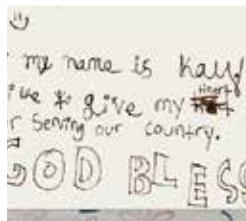
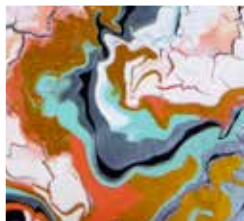


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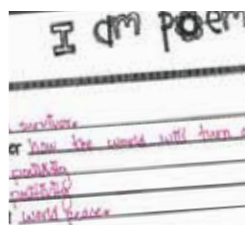
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Art

IS TRANSFORMING

LIVES

Stories from the Maryvale community



Kids in the Spotlight

For five years, Maryvale has participated in the Kids in the Spotlight (KITS) filmmaking program. The 15-week program empowers foster children to grow through storytelling while learning all aspects of filmmaking where they collectively write scripts, cast, act, edit and work in production.

This year, one of the films our Maryvale girls created was a stark look at human trafficking and the devastation it causes to the child and the family.

“Trapped Within” was written by four of our residents, two of whom are survivors of sex trafficking.

The script’s focus and raw truth were powerfully evident because the two writers had lived and survived its reality and had the courage to share their experiences. Their short film received the Jordan Award for Best Picture at this year’s KITS 8th Annual Movies by Kids Film Festival.

All of the films can be purchased through the KITS website: <http://kitsinc.org/films>.



core values

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compassionate service



simplicity

inventiveness to infinity

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When art helps heal the past, anything is possible



STEVE GUNTHER
President & CEO

Maryvale has become a home to budding artists and a creative movement where art is therapy and therapy is art. In this issue, we are proud to share some of the projects and behind-the-scenes moments that inspire healing and growth every day.

By incorporating art into our programs, Maryvale's children are learning to channel their feelings by calling upon the creative tools of painting, filmmaking, music, photography and poetry, to name a few. As you read through, I know you will appreciate the curative power of creativity.

This transformative work has been achieved through the kindness of many who contribute so much to our children. These include Maryvale's activities team, art therapists, volunteers who share so generously of their time and talent, supporters who help fund everything from paint brushes and canvases, and an amazing donor who made our dream of a new art studio a reality.

There is much laughter, collaboration, communication, and yes, moments of frustration, that take place during art therapy projects. The result, however, is a group of children and youth who have learned to work in community while creating something they can be proud of, something that can be used as a coping tool in their day-to-day life, while offering hope for a brighter future.

May you be touched by their creativity as much as we have been!

The Art of Maryvale

For more in-depth stories, see maryvale.org/fostering-hope



Art therapists help children heal through collaborative projects such as a loom, empowering kids to give a voice to their emotions and fears through creativity.



Thanks to an amazing donor, our children now have a special art studio, where they can create whatever their imaginations present.



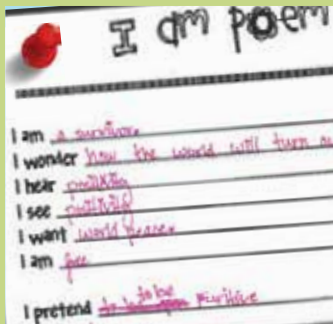
Maryvale's boys were particularly enthusiastic when they built thundersticks, which allowed them to create a coping tool with their own perfect soothing sounds.



Sr. Trang's Choir fulfilled a child's request for music to help with her depression. Children were asked to identify songs that spoke to them and all were encouraged to join in.



Thanks to a photography mentor, our children can view life through a contrasting lens and ultimately learn to understand and appreciate themselves and each other.



Residents worked with Maryvale's Chemical Dependency Program and penned powerful and heartfelt "I Am Poems" about their challenges and triumphs.



In preparation for Maryvale's 1st Day of the Dead event, both children and staff created altars in the memory of their loved ones.



Maryvale's boys and girls wrote and drew loving cards of hope and gratitude to comfort and uplift U.S. troops far from home during the holiday season.



Thank you to all of our superheroes (too many to name!) who live by the example of St. Teresa.

Your heart, kindness, and commitment to our mission continues to help heal, empower and educate Maryvale's children and families.

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LOVE
everywhere
you go.

Let no one ever
come to you
without leaving
happier.

~ Saint Teresa



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Inspirationally Yours

A recent visit by a Maryvale alum from 1959 provided inspiration to our residents when she shared some of the transitions in her life. Jacki was a 14-year-old who was struggling emotionally as a result of difficult family circumstances. "Maryvale taught me to be accountable, and that was a good and loving thing. Maryvale is home to me. When I get in bad places mentally, I go home."

She stressed that circumstances "don't make you." "You can be a victim, or you can choose to survive," she said. "There is life on the other side, and you can get there. I did."

During her visit, Jacki jots down inspirational notes to residents, at right. She continues to send letters to residents from afar, and encourages them to write back.



Life Through Art

"Art helps get my feelings out when words fail," said former Maryvale resident Glorianna during a KPCC interview about her artwork. "I'm not gonna lie, it is really, really sad and I cried when I made it (a comic strip about the loss of her mother) because there's gonna be those days when everything is sad and people cry and that's OK," she shared. "When you draw something sad or to explain the way you are feeling, even if it's just colors on paper, sometimes you gotta use fingerpaints, sometimes you gotta splatter it everywhere. Sometimes you gotta rip up paper and then make something out of it on canvas."

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Saturday, April 28, 2018

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Capitol Records Hollywood recording studio

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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.