



FAMILY FEST 2023

Sunday, September 10 | 11 am - 6 pm



Sister Rosemary Connelly honored with Notre Dame Laetare Medal

Congratulations to our beloved Sister Rosemary Connelly, who has been awarded the University of Notre Dame's 2023 Laetare Medal — the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics. Presented at Notre Dame's 178th University Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, May 21st, Sister Rosemary's many achievements and compassionate and visionary work with the residents of Misericordia were honored.

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of Pauline Greco**



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campus for the 41st Annual
Family Fest!**

Spend the day and share in our mission along with great fun, food and entertainment! We invite you to help us raise the more than \$31 million needed each year to continue the excellent programs and care that Misericordia provides every day.

Purchase Cash and Car Raffle Tickets at www.misericordia.com

(You will receive an email receipt.) Or refer to enclosed insert for more information on how you can be a part of this much-needed effort.

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A message from
Sister Rosemary Connelly and Lois Gates

Dear Family and Friends,

Happy Summer! It seems, especially in Chicago, we wait all year long for these short three months. We hope you are able to enjoy this special time with family and friends.

Things at Misericordia are finally getting back to normal after a long three years. Programs are up and running! Residents are going to their areas of employment on and off campus. The social scene is thriving. Our Greenhouse Inn and Boutique is open for lunch and shopping Tuesday through Friday and again on Sundays. And we are back to bringing in volunteers and giving tours. Please remember to bring your friends for a visit, lunch and shopping. It is such a joy to have our residents and visitors moving about our beautiful campus. And don't forget to visit our off-campus drive-through Bakery & Café and Glenview Sweet Heart Shop.

In addition to campus activities returning to normal, we have also been celebrating an extraordinary event. Earlier in May, Sister Rosemary was honored with the very prestigious Laetare Medal from the University of Notre Dame at its 2023 Commencement Exercises. A small group of us made the trip to South Bend, and we were all overwhelmed and overjoyed by Notre Dame's hospitality. Now, we have much to look forward to both

on and off campus. August 27th brings the Annual Misericordia Family Association (MFA) Benefit. Many have been working long hours to create a most perfect event. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, there is still time! Soon after is our 2023 Family Festival on September 10th. Start praying for sunshine right now! We have everyone lined up for a fabulous day of food, drink, entertainment and fun... all to support Misericordia's children and adults. Tickets to the Fest are also on sale now, so be sure to check our website. While you are there don't miss out on purchasing your Cash and Car Raffle tickets as well.

We are overjoyed to be back. It seems we have finally gotten past the pandemic and all the trials and tribulations we were challenged to overcome. How fitting we chose "Misericordia Strong" as our mantra through it all. We are stronger and more vibrant than ever. We thank you for believing in us.

Lovingly,

Blessings and gratitude,

Sister Rosemary

Lois C. Gates

Sister Rosemary Connelly
 Chairman
 Misericordia Foundation

Lois Gates
 Executive Director
 Misericordia Foundation

In Loving Memory



"Misericordia is one of the most important missions I have ever been called to... I have loved every day of every year with our residents and staff. How blessed I have been.

This Community of Believers has truly enriched my life."

— Sister Mary Paulette O'Connell, RSM

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Pictured at right: Illinois State Representative Kevin Olickal enjoyed a tour of our campus with Fr. Jack Clair



Pictured left to right: Fr. Jack Clair, Iris Martinez, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County John Chambers and Judge Gloria Chevere.



*From the desk of
Father Jack Clair*

Dear friends and supporters,

Another Summer flies by as we look forward to our Fest. We are so hopeful for great weather this year. Please come out and support Misericordia on this most important day.

I am so grateful for all the blessings here at Misericordia. We had a wonderful visit in Springfield, mustering up support for all of our work. We are so grateful to all of our elected officials who support us and take the time to come and visit. Thanks also to our family and friends who invite them out – we are so grateful!

The Post-Covid Spirit at Misericordia is so high. We are delighted to continue the process of opening up more and more. Our residents are delighted to see so many visitors and to be back in the community working again. Thanks to all who hire and provide opportunities for our wonderful folks.

Speaking of hiring, we still need many new employees. If you know a caring person that you think could help us, please send them our way. We are opening new homes to reach out to our waiting list. Construction continues on Thome Avenue, where we will need many employees. The Apartment building on campus has also begun to open and before we continue we also need employees there.

