

100 Years of Heart



**Anniversary of Misericordia
Anniversary of the Misericordia
Women's Board
1921-2021**

*Heart of Mercy
Virtual Ball*

October 1, 2021



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TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE WORK OF MISERICORDIA HOME
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SISTER ROSEMARY CONNELLY, RSM

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MRS. FRANCES MCCORMICK MCGUIRE, FIRST PRESIDENT

DEDICATED

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FEBRUARY 2, 1921

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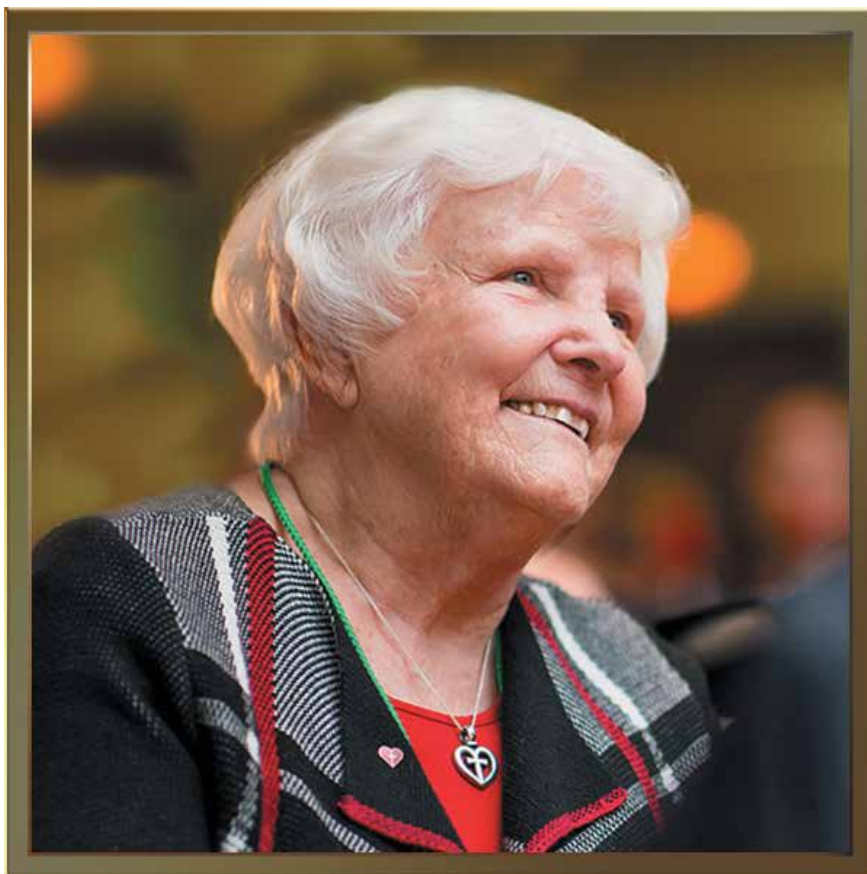
The mission of Misericordia is to provide a continuum of care and support for children and adults of all faiths and cultures who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. We provide the highest quality of care designed to meet each person's changing needs and maximize independence, self-determination, interpersonal relationships, and engagement in the community. The mission extends beyond the residents as we offer peace of mind to families. Through Catholic values and traditions, we strive to be a diverse and inclusive community of acceptance, respect, dignity, spirituality, and quality of life for us all.

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Misericordia Heart of Mercy



SISTER ROSEMARY CONNELLY, RSM

Dear Friends,

I am happy to welcome you to the 2021 Women's Board Heart of Mercy Ball. 100 years is indeed a celebration! We are disappointed this year's ball could not be held in person as we had originally hoped. Our devoted Women's Board President Sharon Taylor and her immeasurably creative and talented event chairs Patty Baeckelandt and Bridget Cienkus, their committee and with the assistance of Lois Gates, Julie O'Sullivan and the Development Team have planned a most special evening. I would never have thought that we would be hosting a *second* virtual Heart of Mercy Ball. But these are not ordinary times and fortunately for us, the Women's Board is made up of **extraordinary** women who readily took on this challenge.

