



"IF YOU CAN'T FEED A HUNDRED PEOPLE, THEN JUST FEED ONE."

MOTHER TERESA

Purpose, understanding and faith were at the heart of two college scholarships created this year by supporters for Maryvale's high school graduates.

Championing higher education and career training, the scholarships were funded by a former Maryvale resident and the Los Angeles Orphanage Guild Juniors.

The Riggio-Babin Scholarship

Forty-seven years ago, Virginia Riggio stepped onto Maryvale's campus to begin an unknown chapter in her young life. She was a child whose family was in crisis and who needed the help only Maryvale could provide. In 2016, Riggio-Babin honored her childhood experience by establishing an annual scholarship fund to support post-high school education and career training of Maryvale residents and alumnae.

Much like the opportunities that Maryvale gave Riggio-Babin in the late 1960s, she hopes the scholarship will positively change the trajectory of the young women's lives through encouraging and supporting higher education.

Jessica, this year's recipient of the \$1,000 scholarship will attend Pasadena City College, where she plans to major in digital media and minor in psychology.

The Los Angeles Orphanage Guild Juniors Scholarship

In 1951, Maryvale benefactress Carrie Estelle Doheny founded the Los Angeles Orphanage Guild (LAOG) with the mission of raising money to support the children and programs of Maryvale.

To this day, the women of the LAOG are continuing Doheny's vision.

This year, the Orphanage Guild Juniors was excited to launch a \$500 scholarship award for each of the three 2016 graduates, designated for books and school supplies.

See page 4 for more information on the Los Angeles Orphanage Guild.

"Thanks to annual donations from a variety of organizations, including the LAOG, the Soroptimists of the Greater Santa Clarita Valley, Postscripts and the Julian & Eileen Carr Charitable Trust, we have been able to expand our horizons," said Bette Baer, Los Angeles Orphanage Guild Juniors President. "We are hopeful that these funds will make it a bit easier and encourage the girls to move forward with their education."

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FAREWELL,
SR. MARTHA

AFTER 7 YEARS, NEW MISSION AWAITS

FOSTERING
HOPE

MARYVALE LAUNCHES NEW BLOG
www.maryvale.org/fostering-hope

THE JOURNEY

Wraparound Services client nominated for award

Daniel's remarkable journey has been marked with tragedy.

At age 9, Daniel and his brother were removed from their parents' home due to neglect. Though the grandmother has cared for the brothers for the past three years, a severe language barrier made the transition difficult. The loss of his parents and the uncomfortable surroundings compounded Daniel's sadness, which escalated into severe depression and suicidal thoughts.

Daniel was angry and bitter.

In 2015, Maryvale's Wraparound Services team provided Daniel with a

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A GRATEFUL CELEBRATION

STEVE GUNTHER
PRESIDENT & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I read through this issue of Careline, I am reminded of the tremendous collective heart that is our community.



Fueled by warmth, compassion and commitment, we are so fortunate to have the Los Angeles Orphanage Guild ("Seniors" and "Juniors"), donors, volunteers, over 200 Maryvale team members, special friends and the Daughters of Charity, including Sr. Martha Garcia, who advocate for our children.

Each and every one of you brings a unique talent and vision to Maryvale that makes our work not only feasible but transformative.

As we bid farewell to Sr. Martha with gratitude for seven years of remarkable heartfelt work, we welcome Sr. Alicia Martin, who will continue to support us in living Maryvale's Mission and Core Values.

Today we celebrate with appreciation the work and contributions of so many and also honor the "heart" found in the girls and boys we care for, root for, and believe in. They are the reason we wake up each day and face their challenges with them.

Thank you to all who support Maryvale's children. Please join us on their journey of healing by making a financial contribution or donating much-needed items from our wish list. If you haven't done so already, invite your friends to follow us on Facebook and Twitter and subscribe to our blog at www.maryvale.org/fostering-hope.

Thank you for investing your time, resources and spirit into Maryvale's mission. Without your support, the healing and growth of our children would not be possible.

A MESSAGE OF LOVE

Beloved Sr. Martha Garcia to transfer to Bay Area school

In the purest spirit of St. Vincent de Paul's "First the heart, then the work," Sr. Martha Garcia will be leaving Maryvale to minister to children and families at a school in San Francisco.



The Provincial Council requested Sr. Martha's assistance with the De Marillac Academy in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco, due to her extensive experience as an educator and principal.

