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A Message from Maryville's Executive Director



As we prepared to go to print we received the news that Maryville Academy has been reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA).

COA is an independent, not-for-profit, international accrediting agency of both community-based behavioral health care and human service organizations. COA conducts its accreditation review with attention to national standards of best practice. More than 1800 public and private organizations are either COA accredited or are in the process of seeking COA accreditation.

In 2009, COA conducted a detailed review and analysis of Maryville Academy's services and administrative operations. Dr. Richard Klarberg, President and CEO of COA wrote:

"Congratulations! On behalf of the Council on Accreditation, I am delighted to inform you that Maryville Academy has been reaccredited. Reaccreditation is a tremendous achievement that demonstrates that your organization is recognized as a provider that continues to successfully implement high performance standards and, as such, is delivering the highest quality services to all of its stakeholders."

This is what Maryville Academy is about—providing the highest quality services to our children and families in need. We are proud of our dedicated staff, board and friends.

Peace and all good.

Executive Director

Sr. Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F.

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Maryville Outreach Program Draws Youth from Chicago Schools

On Thursday, May 28th, Marquette Park, on Chicago's south side was a magnet for over 300 children from fifty-nine Chicago Public Schools. The attraction was the game of golf and Juan Espejo, PGA Professional and the Director of Maryville Academy's Golf Program. The program, now in its fifth year, teaches elementary school children the rules of the game, golf etiquette, proper form and swing. Juan's lessons stretch beyond the golf course, providing more than just an introduction to the game. Work ethic, responsibility, and respect for others are important

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Participants in Maryville Academy's Golf Program gather for a photo at Marquette Park where each child received a bag and a basic set of clubs to insure their continued ability to carry on their interest in the game of golf.

Maryville Scott Nolan Center Expanding

Maryville's Scott Nolan Center psychiatric hospital is undergoing extensive renovation on fifteen rooms to better accommodate the demand made upon the facility during the past year. Construction and remodeling were begun several months ago and are now nearing completion. According to Teresa Maganzini, Administrator of the Scott Nolan Center, the work will be completed and available for use in early July.



Bedrooms and hallways on the first floor are being renovated for acute psychiatric care and will be available for use upon completion of the remodeling in early July.

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Maryville JEN School Receives Perfect Score from Illinois State Board of Education

Why the name Maryville JEN School? The program is based upon the Confucian term Jen. "The essence of Jen is respectful reciprocity – respect between students and teachers epitomizes reciprocity in their relationships. Within a reciprocal relationship, no one part is greater than the whole."

Recently the Jen School was visited and monitored over a three day period then subsequently accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education. The resulting assessment:

"During the monitoring visit, this respect for both teachers and students was in evidence throughout. The building is clean and well-maintained. The staff all interacts with students in appropriate, caring and respectful ways. Most importantly, the students reflect that attitude back. It is fair to say that the students enrolled at Jen School have intense educational and mental health needs. However, the educational climate observed would not lead an observer to that conclusion. The program does not use negative consequences as behavioral interventions. For example there are "chill rooms" as opposed to "time-out rooms". The chill rooms are welcoming and comfortable places to be. Staff helps students to process feelings in these rooms."

Sarah Sebert, ISBE Evaluator

When the accreditation visit was over and Craig Maki, Ed.D., MSW, was sent the report by the Illinois State Board of Education the news was all positive – the Maryville Jen School received a perfect score in every area on which they were being assessed – academics, physical education, appropriate materials, environment, individual student plans, faculty professionalism and dedication, record keeping, and student tracking data. Dr. Maki noted that "Debbie Buelow, a special education consultant, communicated to me that she had never heard of a new program receiving a perfect score. I am very proud of the dedicated faculty and we are pleased to have received affirmation that what we are building is of the highest quality. The perfect score and the Illinois State Board of Education's comments make the Maryville Jen School a very exciting place for all of us, especially the students."



Boys from the St. George residential program and the MISA program attend class at the Maryville Jen School. Boys from the community and other school districts also attend the school.



Junior Board Bringing Circus to Maryville!

Zoppé, an Italian Family Circus, is coming to Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, thanks to Maryville's Junior Board. The one ring event is scheduled for seven shows on the main campus located at Central and River Roads for the 21st (two shows), 22nd (three shows) and the

23rd (two shows) of August. It's wholesome, affordable, family entertainment and a perfect late summer outing for the children before school starts in the fall.

The circus features aerial acts, horses, dogs and clowns – lots of clowns. Advance tickets are on sale now: adults are \$15



Agnes Piszczek, Secretary, Maryville Board of Directors

Agnes Piszczek joined Maryville's Board of Directors in 2005 and was named secretary of the board in July, 2008.

