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Fostering Hope, Empowerment and Education for Maryvale's Children and Families







In November 2017, 14 year-old Cindy entered through Maryvale's doors.

She was primarily raised by her father, who was unable to care for her because of her aggressive behavior.

Cindy's first few months were difficult as she struggled with boundaries and redirection. She was often involved in conflicts, escalating to incidents with other girls in the residential program.

On many occasions, she was also abusive toward staff.

At school, she was suspended several times due to disruptive behavior or failing to follow rules.

Working with Maryvale's caring staff, Cindy learned to become self-aware and was able to verbalize the need to make a change within herself. She worked hard at school and as a result, she was invited to attend the eighth grade field trip to Knott's Berry Farm.

Renewed confidence and awareness empowered her to accomplish things not possible before coming to Maryvale. She became a peer mentor, joining the Youth Council – a group of girls providing feedback to enhance the residential program. She continued to dedicate herself to school and became involved in the drama group.

As Cindy matured, incidents scaled down. She was able to self-reflect, thoughtful as to when she was wrong and where she needed to mend relationships. Because of her progress during her 11-month stay at Maryvale, Cindy was able to leave and go to a loving foster home.

Core Values

Respect

Compassionate Service



Simplicity

Inventiveness to Infinity

Advocacy for the Poor

A ministry founded in 1856 by the Daughters of Charity

The Only Constant is Change



We have seen a lot of change since we opened our campus in Rosemead 65 years ago. New programs, expanded services, and the many children who called this place home. They changed too, often leaving Maryvale with new hope for a better future.

It isn't easy. The children and youth we serve struggle with trauma, mental illness and substance abuse. They have been exposed to domestic violence, and been neglected and abused in heartbreaking ways. We help them heal and make healthy choices so that the next change – life after Maryvale – is successful.

As an organization, we have learned to remain flexible so we can respond quickly to the changing needs of the community. In the last few years, we have added an emergency shelter for young children, a chemical dependency program for teenage girls, screening and treatment for girls who have been commercially sexually exploited, community services for at-risk children and their families, an art therapy room and basketball halfcourt play area.

No one has seen more change at Maryvale than Mary Urbina. She shares her view, looking back over almost 35 years as a counselor in our residential treatment program.

One thing none of us have ever seen before is the level of work now underway to repair and replace worn sewer lines throughout the campus. It is not as exciting as a new building or program, but it is absolutely necessary. This multi-year project will be costly and disruptive and will require an even higher degree of flexibility to ensure the least amount of upset to our residents, our programs and our operations. We did not expect this, but we will adapt to this latest challenge as we always have – focused on our mission, dedicated to the children and families we serve, and grateful for the donors who make all the good changes (even sewer repairs!) possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Steve Gunther, MSW President and CEO

HOPE is eternal

At Maryvale, we are grateful for every gift received from our generous donors. It allows us to offer services that empower our children and families to reach their full potential.

One of the ways to support Maryvale is by making a planned gift. The rewards are many. Along with guaranteeing security for yourself and your loved ones, you can reap significant financial and tax benefits while supporting Maryvale's children beyond your lifetime.

Honoring St. Louise de Marillac

In 1633, in her own home, Louise de Marillac began to train young women to respond to

the needs of the poor and to gain support from their life together. She was a remarkable woman. She was a wife, a mother, a teacher, a mentor, a social worker, a pharmacist, a nurse and the foundress of the Daughters of Charity!

Today, the Daughters of Charity is made up of more than 19,000 Catholic women who minister worldwide to the sick and the poor. The Daughters touch those in need through education, health care, social and pastoral services, always with an eye to the future.

Eternally grateful to St. Louise, Maryvale has established the St. Louise de Marillac Society, honoring her and those who have joined her in this legacy to help those in need.

If you wish to learn about some useful charitable giving techniques that can help you fulfill your long-term philanthropic and financial goals, please contact Carole Tremblay, Chief Development Officer at 626.537.3364 or ctremblay@maryvale.org.



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Floating with MAGINATION

This summer, thanks to one incredibly generous donor, our children had a fun-tastic time.

Just like any other, our children always look forward to summer. Warm weather, more daylight and no homework. This summer, thanks to our supporters who ensured our children had a fun-tastic time, there was no shortage of pool noodles at Maryvale.

With the abundance of these colorful, floating Lincoln Logs, the question became what do we do with so many of them? Our boys can build anything. So we challenged them to build a raft. Armed with t-shirt yarn and 10 pool noodles, they went to work.

At first, there was a bit of confusion. But that quickly

turned to confidence with training, planning, creativity and experimentation. Some built standard rafts, another built one that looked like a tent.

The moment of truth arrived. Will the raft float or hold up to repeated cannonballs? Yes! The days of summer are long and pool outings are plenty. With some minor reinforcements, the rafts were used all summer long.

To the boys, this was about cooling off and swimming. And while it certainly was, they had no clue they were also getting hands-on lessons about physics, geometry and using their imagination.



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Flexible, adaptable, thrives through change – characteristics that describe one of Maryvale's most energetic staff members. As a 35-year employee, Mary Urbina, Resident Counselor, reflects on the many changes she has experienced during her career at Maryvale.

"Back then, the kids needed a home. Now, they need treatment."

Today, Mary still delivers smiles, but admits that building relationships with the children in her care proves to be more difficult. She is quick to add that the Maryvale staff is responsive. "We will weather through the change."

Mary's advice to new employees? Stay determined. You are making a difference even though sometimes it doesn't feel that way.

Being a life-long influence is her hallmark. She grins from ear to ear talking about former residents who are now engineers, nurses, teachers, therapists, airline attendants and one who owns an art gallery. Some of her former residents, now in their 40s, still invite her to birthday parties and weddings.

Drawing on her knowledge, passion and on-going trainings, Mary plans to prepare our children for life beyond the gates of Maryvale.

So after three and half decades, what keeps her going? "Making a difference in these girls' lives...hearing back from former residents."





6th Annual RESTORING HOPE GOLF CLASSIC

SAN GABRIEL COUNTRY CLUB

The Restoring Hope Golf Classic has a new look and feel!

Now at the historic San Gabriel Country Club, avid golfers are guaranteed to have an exciting, purposeful experience.

This year, we honor Mike Amerio of Lucas Horsfall and member of Maryvale's Board of Directors.

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Los Angeles Orphanage Guild Juniors Host a "Wild" Event

The Los Angeles Orphanage Guild Juniors hosted a slithery show & tell for Maryvale residents. The group brought various wildlife to touch, and for the brave, even hold.

Maryvale's Chief Development Officer, Carole Tremblay and Junior members Patty Cruikshank, Pam Somermeier, Susan Frazier, Betty Baer and Mary Borowy were, shall we say, all smiles, as they got up-close to a Yellow Python.

KidÇents

The next time you buy something at Rite-Aid, round up for Maryvale.

Why? Because we are a part of the retail chain's KidCents program. A program aimed to improve childrens' health and wellbeing through point-ofsale donations. KidCents allows customers and Rite-Aid's wellness+ members to round up purchases to the nearest dollar and donate the extra change.

Football is here and the cold season is fast approaching.

If you're at Rite-Aid to get snacks for your tailgate party or remedies for your cold, don't forget to round up for Maryvale!



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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 communitybased services in an environment of dignity, love and respect.