We are grateful to the members of our Women's Board, present and past. We sincerely thank Sharon Taylor for her inspirational leadership, Co-Chairs Patty Baeckelandt and Bridget Cienkus for their flexibility and agility in quickly transforming the evening's format, and their entire Benefit Committee for their creativity and ingenuity. Their selfless devotion to Misericordia through this event is amazing. Because of their strong belief in our mission, we are able to work toward closing our annual deficit and also pursue our dream projects of expanding our campus to welcome those on our waiting list.

Tonight's event is 100 years in the making! We are honored to share this most significant anniversary with our Women's Board. It is truly a blessing to us all that 100 years ago Frances McCormick McGuire saw the need to bring her friends and family together to support Misericordia's mission and chose to walk this incredible journey together with the Sisters of Mercy and Misericordia's residents and staff. Tonight, with sincere gratitude we honor Frances McGuire's legacy and the entire McGuire family who have steadfastly carried on Frances' love for Misericordia with their enduring support.

The Women's Board has remained dedicated to the mission of Misericordia through our 100-year transformation from a women's maternity hospital to now, a beautiful 33-acre campus providing a home, services, and exceptional care for over 600 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our gratitude is as long and vast as the years we have traveled together in friendship, hope, and faith.

The quality of care we have come to accept as our standard would not be possible without our incredible staff. Throughout this health crisis, our staff members have risked their own health and safety to ensure our residents remain healthy, happy, engaged and challenged. It warms my heart the Women's Board has chosen to additionally honor our residents and staff. Our staff works tirelessly for our residents and their families. We would not have the Misericordia we see today without their heartfelt dedication. They do not come to Misericordia for a "job;" they come to Misericordia to give graciously of their time and talents. And as for our residents, they are the reason we are all here! Everything we do is for them. They share their gifts so generously and teach us valuable life lessons.

Thank you for joining us! We hope you enjoy this very special and unique evening. Through your goodness, we as a community of believers are doing God's Work. More so than ever before, I believe we have proven we continue to be, **Misericordia Strong.**

You will remain in our prayers, and we ask you to keep our residents and staff in yours. God bless you.

Lovingly,

Sister Rosemary

Sister Rosemary Connelly
Executive Director

Misericordia Heart of Mercy



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Dear Friends,

Greetings to all attending Misericordia's Heart of Mercy Ball hosted by the Women's Board of Misericordia. For 100 years, Misericordia has been at the forefront in providing exceptional care and opportunities for people with disabilities. Signs of God's presence are clearly evident at Misericordia where people focus on the essential: caring for God's most vulnerable people with respect, love and compassion. Sister Rosemary's and the executive board's mission to create an enriching environment for children and adults with disabilities has been the driving force in developing Misericordia's outstanding campus with its unique full continuum of care. It has flourished into the renowned home and icon of mercy it is today thanks to their faith-filled vision and expertise, the commitment of the Sisters of Mercy, dedicated staff and loving families of those with disabilities, as well as the countless volunteers and steadfast supporters.

Thanks to committed and compassionate staff and the support of residents' families, volunteers, and benefactors, Misericordia is an amazing community where God's most vulnerable people are encouraged to maximize their independence in an environment that enhances quality of life by fostering respect, dignity and joy despite life's challenges.

Congratulations and special thanks to this year's honorees: the family of Mrs. Frances McCormick McGuire with the Founders Award and the staff and residents of Misericordia for their strength and resiliency over this year and half during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Allow me on this 100th anniversary celebration to extend my prayerful thanks and good wishes to all of the staff, families, volunteers, donors and all other members of the Misericordia Family. You have built an extraordinary community made up of so many ages, races, faiths and abilities. Special thanks as well to the Misericordia Women's Board, for their dedicated efforts and to all of you for your presence here this evening and your support of the children and adults of Misericordia. May God bless you. With gratitude and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Misericordia Heart of Mercy Ball
Friday, October 1, 2021

Misericordia Heart of Mercy



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Mayor



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MAYOR

October 1, 2021

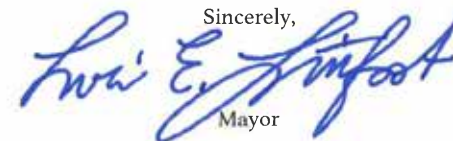
Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to welcome all those gathered for Misericordia's 2021 Heart of Mercy Virtual Ball.