Our Staff are such wonderful gifts to our residents and families and we are blessed to have such an outstanding administration team. As a result of our efforts to expand on and off campus and to recruit and retain devoted men and women to our mission, our budget for fiscal year 2024 will exceed \$110 million. In addition, we continue to upgrade the campus due to its age and are working on several capital projects, including Rosemary Park. We have assured the Cardinal that we have no deferred maintenance. As we see a project, we try to accomplish it. None of this would happen without your dedicated support. On behalf of all who call Misericordia home, Thank YOU! YOU are the greatest gift of all. We are grateful for whatever way the Lord is calling you to support us. Everything makes a difference,

God Bless You,

Fr. Jack

Father Jack Clair
President and Executive Director
Misericordia Home

Thank you to our friends in the Illinois General Assembly and Executive Branch, who took time from their busy schedules in Springfield on May 9 to celebrate Sister Rosemary's 54 years of service and Father Jack's appointment as president and CEO of Misericordia Home. Special thanks to our speakers, including Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, Senate President Don Harmon, Senate Republican Leader Senator John Curran and Majority Caucus Whip State Senator Julie Morrison.

Springfield reception held to recognize and congratulate Misericordia's Leadership

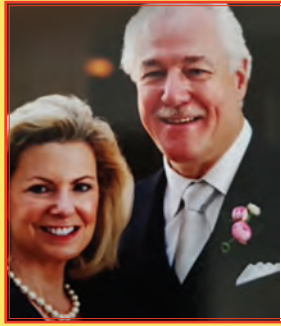


MISERICORDIA WOMEN'S BOARD HEART OF MERCY BALL

*An Evening in Sister Rosemary Park
2023 Honorees*



David Miniati
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Community Award



Denise & Ivo Cozzini
Heart of Mercy Award



John Scully Jr.
Sister Rosemary Connelly
Service Medallion

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

HILTON CHICAGO

Please join the Misericordia Women's Board at the 2023 Heart of Mercy Ball for an elegant evening to benefit Misericordia and celebrate our distinguished honorees.

A primary fundraising focus of this year's ball will benefit Sister Rosemary Park, a new three-acre residential development on Thome Avenue, south of the main campus. These sixteen new homes are a major expansion of our campus grounds and will make room for some of the more than 500 families on our waiting list. Construction is underway and support is needed to bring this project to completion!

For more information please contact:
Lois Gates, Executive Director
Misericordia Foundation
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Last March, the Misericordia Women's Board presented a check to the Misericordia Foundation that reflects the support from the 2022 Heart of Mercy Ball sponsors and guests, Angel Campaign donors and auction proceeds. Congratulations! Pictured left to right: Michelle Laughlin, Janet Keller, Julie Carpenter, Sister Rosemary Connelly, Sharon Taylor and Ann O'Hara.



Sister Rosemary Park, June 2023.



Inset: Bret Matthews and Jim Spellman.
Above, from left: Misericordia Executive Vice President Mary Pat O'Brien with MFA Benefit Chairs Sue Ziesemer & Deb Brashears.

The 63rd Annual MFA Benefit In-person event returns this summer with a new date and venue:

Sunday August 27th
4:00 - 9:00 pm
Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel
1551 N. Thoreau Drive
Schaumburg, IL

Please join us for a fantastic evening supporting Misericordia, and reconnect with our community at this cherished event. The benefit hosts three great raffles: Cash, Car, Vacations....Silent and live Auction, entertainment and dinner!

Take a chance to win a 2023 HYUNDAI TUCSON SEL AWD, DONATED BY BRET MATTHEWS AND JIM SPELLMAN OF LIBERTYVILLE HAPPY HYUNDAI.

For ticket information: visit:
www.mfabenefit.org/

Misericordia Bums Committee celebrate 49 years!

The Bums celebrated the 49th Annual Bums Golf Outing at Olympia Fields, Edgewood Valley and Flossmoor Country Clubs on a beautiful day in June. We are so grateful to the 700 golfers who attended this great event and especially grateful to our dedicated Bums committee. Many thanks to our generous presenting sponsor – The Figliulo Family Foundation – and to all of our generous sponsors who helped make the event a great success. Congratulations to our good friends – Charlie Carey and Joe Niciforo – for receiving the Brian O. Shannon "Bum of the Year" Award. Mark the date to celebrate the Bums turning 50 next year – June 10, 2024. Thank you Bums!!



Pictured clockwise (l to r):

- 1: Bums of the Year Joe Niciforo and Charlie Carey.
- 2: Mark Para, Patrick Healy and Dan Para.
- 3: Proud daughter Claire with her Dad, Joe Niciforo.
- 4: Bill Napleton and Paul Napleton with Rob Figliulo.
- 5: Members of the Bums committee with John Scully (center).



New faces in the Misericordia Community — a warm welcome is in order!