Her foundation in education began during her first Daughter of Charity assignment in Denver as a 23-year-old teacher opening the first-grade class of 62 students.

With that success came much more, as Sr. Martha soon was responsible for teaching in other schools 1st through 8th grade as well as serving as a principal. Sr. Martha also obtained her degrees and credentials in the educational field.

Though her educational experience will greatly assist her new endeavor, Maryvale will miss its beloved matriarch of seven years, Sr. Martha, whose devotion to God and its children is unmatched.

Sr. Martha's fondest memories focus on the children and the time she spent with them. "I loved connecting with the children on a one-to-one basis," she said. "There were those who wanted to pray, receive a hug or just to cry. I will never forget these moments."

Sr. Martha's door was always open, to not only the children but to everyone who needed a discerning ear. As the leader of Maryvale's Mission Integration Team, Sr. Martha's counsel was inspiring and comforting, and will be sorely missed. "I will treasure the memories I've made with the Maryvale staff I've grown to love and admire," she said.

"I was in awe of the Maryvale team members' dedication and love for our children, despite the daily challenges they faced as they helped the children heal from their trauma," she said.

For those searching for a way to live life without Sr. Martha's daily wisdom, she offers her most valuable advice and the words that guide her interactions: "Look for the positive in anything that happens. Look for the beauty in every person. Even if there is negativity in a situation, there is beauty to be found in every person.

"Be a part of the mission, live the core values and pray."

BACK TO SCHOOL

Gift Cards

Target, Michael's, Costco, Staples

School Supplies

Backpacks, Calculators, USB Flash Drives
Notebooks - College Ruled (Without Spiral Wire)
Composition Books, Crayons and Colored Pencils
Lead Pencils, 3-Ring Binders (1 Inch), Pencil Holders

Coping Skills

Sensory Balls, Stuffed Animals, Journals (Without Spiral Wire)

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For a complete list of donation options, visit www.maryvale.org/wish

Wish List

CELEBRATING 160 years OF CARING



Carrie Estelle Doheny, second from left, assisted the Daughters of Charity in the purchase of land in Rosemead for the new Maryvale campus. The Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation continues to provide critical support for Maryvale's work today.

KEEPING HOPE ALIVE

Preschool subsidy helps single mother succeed

Recently a single parent, Tammy, and her 3-year-old daughter, Sue, left their Washington home abruptly, under crisis without financial or family support. In Los Angeles, Tammy's only resources were Cash Aid and Cal Fresh, but she was able to obtain a spot at the Family Promise Shelter after spending many nights at area churches.



Lindsey Reynolds, Program Support Specialist at Maryvale, met Sue and Tammy through a homeless shelter. Reynolds worked with Tammy and was able to enroll Sue into Maryvale's subsidized preschool program. Sue's natural sense of curiosity flourished and she excelled in the joyful learning program.

"Our Early Education Center provided a consistent and safe place for Sue," said Reynolds.

While Sue enjoyed the benefits of preschool, Tammy was able to secure a full-time job nearby. Tammy no longer needs Cash Aid and Cal Fresh benefits due to her steady income. She is in the process of saving money for an apartment.

Keeping hope alive has provided a fresh outlook for Tammy and Sue.

"I love what we do," Reynolds said. "We are making a difference."

How a child succeeds in life can often be traced to the preschool years.

Now every eligible 3- and 4-year-old child can attend preschool, thanks to a government subsidized program. Most California preschools including Maryvale's Early Education Centers in Rosemead and Duarte accept government subsidies for qualifying families.

The benefits of a preschool education are substantial – academic development, enriched socialization and emotional growth, with long-term advantages such as higher earnings and better jobs. Early Ed families can also be referred to Maryvale's Family Resource Center for supportive programs to help children and families with emerging needs.

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comprehensive care plan. As a result, Daniel and his grandmother have strengthened their relationship since receiving Wraparound Services for the past year, participating in weekly family meetings with a team of social services professionals. His older sister and younger brother obtain therapy as needed. Daniel receives private weekly therapy sessions.

"Daniel had to overcome the feelings of loss, anger, hate, frustration and depression toward his mother and his grandmother," said Sergio Castaneda, Wraparound Facilitator. "Daniel has learned to balance and control his feelings and accept the things he cannot change."