Founded in 1921, Misericordia provides comprehensive support and services to developmentally disabled children and adults. Misericordia offers their residents a number of residential options on its 31-acre campus and surrounding community and a wide array of innovative social, professional, and recreational opportunities that help children and adults from all backgrounds achieve independence and reach their greatest potential in a safe and inspiring environment.

This year's Ball, themed "100 Years of Heart," presents the opportunity to come together to celebrate the accomplishments and dedication of all participants, staff, and friends of Misericordia while also looking ahead to the future. This year also marks the 100th Anniversary of Misericordia and the Women's Board, and their vital work in empowering, inspiring, and uplifting developmentally disabled children and adults. I am proud to congratulate the family of Mrs. Frances McCormick McGuire as her legacy is celebrated with the *Founder's Award*. I commend Misericordia for an indelible legacy of uplift that has empowered generations and will continue to enrich many more.

I hope your event is memorable and enjoyable. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor



Heart of Mercy Virtual Ball

100 Years of Heart

Dear Friends of Misericordia,

On behalf of the Misericordia Women's Board, thank you for joining us for this milestone evening celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary of Misericordia and the 100 Year Anniversary of the Women's Board. Tonight we will present the Founder's Award to the McGuire Family, in honor of Frances McCormick McGuire, who created the Women's Board in 1921.

I would like to thank our past and present Women's Board who have been and are key contributors to strengthening our Board and Misericordia.

In addition, this evening, we will be honoring the extraordinary Misericordia Staff and Residents. The dedicated Misericordia Staff make our mission work every day, despite challenging circumstances. We would also like to honor our residents for the inspiration and joy you have given so many of us.

Tonight could not have taken place without the commitment of our Women's Board, and in particular our Ball Chairs, Patty Baeckelandt and Bridget Cienkus. Patty and Bridget worked joyfully and tirelessly with their committees to bring us all this wonderful evening.

As always, we thank Sister Rosemary, Lois, Kevin, Father Jack and Mary Pat. We are so grateful for your love, passion, leadership, your concerns, your courage and high expectations for our residents, staff and the Misericordia mission.

Congratulations on 100 Years of compassionate care, what Misericordia is today and what it will continue to be.

#Misericordia Strong,



Sharon Taylor

Sharon D. Taylor
President
Misericordia Women's Board



Patricia Baeckelandt

Patty Baeckelandt



Bridget Cienkus

Bridget Cienkus



The Evening's Program

PROGRAM

Lou Manfredini, Emcee

BLESSING

Fr. Jack Clair, Associate Executive Director

WELCOME

Sharon Taylor, Women's Board President

REMARKS BY

Patty Baeckelandt and Bridget Cienkus, Ball Chairs

MISERICORDIA – 100 YEAR JOURNEY VIDEO

FOUNDER'S AWARD VIDEO

PRESENTATION OF THE FOUNDER'S AWARD

Sister Rosemary Connelly, Executive Director and

Lois Gates, Assistant Executive Director

Bishop George Rassas and Deirdre Zubrod

Recipients on behalf of the Frances McCormick McGuire Family

CENTENNIAL SPONSOR MESSAGE

Jan, Anne Marie and Mike McGee

The Family of Tricia McGee

REMARKS BY

Sister Rosemary Connelly, Executive Director

RAFFLES

CLOSING OF THE PROGRAM

Lou Manfredini

SILENT AUCTION CLOSING

9:00 p.m.

In honor of the dedicated Misericordia Staff

who have courageously cared for the Misericordia
residents throughout the pandemic.

We are deeply grateful for your tireless
efforts, sacrifice and devotion during these
difficult times.

With heartfelt and loving gratitude...



October 2021



THANK YOU for your professionalism, dedication, compassion and care!