Father Bart Winters
Misericordia Ministry Dept.

Father Bart Winters joined Misericordia's Ministry Team in April of 2022. In addition to collaborating with Andrew Blomquist and Kathy Morris in Ministry, Fr. Bart works with parent Bob Myers in promoting the mission and values of Misericordia among our staff. Fr. Bart has held Pastor positions at parishes in the Chicago area for many years, including the seminary at Mundelein. In Fr. Bart's free time, he enjoys reading, cooking and taking long walks. We are so thrilled to have such a warm presence on the Ministry Team, thank you Father Bart!



William Clucas
Director of Safety and Security

Misericordia is very happy to welcome Bill Clucas to head our security department. Before Bill joined the Misericordia team, he served for 30 years in law enforcement, 27 years with the Chicago Police Department. Bill retired as Captain, and comes to Misericordia with an extensive knowledge of law enforcement and security training. Growing up in Rogers Park, Bill has returned to his roots to keep our Misericordia campus and residents safe and secure.

Thank you Bill!

Misericordia's Women's Auxiliary wraps up their record breaking year

The Misericordia Women's Auxiliary Board celebrated this year's closing dinner with the announcement that for the first time the Auxiliary raised over \$1 million! President Tracy Winslow presented the Misericordia Foundation with a check for \$1,005,000

Many thanks go out to the entire Auxiliary, and special gratitude to outgoing president Tracy Winslow. Her warmth and leadership this year was

the guiding force behind such a spectacular fundraising year. The residents of Misericordia are so fortunate to have such a devoted group to advocate and raise awareness for them for all these years.

The Auxiliary was happy to welcome their new President, Mary Doug Brown, and all are looking forward to another great year ahead.



Clockwise from upper right: Tracy Winslow presented a check to benefit Misericordia residents to the Misericordia Foundation on behalf of the Womens' Auxiliary. right: Right: Outgoing Auxiliary President Tracy Winslow gives a warm welcome to new President Mary Doug Brown. Left: The Women's Auxiliary celebrated their year with a closing dinner last May.



The MYPC Committee with Red Heart Award recipient Julie O'Sullivan (center).



From left: Molly, Lois Gates, Julie O'Sullivan, Patrick and Casey at the Red Heart Bash.

It was all about Heart at the Red Heart Bash – Congratulations to the Misericordia Young Professionals Council (MYPC) for hosting 400+ attendees at their annual Red Heart Bash at the Ravenswood Art Center. It was a fabulous evening with this year's Red Heart Award bestowed on Misericordia's very own Julie O'Sullivan. Special thanks to event chairs, Lizzy Sullivan and Peter Wasik, the MYPC committee, all of the generous sponsors and everyone in attendance for making sure that it was the most successful Red Heart Bash yet!



Pictured left (back row): Incoming League President Catie Lee; event co-chairs Cathy Murphy, Amy Allegra and Stephanie Clark; outgoing president Diane Campion. Front row: Fr. Jack Clair, Sr. Rosemary Connelly and Lois Gates



Congratulations to The 2023 Heart of Gold Award Patty and Ed Burke, pictured above, celebrating with their families. (back row l to r): Patty Burke, Ed and Maureen Burke and Ed Burke. (front row): Gene and Ginna Migely



Turning Green to Gold with the Misericordia Women's League

The Misericordia Women's League celebrated their annual Heart Of Gold Benefit on Friday, March 17, 2023

It was an evening of festive entertainment, delicious food and St. Patrick's Day fun — all while supporting Misericordia's mission of providing the highest quality of care for its residents.

The Women's League were thrilled to recognize Patty and Ed Burke as the 2023 Heart of Gold Award recipients. The Burkes are longtime friends of Misericordia and champions of the 600+ residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities who call Misericordia home.

At the end of year luncheon in May, the league presented the Misericordia Foundation a check from our yearly fundraising efforts for \$1,215,000. A special thank you to our outgoing President Diane Campion and benefit co-chairs Amy Allegra, Stephanie Clark and Cathy Murphy. A warm welcome goes out to our new president Catie Lee. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this a very successful year!



The leadership of the Women's Board presented Misericordia Foundation Executive Director Lois Gates with a fundraising check at their end-of-year luncheon.

Monday, August 7, 2023
Shoreacres Golf Club, Lake Bluff

The Heart Links Committee is ready to spend a day of great golf, friendship and fundraising at Shoreacres Golf Club in Lake Bluff to benefit the residents of Misericordia.