Agnes brings vast years of experience to Maryville's board. Before her retirement in 1991, she was Administrator of the Juvenile Court Liaison Unit of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. She spent 31 years with the department during which time she watched the children in the system change. "The department was dealing mostly with orphans when I joined it. Many were adoptable children. Today, the children are much more troubled with problems not imagined 30 or 40 years ago. Adoption is, more often than not, an unrealistic option," Agnes noted.

Her connection with Maryville goes back to her childhood when she accompanied her father, a physician who specialized in preventive medicine, when he would visit and care for the children at Maryville. Her years with DCFS brought her in contact with Sr. Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F., who was then with the State's Attorney Office. "Sister Cathy was totally dedicated to her work with children. She is most knowledgeable in her field and would never back down if a child's rights were in jeopardy."

Agnes is an active supporter of Loyola University and a former member of its Women's Board. She serves as a member of Catholic Charities Board of Directors, and as President of the Loyola University School of Social Work Alumni Board. She is a graduate of St. Mary of the Woods College and holds an M.S.W. from Loyola University.



*Agnes Piszczek, Secretary,
Maryville Board of Directors*

Former Des Plaines Mayor Joins Maryville

Anthony Arredia, Mayor of Des Plaines, IL for the past ten years, has joined Maryville Academy as Director of Government Relations. The announcement was made by Sr. Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F., Executive Director of Maryville the day after Mr. Arredia stepped down as mayor having served the maximum two terms for the post. In making the announcement, Sr. Catherine noted that, "Mayor Arredia has worked closely with Maryville for years. As mayor, Tony worked diligently on bringing development to Des Plaines, improving the quality of life for residents.

He brings to Maryville his obvious love of children and his familiarity with governmental partnerships. We feel his contributions will be a blessing for the children in our care."

Upon being named to the position, Mr. Arredia said, "I am not a retirement kind of guy. I've been involved with Maryville for a long time and I view this as an opportunity to utilize my contacts and friendships in government on behalf of Maryville."



*Anthony "Tony" Arredia, former mayor of
Des Plaines, IL, joins Maryville Academy as
Director of Government Relations.*

The Circus Is Coming

and children are \$10 – toddlers three and under are admitted free. Tickets at the gate on show dates will be priced at \$20 for adults and \$15 for children – so order now. To order tickets or for more information, call Maryville's Development Department at 847.294.1982.



**Maryville Academy
Calendar of Events
for 2009**

- **IPGA Golf Outing**
Evanston Golf Club, Skokie, IL
July 20, Monday
- **Spike for Kids**
Maryville, Des Plaines, IL
July 25 & 26, Saturday/Sunday
- **2nd Annual
"Smiles for Miles"**
Walk to benefit the Maryville
Crisis Nursery
August 16, Sunday
- **Zoppé Family Circus**
Maryville, Des Plaines, IL
August 21, 22 & 23, Friday,
Saturday & Sunday
- **Greg Marrero Memorial
Golf Outing**
Prairie Bluff Golf Club
Lockport, IL
September 25, Friday

For more information on
upcoming events, please visit:
www.maryvilleacademy.org or call
the Maryville Development Office
at 847.294.1982.

2009 Crisis Nursery Shower of Hope



Above
Maryville Crisis Nursery's Annual Shower, Tea and Fashion Show was held in early May. Pictured above are, Sr. Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F., Executive Director of Maryville, (second from left) with (L. to R.) Lorraine McNally, Barbara Rourke and Donna Petersen, Friends of the Crisis Nursery.



Left
Sandra Carrillo tells the attendees at the Maryville Crisis Nursery Shower, Tea and Fashion Show of her experiences, gratitude and the caring way in which the Maryville Crisis Nursery helped her family during stressful times.

Outreach Program Draws Youth *continued...*

life lessons that children learn through playing golf. It's an introduction to values that will serve them well throughout their lifetimes.

The event, which included the children and their respective coaches from the schools, had something special for each participant. Mike Rourke, Chairman of the Maryville Golf Club (which raises funds for the Maryville Golf Program), was also on hand at the event along with Sr. Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F., Executive Director of Maryville. Juan distributed a basic set of starter clubs and a bag to each of the children participating in the program. It was the last meeting of the group for the current school year. In the fall, Juan will work with high school students and the elementary program will regroup in the spring of 2010.



Sr. Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F., Executive Director of Maryville Academy and Juan Espejo, Maryville Golf Program Director, at Marquette Park for the distribution of basic club sets for the children who participated in the program throughout the year.

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