ADMINISTRATION	BAKERY	BEHAVIOR THERAPY	BLDG. OPERATIONS	CILA HOMES
OUTREACH	DAY TRAINING	DENTAL CLINIC	DEVELOPMENT	FINANCE
FOOD SERVICES	HEARTSTRINGS	SWEET♥SHOPPE	GREENHOUSE INN	HR/STAFF DEV.
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MCAULEY	MCAULEY SCHOOL	MCGOWAN	MERCY GLEN	PEP
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REC. AND LEISURE	RECYCLING	ROSEMARY CONNELLY	SECURITY	SHANNON APTS.
SOCIAL SERVICES	THERAPY	VILLAGE	MCAULEY NURSING	

#Misericordia Strong

In Honor of the Misericordia Residents

"Misericordia is a living witness to the truth that children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities can show us the way to God and how to live this life joyfully. They are persons of great trust and accept life, with all its limitations, as a gift."

SISTER ROSEMARY CONNELLY, RSM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



A Round of Applause

FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S BOARD TO MISERICORDIA'S DEDICATED STAFF

The staff at McAuley Residence stands tall among the best of the best. These dedicated employees care for the most fragile of Misericordia residents. Every day they hustle to care for people who rely totally on them, and they do it with a smile. They deserve a gold star, an A+ and A Hip, Hip Hurray!

- Michele LaMothe

We could not continue this blessed work without you. THANK YOU!

- Fran Lizzo Salvi

Thank you for unending energy and compassion for those entrusted to your care. For the grace to know when to provide assistance, and when to allow for independence. For nurturing as you would your own family members. Thanks for your high fives and hugs, and now COVID-19 care. YOU are Angels on Earth.

- Michelle Laughlin

Much Gratitude to the Misericordia Staff who are True Heroes to the Residents and Families at Misericordia! You are always Hardworking, Compassionate, Clever and Innovative. God Bless You All.

- Carol Neal Whiting

To all our devoted and hard-working Misericordia staff. Many thanks for all you do! Best to all.

- Carla Grossmann

There is no staff like Mis staff. I have had the good fortune of knowing many of the staff since 1986. I have witnessed marriages, newborns, family losses, and the extraordinary attention and love that each gives to our precious residents. All are very special and near to my heart. Thank you.

- Mary Garrison

I love going to Misericordia for many reasons but the main one is the happiness I feel when I am there. The staff and volunteers emit joy and love. It's simply a magical place.

- Felice Madda

Thank you for the peace of mind you give Misericordia families. Because of you, they know their loved ones are being taken care of in the most loving and caring way.

- Marilyn Hagnell

To the Misericordia Bakery Staff and Employment Specialists: Thank you for teaching the Misericordia residents critical job skills. The Glenview area community can enjoy both the residents' candor and the delicious, homemade products produced on the Misericordia campus.

- Patty Baackelandt

To the dedicated staff of the Misericordia Sweet Shoppe: We extend our deepest gratitude to all of you for your efforts to safely operate during the pandemic. The Sweet Shoppe remains a happy and joyful reflection of the Misericordia spirit during these challenging times. Thank you for providing our community with an opportunity to experience Misericordia while we are unable to freely visit campus due to COVID-19 restrictions.

- The Santacrose Family

A Round of Applause

FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S BOARD TO MISERICORDIA'S RESIDENTS

The Shannon Apartment guys on the third floor were deemed a "cohort," which meant that they spent all their time together during the pandemic. They had a happy hour every Friday and Saturday night which included chips and salsa, pretzels, and pizza rolls. They watched games and TV shows for entertainment. This drew them together as close friends and gave them something to look forward to on the weekends!

- Holly Jennings

Our residents have amazed us with their strength and courage during such a difficult time in dealing with the pandemic this past year and a half. Our son, Keith, could not ask questions, but he knew things were different. After an extended visit at home, Keith returned to Misericordia and within a few days he adjusted back to life at Misericordia with the help of the caring staff and his peers who warmly welcomed him back.

- Jackie Kissane

Dear Misericordia Residents:

Thank you for all of the gifts that you have brought into our lives including: Sunshine, Music, Devotion, Art, Imagination, Peace, Connections, Dance, Love and Kindness. With much love & prayers,

- Liz Johnson

We want to thank all the residents who worked so hard with their Staff to handle the COVID-19 crisis. Your good work made MISERICORDIA a safer and happier home for everyone. Thank you.

