

Maryvale voices

Words of wisdom
from our children,
past & present

"I want to have
a happily ever
after.

I worry about
everything."

~ Joanna, age 13



"I dream

I will be
successful and
inspire people."

~ Carli, age 14

Some kind of wonderful

This issue of Careline is dedicated to you.

Thanks to your support and ongoing kindness, Maryvale's children are vocalizing their dreams and hopes for the future.

This is no easy feat. Our girls and boys come to us with complex pasts that could easily shatter their futures, but because of you, they can envision something extraordinary.

Their dreams are becoming their new reality, and your support is the defining difference.

"I've
learned
it's OK
to cry."

~Zack,
age 10



core
values

respect

compassionate
service



simplicity

inventiveness
to infinity

advocacy for
the poor

Because of you...



STEVE GUNTHER
President & CEO

Their journey might have begun in sadness, but thanks to the generosity of you our supporters, the lives of Maryvale's children are brightened and transformed more than you could ever imagine.

Many of you may never realize the impact of your heartfelt assistance, but we have witnessed first-hand how lives are transformed because someone cared.

You can get a glimpse by reading "Maryvale Voices," a collection of our children's journeys, in their own words in this issue and on our website: maryvale.org/voices.

Take a moment to consider the courage, strength and confidence of these children who now see a world of possibilities because of your help.

Know that every donation, every volunteer hour, every word of encouragement you give to our children helps change and empower their lives.

Thank you for honoring Maryvale and our children through your generous support.

Sincerely,

Steve Gunther

A graduate's insight

Sonora shares her journey – from a self-doubting, frightened teenager into the courageous, inquisitive young woman she is today.

"Thank you to my staff and social worker at Maryvale, for standing by my side, helping me evolve into a better adult.

Even when I felt like I had nothing left, wanted to give up, the staff has always been on my team.

Through the rough times, you guided me with resources and care to help prepare me for the real world.

My main objective in life is to help people who are struggling and are homeless. I used to have fears that I was going to be homeless ... but I've practiced patience and learned to make it through obstacles and to strive hard for an independent life.

My time at Maryvale has helped me to continue going forward, not to turn around and go around in circles. I've learned to always try and try again even if you fail!"

"Maryvale's supportive services helped me become better than I was before. Now I know I can do anything I set my mind to so I can become a successful adult."

~ Sonora



Lillian
Age 98

Recalls her youth at Maryvale



"I remember when..."

Sr. Mary's fingers, all curled up from arthritis, sewed dresses for every girl.

Each little girl would have a fancy organdy dress for Easter too."

Jackie Brooks

Los Angeles
Orphanage Guild

"I took the kids bowling and Lucas looked me in the eye, and said:

'When I am older I am going to get a job, buy a house, get a car, and give Maryvale \$1,000.'

It really touched me. He's only 10 years old."



Compassion with ACTION

2018 Restoring Hope Golf Classic

It was compassion with action demonstrated on the course at Maryvale's 5th annual golf classic in April! Sending a heartfelt thank you to YOU – our sponsors, golfers, supporters and volunteers for making it an extra special day! All paintings were made with love by Maryvale children.



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Golf Committee Chair Tom Grace pictured with Gold Sponsors: Lucas Horsfall Murphy & Pindroh, Mutual of America, Frazier Aviation, Harrington Group and Cass & Johansing. Not pictured: Christopher Nee, Wells Fargo.



Honorees Bette & Roger Baer, right, stand with a few of the day's tourney award winners.



Despite a broken childhood, Idalia developed confidence at Maryvale and went on to obtain her master's degree from Loyola Marymount University.

"I learned to never, ever give up. The Sisters taught me to always have faith in God and myself."

~Idalia, Restoring Hope Golf Classic keynote speaker and former Maryvale resident

The Difference Makers: The Ladies of Los Angeles Orphanage Guild



"We are grateful to you because receiving isn't easy for us. In the past it meant having to give something in return. Thank you for these gifts from your hearts."

*Monse, age 18
(with Guild Member Melinda Woodruff)*

Mort Court: more than basketball

We are thankful for the hope and words of encouragement special guests Paul and Diane shared with our children during the Mort Court dedication ceremony for the beautiful basketball court!

First bumps of support aplenty were shared while Paul encouraged the boys.

“In life as on the court I know that making the winning shot isn’t easy, but I know you will triumph.”

~ Paul



TGI Gina!



Gina Maese sees every day as a new opportunity to spread joy and happiness. For the past four years, she has been doing just that, welcoming Maryvale’s teen girls who are celebrating their birthdays.

Maese, General Manager of TGI Fridays in Rosemead, takes special care of them and takes great pleasure as they enjoy their special evening.

Maese has been a charitable force in Rosemead for many years, and is clearly beloved by her TGIF team, which she refers to as her “family.”

One thing a career in the hospitality industry has taught her is that a single word or gesture can brighten someone’s day.

“Be the reason someone smiles,” Maese says. “Don’t wait for the right moment to start ... start and make every moment right.”

Maese spent time as a child in the foster care system, and that experience helped her develop a special affinity for others.

“Be the reason someone smiles.”

~ Gina Maese

“At first, I was not sure what I was doing to help my 13-year-old child. Then I came to Maryvale and I became a better mother.”

~ Community-Based Services’ parent

Capitol Gains

Maryvale’s Early Education VP Christina Moore advocates for early education funding and services during the recent Stand for Children Day in Sacramento. Child360, an early education nonprofit organization in Los Angeles, chose Christina to attend on behalf of preschool services in Los Angeles. Maryvale’s Early Education serves 300 children at its Rosemead and Duarte campuses.



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OUR MISSION

Maryvale’s Mission, inspired by the compassionate service of our Vincentian Founders, faithful to Catholic Social Teaching rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the charism of the Daughters of Charity, is to heal, empower and educate children and families to instill hope for a more fulfilling future. We do this by providing residential, educational, mental health and community-based services in an environment of dignity, love and respect.