Grand Sponsor, R.J.O'Brien & Associates





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To contribute to our fundraising efforts please visit www.misericordia.com

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



Thanks to our good friends at Northern Trust for taking the time out of their day to volunteer with our residents in the Misericordia's Hearts & Flour Bakery and the art department.

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10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Leadership Updates

Two new leadership positions were filled at Misericordia this spring. Bringing in high quality staff allows us to keep the residents at the forefront of what we do while also taking care of our staff. Please welcome our new Assistant Vice Presidents as they take on new roles.



Amara Tyler
Assistant Vice President
Mercy Glen and
Quinlan Homes



Alnierys Venegas
Assistant Vice President of
Program Delivery

VISIT OUR HEARTS & FLOUR BAKERY TENTS THROUGH OCTOBER

Evanston Farmers Market

7:00 am - seniors and those with disabilities
7:30 am - 1:00 pm open for everyone.
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Daley Plaza

Farmers Market - Chicago
Thursday, 7:00 am - 2:00 pm
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Sister Rosemary Park Dedications



For more information regarding how you can support this important development, please contact Lois Gates at 773-273-4160, or loisg@misericordia.com.



The Grosinger Home in Sister Rosemary Park was dedicated on July 13, 2023. Betty and Bob Bergeron (representing Betty's mother Wilma Baumgartner) are pictured above with Father Jack Clair at the dedication.

Pictured below, Residents and staff Jae Shin (second from left) from Misericordia's Baumgartner CILA Home with Betty and Bob Bergeron.



**The Sister Mary Paulette
O'Connell Home**

in Sister Rosemary Park
was dedicated
Sunday, March 26, 2023



Thank you to Misericordia friends and volunteers, Brian and Kathy Johnson for introducing their friend George Weston to Misericordia. Mr. Weston came to Misericordia from the United Kingdom to tour and learn more about our resident work opportunities, especially the Greenhouse Inn Restaurant, Hearts & Flour Bakery and Hearts & Flour Bakery and Cafe.

From left: Kathy and Brian Johnson with Sister Rosemary Connelly and George Weston.

Dr. Mark Reed, Ed.D – President, Loyola University of Chicago, his wife Kate and daughters Maggie and Lanie toured our campus and enjoyed lunch and a visit with Sister Rosemary and Father Jack at the Greenhouse Inn this summer.



Nancy Pulte Rickard and representatives from the Pulte Family Foundation came to Misericordia for a campus tour and lunch at the Greenhouse Inn with Sister Rosemary and Lois Gates in June. Thank you for your visit, please come back soon!

Front row: Nancy Pulte Rickard with Sister Rosemary Connelly and Lois Gates.

Back row: Jeff Bookstein, Margarita Pazmino, James Conner and Andrew Van Valin.



Trenton Gill #16, Trevis Gipson #99 and Staley the Bear of our Chicago Bears spent a fun afternoon of art with residents at Misericordia. Thanks so much for connecting with your fans at Misericordia, and GO BEARS!

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 Foundation in your estate plan, please call or email:

**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**



On July 17, Misericordia residents were able to tour the entire **Artist in All™** exhibit at our Jean Marie Ryan Center, before it was packed off to the Art Institute of Chicago for the July 19th event and auction.

Look for a full recap of the **Artist in All 2023** in our Fall newsletter.

Family Fest - Sept. 10, 2023 Entertainment Lineup

Main Stage

- Finbarr Fagan**
- Shannon Rovers**
- Heartzingers**
- Heartbreakers**
- The Chancey Brothers**
- In Spite of Ourselves**

North Tent

- Dr. Mark and the Sutures**
- Andrew Blomquist**



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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misericordia women's golf outing

Monday, September 18, 2023 | Oak Park Country Club

Please Join Us as we honor Lois Gates with a day of golf, lunch and prizes -
Reconnect with friends while supporting a great cause



Virtual Candy Days for 2023 was a resounding success in April! Our wonderful friends in the Chicago business and media communities helped to provide awareness of our mission of care and support for children and adults who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many families and individuals created Personal Giving pages to fundraise, making it easy to reach out! We could not have reached our goals without your

help. To all who contributed to Candy Days fundraising this year — we express our most heartfelt thanks!

August 7 | Heart Links Golf Outing
www.misericordia.com

August 27 | 63rd Annual MFA Benefit
Schaumburg Renaissance Hotel
mfabenefit.org

September 10 | Family Fest
www.misericordia.com

September 18 | Women's Golf Outing
bethd@misericordia.com

October 8 | Chicago Marathon
marthaf@misericordia.com

October 21 | Heart of Mercy Ball
www.heartofmercyball.org

December 3 and 10 | Holiday Brunches
December 17 (Open Brunch)
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