- Bernadette Boyle

Dear Each and Every Misericordia Resident:

Throughout this upside-down time, you have all shown us how to live full and happy lives. Our masks may cover our nose and mouth, but the sparkle in your eyes continues to light up our community campus. Thank you for giving us the strength and inspiration to laugh and love. We look forward to the days when we can dance together again.

- The Sheridan Family

Over the last eighteen months, Misericordia residents and staff have shown unprecedented resiliency to meet the challenges and demands of COVID-19. At the onset of the pandemic, we brought our daughter, Kate, home. After a seven-month hiatus, Kate returned to Misericordia where health protocols were judiciously put in place, and a "new normal" (wearing masks, cohort work/activity schedules, weekly COVID testing) had been established. Amazingly, Kate did not miss a beat. Due to the unwavering commitment and dedication of the Misericordia staff, Kate resumed her wonderful life at the Rice Home.

-The Donovan Family

A standing ovation to the dear Misericordia residents who continue to inspire us with your resiliency, optimism, hope and living each day to its fullest, despite extraordinarily difficult times.

- Susan Baker

My son, Jack, and his housemates at the Hulseman-Murphy House don't let the limitations placed upon them by the COVID pandemic get them down! They go for drives along the lakefront, outdoor picnics and drive-by visits to other Misericordia homes. The guys look forward to the Sunday afternoon Zoom calls with all the families that we started when home visits were limited. While we can't wait for life to get back to normal at Misericordia, Jack and his housemates are happy and healthy!

- Lisa Masucci

Dear Residents of Misericordia: As a member of the Women's Board, I have so enjoyed the events at your home to hear you sing, to watch you diligently work, and to see all the wonderful artwork on the walls. I have missed not being able to go into your home to see you. I'm certain during the difficult year of COVID, you have continued your good work! Hope to see you soon!

- Diane O'Brien

Precious. Creative. Talented. Gracious. United. Such are our residents - a source of our strength during unprecedented times.

- Pegi Chapman



Founder's Award Presentation to the McGuire Family

In Memory of Mrs. Frances McCormick McGuire
Women's Board Founder, 1921

From Misericordia's beginning, it was apparent that the services being offered would greatly exceed the budget provided by the Catholic Charities Agency. Consequently, the Sisters of Mercy began seeking the support of volunteers throughout the city. Dr. Walter McGuire was appointed Misericordia's first Chief of Staff and Chief Obstetrician in 1921. His wife, Frances McCormick McGuire, recognized the unmet need of volunteer support and accepted the Sisters' challenge. Soon, a Women's Board dedicated to raising funds was born.



Frances McCormick McGuire's vision established a foundation of volunteerism and community support which exists to this day. Under her leadership as the first President of the Women's Board, Misericordia welcomed countless new friends. This has continued through the decades.



Throughout Misericordia's 100 year history, the members of the McGuire family have continued this tradition of supporting those in need. Frances' seven children, John, Mary Elizabeth, Frances, Josephine, Julia, Patricia, and Walter, and her many grandchildren and now great-grandchildren share in her legacy.



On behalf of Sister Rosemary, Lois Gates, the Misericordia Executive Team and Misericordia Women's Board, we would like to pay tribute to the memory of Frances McCormick McGuire and honor the McGuire Family with the Founder's Award.



Awards Presented by the Misericordia Women's Board at the Heart of Mercy Ball

Starting in 1983, the Misericordia Women's Board has chosen a recipient for the Heart of Mercy Award every year. The award honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Misericordia.

In 1990, the Women's Board added the Sister Rosemary Connelly Service Medallion. The award honors volunteers who have made significant contributions to our children and adults at Misericordia.

In 2014, the Women's Board introduced the Pillars of the Community Award to honor a company or foundation for extraordinary support of the mission of Misericordia.