Slowly, Daniel discovered the confidence that had eluded him. The formerly shy and withdrawn 13-year-old blossomed with Maryvale's extensive treatment program, thriving academically and socially, engaging in his school's chess and Japanese clubs, even recruiting peers and mediating with school administrators to initiate new comics, video games and songwriting clubs.

The recent eighth-grade graduate says he is looking forward to starting a new chapter in high school.

Maryvale celebrated his transformation by nominating Daniel for the Association of Community Human Service Agencies (ACHSA) 2016 Annual Award.

"Daniel was chosen as a nominee because of his tenacity and desire to succeed in life," Castaneda said. "Daniel has had to overcome many barriers and despite the challenges, he always finds the positive side."

"Daniel inspires us every day; he uses his sense of humor not only to brighten his day, but the day of those around him."



AMAZING GRACE

Life can be beautiful. For many children in foster care, however, the path to a calm and beautiful life sometimes requires a small miracle.

Physical and emotional scars marked Johnny's childhood, beginning from the moment he entered the world. The day after his birth, with Johnny's parents facing allegations of neglect and domestic

violence, the hospital had to take steps to safeguard the newborn. When Johnny was four, his mother and her boyfriend allegedly sexually exploited him, while his father, a convicted sex offender, was incarcerated.

Johnny's tragic family history led to an immediate placement in the Los Angeles County foster care system. His case was so severe, and mental health so compromised that he was moved to five different homes. He could not escape the trauma, which sometimes produced visual and auditory hallucinations. Then there were tantrums, fighting, and head banging. The County was unable to find a stable environment to accommodate his needs, and Johnny was transferred to Maryvale's Emergency Placement Center.

Initially, it was a challenging fit. Johnny didn't trust the Maryvale staff. He was defiant and disruptive and had difficulty adjusting to the program's routine.

"He had hallucinations – seeing cockroaches and rats in his room and hearing snakes," said a Maryvale staffer. "He had poor hygiene and was afraid to go into the dressing room to try on clothing."

The Maryvale team refused to give up. Maryvale's care, compassion and persistence eventually prevailed. Johnny received the care he so desperately needed -- mental health services, medications, crisis intervention support and other services. He learned to trust others and establish relationships. His defiant behavior decreased.

"We were able to create an environment where he was able to be a child for the first time," said William Sanchez, Director of Residential Services.

After his stay at Maryvale, the County was able to locate a long-term foster placement for Johnny with a family who understood his needs.

"We hear he is doing well, and we keep him in our thoughts and prayers," said Sanchez.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Senior and Junior Guilds continue to inspire and support Maryvale's children



Senior Guild Executive Members

Back row: Patti Chertok, Melinda Woodruff, Indy Carey; front row: Betsy Emanuel, Nancy Lewis, Diana Doyle, Debbie Buderwitz, Patti DiTullio. Missing: Patricia McVerry, Angela Suita-Pechin, Martha Washburn.

Junior Guild members after a beach excursion

Back row: Susan Frazier, Pam Somermeier, Aretha Green, Dana Pederson. Middle: Lisa Sheedy, Cindy Estrada, Amy Hardman. Seated: Linda Fischer, Bette Baer.



In 1950, Maryvale, known at the time as the Los Angeles Orphan Asylum, had become so essential to the successful functioning of the region that some supporters stepped forward to assist in its relocation from Boyle Heights to Rosemead. Many of the women who rallied to the cause became founding members of the Los Angeles Orphanage Guild (LAOG), which remains a thriving fundraising arm for Maryvale's children today.

Maryvale benefactress Carrie Estelle Doheny and the LAOG worked tirelessly to raise the additional funds needed to complete the new campus in Rosemead.

The women of the LAOG remain committed to Maryvale. The Senior Guild provides financial support by hosting fundraising and other charity events, while its Junior Guild is dedicated to working directly with the girls in residence. These members act as mentors to the young women, making a positive difference in their lives. These stable relationships help Maryvale residents strengthen self-confidence and self-worth as they prepare for successful futures.

"We continue to be diligent about our positions as positive role models," said Orphanage Guild Juniors President Bette Baer.

For more information, please contact Melinda Woodruff (Senior Guild) at rjmewoodruff@sbcglobal.net or Bette Baer (Junior Guild) at betteannbaer@gmail.com.



LAOG Juniors hosted a field trip for Maryvale girls to the Autry Museum of the American West.

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 in order 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.



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