, and Julie O'Sullivan



Left: The Heart of Gold Award recipients for 2021, Kathy and Kevin Connor



## Women's League Event — what a winner!

Heart of Gold A Night at the Races was a winner, raising a total of \$789,000 for Misericordia and surpassing expectations once again this year! We are so grateful to our wonderful Women's League who have worked so tirelessly to present a virtual event that all could celebrate safely.

Thank you for the leadership of Women's League president Ann Weithers; chairpersons Diane Champion, Ann Cohen and Catie Lee; and their entire Benefit Committee for bringing such an entertaining night to a virtual venue. Kathy and Kevin Connor were honored as the Heart of Gold award recipients for 2021. The couple has generously given years of service to the mission of Misericordia.

At the Women's League closing luncheon in June, the league's leadership presented Sister Rosemary with a check from funds raised throughout the year. Congratulations!



Above, from left to right: Diane Champion, Ann Cohen, Lois Gates, Sister Rosemary Connelly, Ann Weithers and Catie Lee.

## Misericordia Women's Golf Outing

*Monday, September 27, 2021*  
*Oak Park*  
*Country Club*



**For information please contact: Beth Denbow**  
[bethd@misericordia.com](mailto:bethd@misericordia.com)

## *In Loving Memory*



**Therese Marie Loftus**

*We fondly remember our friend and co-worker Therese Loftus, and wish God's comfort for her family. She will be dearly missed by the entire Misericordia Community.*

*Live from the Hilton Chicago!*

**THE MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S BOARD  
HEART OF MERCY BALL**

*Friday Evening, October 1, 2021  
6:30-7:30 p.m.*

Please Save the Date for the **Heart of Mercy Ball on October 1, 2021**, as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Misericordia and the resiliency of the staff and residents during the Covid-19 crisis. They have been a true inspiration to all of us. We look forward to presenting a special award this year: The Misericordia Women's Board Founder's Award in honor of Frances McCormick McGuire, the Misericordia Women's Board founder in 1921. An enchanted evening is promised as we raise awareness and financial support for the children and adults of Misericordia Home.

**Founder's Award Presentation to the McGuire Family**

**In Memory of Mrs. Frances McCormick McGuire, Women's Board Founder**

**Honoring the residents and staff of Misericordia**



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



**Patty Baeckelandt**  
Ball Co-chair



**Bridget Cienkus**  
Ball Co-chair



**Mrs. Frances McCormick McGuire**

**Siblings Association presents The Artist in All — Celebrate love with visual arts**

“What is this exhibition all about?” It's about love. The residents' love of art and self-expression that is not bound by any limitation. The love that they share with Misericordia through their art will be showcased with an online gallery and auction this fall on November 9, 2021.

Please join the Misericordia Siblings Association (SIBS) as they host their annual silent auction virtually this year. Let's celebrate our resident artists who have worked hard on their masterpieces all year long. The online showcase will not disappoint! Paintings, ceramics/3D art, photography and jewelry, all created by resident artists will be available for online bidding. Gift products will also be featured online.

Thanks to SIBS president Lisa Paradis, event chair Sheila Canavan, and the SIBS committee for working to present this online gallery and auction.

Further details will be coming soon for **The Artist in All 2021**.



**See You Online on  
November 9!**



**If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for The Artist in All this year, please contact Lois Gates at [loisg@misericordia.com](mailto:loisg@misericordia.com) or call 773-273-4610.**

# BUMS TURN 47!

Happy 47th anniversary Bums! Blessed with beautiful weather, the Bums celebrated their 47th Annual Golf Outing at Olympia Fields, Edgewood Valley and Flossmoor Country Clubs on June 14.

We are so very grateful to all of the Bums who have made this great event possible year after year.

The Bums have raised millions of dollars over the years to support Misericordia's innovative programs and expansion efforts for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This year the Bums raised over \$700,000!

The Bums of the Year Award for 2021 was presented to Kate Shannon

Boyle, Brian Shannon, Jr. and James Shannon to honor their dedication to the mission of Misericordia.

We are so grateful to our devoted Bums Committee, generous sponsors, and loyal Bums golfers who have generously supported this event throughout the years.



Above: Committee members John Scully and Pat Scully, along with our devoted volunteers from the Misericordia Women's League



Members of the Moore family (Hal Moore, with his sister-in-law Jan Moore and her daughter Chandler) enjoying some of the Bums giveaways.



The Bums of the Year Award for 2021 was presented to Kate Shannon Boyle, Brian Shannon, Jr. and James Shannon.



Lois Gates pictured above with (from left) Danny Rudolph and committee members Paul Napleton and Bill Napleton. Many thanks too to Zero Friction and La Preferida for providing us with golf giveaways!

SAVE THE DATE

August 24 | Heart Links Golf Outing  
www.misericordia.com

September 23 | Misericordia Loves Chicago  
www.misericordiawomensauxiliary.org  
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Peggie Maniscalco  
stageright6902@gmail.com

September 27 | Women's Golf Outing  
bethd@misericordia.com

October 1 | Heart of Mercy Ball  
www.heartofmercyball.org

November 9 | The Artist in All  
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**2021 HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday 9 - 4 Closed Sunday & Monday**

*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.*

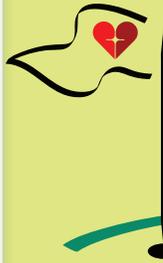
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