Heart of Mercy Award Recipients

1983	Robert E. Walsh
1984	Brian O. Shannon
1985	Patrick E. Mahoney
1986	Mike Ditka
1987	Rich J. O'Heir
1988	Ron Miniati
1989	Sister Rosemary Connelly, RSM
1990	Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
1991	Raymond F. Simon
1992	Joe Madden
1993	Daniel Houlihan
1994	Marijean Shea
1995	Frank Stone
1996	Thomas H. Quinn
1997	Thomas O'Brien
1998	R. Matthew Simon
1999	Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway, D.D.
2000	Kim & Rob Figliulo
2001	Joseph J. Ptacin
2002	Robert S. Morrison
2003	Patty & Dan Walsh
2004	Mary Dempsey & Phil Corboy
2005	Sheila & Bob Hulseman
2006	Dr. Sydney & Binnie Choslovsky
2007	Mary & William Ryan
2008	Madeline & Michael Hughes
2009	Catherine & John Peterman
2010	Jeanne M. & John W. Rowe
2011	The Sue & Brian Shannon Family
2012	Sue & Gregg Hartemayer
2013	Maureen & Gerald Corcoran
2014	Bernadette & Edmund Boyle
2015	Vita & Thomas Donovan
2016	Cheri & Jim Rafferty
2017	Suzanne & David J. Moore
2018	Andy Gloor
2019	Carolyn Noonan Parmer
2020	Misericordia Staff

Sister Rosemary Connelly Service Medallion Recipients

1990	Dennis J. Gates, M.D.	
1991	Pauline Berger Greco	
1992	Jerry Gleason	
1993	Madeleine Ptacin	
1994	John E. Resch	
1995	Judy Herbstritt	
1996	Robert B. Connolly	Betty A. Flynn
	Lois Catinella-Gates	Sister Mary Lou Hogan
	Sister Catherine McGee	Robert T. Noga
1997	Raymond Knoll	
1998	Pat Martin	Kay Murtha
	Janet O'Driscoll	Kathy Ritter
1999	Carol and Philip Whiting	
2000	Bill Norkett	
2001	Bill Gainer	
2002	John L. Dyer	
2003	John Lynch, D.D.S.	
2004	Connie & Bob Soudan	
2005	Susan & Gary Garrabrant	
2006	Michael McDonagh	
	Donna Polo	
2007	Madge & Robert Erlenbaugh	
2008	Marge Murphy	
	Mary Pat O'Brien	
2009	Hugh & Carrie Connolly	
2010	Anne M. & Edward M. Burke	
2011	Reverend Monsignor Michael M. Boland	
2012	Misericordia Bums Committee	
2013	Bill Choslovsky	
	Scott Mendel	
2014	Peggy & Bob Bourke	
2015	Mary Beth & Lou Manfredini	
2016	Peg & Steve Lombardo	
2017	Paula Conrad	
2018	Colleen & Jay Doherty	
2019	The Tom and Ann Higgins Family	



Pillars of the Community Award Recipients

2014	Walsh Construction
2015	S&C Electric Company
2016	AT&T
2017	Chicago Laborers' District Council - Charles LoVerde III & James Connolly
2018	Com Ed. - Anne Pramaggiore
2019	The Lock Up Self Storage



Heart of Mercy Award



ROBERT WALSH
1983



BRIAN SHANNON
1984



PATRICK MAHONEY
1985



MICHAEL DITKA
1986



RICH O'HEIR
1987



RONALD M. MINIATI
1988



SR. ROSEMARY
CONNELLY, RSM 1989



JOSEPH CARDINAL
BERNARDIN 1990



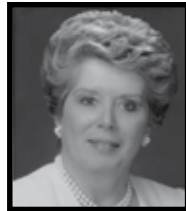
RAYMOND F. SIMON
1991



JOSEPH MADDEN
1992



DAN HOULIHAN
1993



MARIJEAN SHEA
1994



FRANK STONE
1995



THOMAS QUINN
1996



THOMAS O'BRIEN
1997



R. MATTHEW SIMON
1998



BISHOP EDWIN M.
CONWAY 1999



KIM & ROBERT
FIGLIUOLO 2000



JOSEPH PTACIN
2001



ROBERT MORRISON
2002



PATRICIA & DANIEL
WALSH 2003



MARY A. DEMPSEY &
PHILIP H. CORBOY 2004



SHEILA & ROBERT
HULSEMAN 2005



BINNIE & DR. SYDNEY
CHOSLOVSKY 2006



MARY & WILLIAM
RYAN 2007



MADELINE & MICHAEL
HUGHES 2008



CATHERINE & JOHN
PETERMAN 2009



JOHN & JEANNE
ROWE 2010



BRIAN & SUE SHANNON FAMILY
2011



GREGG & SUE
HARTEMAYER 2012



GERALD & MAUREEN
CORCORAN 2013



BERNADETTE &
EDMUND BOYLE 2014



THOMAS & VITA
DONOVAN 2015



JIM & CHERI
RAFFERTY 2016



DAVID J. & SUE
MOORE 2017



ANDY GLOOR
2018



CAROLYN NOONAN
2019



MISERICORDIA STAFF –
MARY PAT O'BRIEN 2020

Sister Rosemary Connelly Service Medallion



DENNIS GATES, MD
1990



PAULINE GRECO
1991



GERALD GLEASON
1992



MADELEINE PTACIN
1993



JOHN RESCH
1994



JUDY HERBSTTRITT
1995



SR. MARY LOU
HOGAN, RSM 1996



BETTY FLYNN
1996



ROBERT NOGA
1996



ROBERT CONNOLLY
1996



SR. CATHERINE
MCGEE, RSM 1996



LOIS CATINELLA
GATES 1996



RAYMOND KNOLL
1997



KAY M. MURTHA, PATRICIA MARTIN,
KATHLEEN RITTER, JANET O'DRISCOLL 1998



CAROL & PHILIP
WHITING 1999



BILL NORKETT
2000



BILL GAINER
2001



JOHN L. DYER
2002



JOHN LYNCH
2003



CONNIE & ROBERT
SUDAN 2004



SUE & GARY
GARRABRANT 2005



MICHAEL
MCDONAGH 2006



DONNA POLO
2006



MADGE & BOB
ERLENGAUGH 2007



MARGE MURPHY
2008



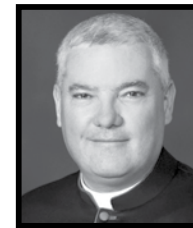
MARY PAT O'BRIEN
2008



CARRIE & HUGH
CONNOLLY 2009



ALD. EDWARD &
JUST. ANNE BURKE 2010



MONSIGNOR MICHAEL
BOLAND 2011



WILLIAM
CHOSLOVSKY 2013



SCOTT MENDEL
2013



PEGGY & BOB
BOURKE 2014



LOU & MARY BETH
MANFREDINI 2015



STEVE & PEG
LOMBARDO 2016



PAULA CONRAD
2017



COLLEEN AND JAY
DOHERTY 2018



THE TOM AND ANN HIGGINS
FAMILY 2019



TOM ARUNDEL

MISERICORDIA
BUMS COMMITTEE
2012



MICHAEL BURTON



PETE CASTELLARIN



ROB FIGLIULO



TIM GALLAGHER



BILL KINGORE



TERRY LAVIN



RON MINIAT



PAT MULCHRONE



BILL NAPLETON



PAUL NAPLETON



JOE OFFERMAN



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MIKE SCHMIDT



JOHN SCULLY



PAT SCULLY



FRANK STONE

Pillars of the Community Award



WALSH CONSTRUCTION
DAN & MATT WALSH 2014



S&C ELECTRIC COMPANY
JOHN ESTEY 2015



AT&T
RICK ERICKSON 2016



CHICAGO LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL
CHUCK LOVERDE & JIM CONNOLLY 2017



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ANNE PRAMAGGIORE 2018



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*Congratulations to Sr. Rosemary and the
Staff and Residents of Misericordia!*

THE FAMILY OF TRICIA MCGEE

In appreciation of the Misericordia Staff and Lois Gates

Gold Sponsor

“YOUR FRIENDS AT GOLDMAN SACHS”

*In honor of Sister Rosemary, Fr. Jack, Lois Gates,
Mary Pat O'Brien, Kevin Connelly, and The Walsh Family
for their decades of service to Misericordia, and, i
n honor of the residents, who continue to inspire us daily
by overcoming the challenges they face with grace,
courage and unconditional love.*

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Congratulations Lois!

50 YEARS OF COMPASSION, LOVE AND COMMITMENT TO MISERICORDIA

The Misericordia of today would not exist without the hard work and dedication of Lois Gates. Words cannot express our gratitude. Her passion for the quality of life for each and every resident at Misericordia is unsurpassed.

Sister Rosemary: "It seems impossible that a 49-year old woman can be celebrating such an anniversary, but Misericordia is a place of dreams and miracles, and Lois has certainly been a dream and miracle to all."

Lois Gates: It has been an honor and a privilege to walk the Misericordia journey with Sister Rosemary for the past 50 years. I am in awe of Sister Rosemary's unwavering faith in God and in others. Sister Rosemary truly is a role model and an inspiration to all who care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities."

Misericordia Women's Board: All of us on the Women's Board are so grateful to have Lois "walking the Misericordia journey" with us, as our mentor and friend. Lois is truly amazing.

Thank you Lois!
and Happy Anniversary





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Accomplishments & Looking Ahead...

The **Madden Home**, our fourteenth Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA), will welcome six women in Evanston in 2022.

Construction is almost complete for our new **Hearts and Flour Drive-Thru Bakery and Café**. This bakery and café will create more work opportunities for our residents. We hope to open in the Fall of 2021 pending COVID.

Development has begun on the **3.5 acre property behind our Thome entrance**. This property will allow us to reduce the population in the Marian Residence and reach out to more families on our wait list.



The Madden Home

News on Future Plans at Misericordia

Hearts & Flour Bakery and Café

Construction is almost complete for our **Hearts and Flour Bakery and Café**. This new business is just two blocks south of Misericordia's main entrance.

The three story building features a café, baked goods shop, drive-thru and ample space for additional programming and job training for our residents. With its entrance right on Ravenswood Avenue, the bakery will be a welcoming destination for commuters and neighbors alike.



For more information on how you can help with these important projects please contact the Misericordia Development office at 773-273-4160



Thome Avenue Residential construction project

To reach out to families on our extensive waiting list, we are looking forward to starting construction soon to build new homes on three and a half acres of land directly south of our campus on Thome Avenue.



*The Women's Board is grateful for your
participation in the
Heart of Mercy Virtual Ball
and keeping your hearts inclined to the
mission of Misericordia.*

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Although our program book has been put together carefully, there is the possibility that an unintentional omission or error exists. The information presented is current as of September 29, 2021. All who have volunteered and donated are extremely important and we regret if we have missed someone.

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In Celebration Of Misericordia's 100 Years

Dear Friends of Misericordia Women's Board,

We are delighted to join together virtually, in support of the 2021 Heart of Mercy Ball.

We Celebrate - in spite of the unexpected challenges in these uncertain times.

Misericordia is a joyful and holy place, where over the past 100 years, amazing and selfless members of the Women's Board have given their time, talents and energy to support the health and happiness of all of the residents. Our hearts are full when we witness their joy and remarkable resilience as they navigate the many changes in their lives. And, we are not alone in our joy. There are so many good and generous people who help to Keep Misericordia Strong. Thank you!

Tonight, we honor our dear Sister Rosemary, who has devoted her life to Misericordia and to the service of others. Sister's love and compassion are the golden light that shines from her heart on all whose with whom she comes in contact. Thank you, Sister Rosemary, for your kindness, goodness and compassion, which help to uplift and sustain us. You are a blessing in our lives.

We celebrate the 50 years of service of the lovely Lois Gates, who contributes her heart and her many talents to Misericordia. We thank her for all she that she accomplishes through her creativity, boundless energy and her sincere dedication to helping others.

We are grateful to Father Jack Clair, the dedicated Executive Team and the devoted Staff at Misericordia, who are so generous and thoughtful to all. Their support helps to guide and sustain us in all of our projects and programs.

The hearts and hands of our Board Members serve as the angels of support who help to uplift and sustain the voice and vision of Misericordia and the Women's Board. We pause to recognize those who have served or are presently serving on the Women's Board – as President, Executive Board Members, Ball Chairs, Committee Members and all others. Their tireless work has helped immeasurably to provide fundraising and resources for Misericordia.

We are especially grateful to all those who join us in giving generously, sharing abundantly and celebrating joyfully in accomplishing God's work at Misericordia.

In His name we pray, AMEN!

Mary Kay Kickels, Ed.D
Women's Board Member

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