



The Honorees of April 11



John J. George (center) receives his award from Maryville Board Chair Hon. Richard A. Devine (right) and Maryville Executive Director Sister Catherine M. Ryan, O.S.F.

Housing for Children

John "Jack" George

John "Jack" George, an esteemed attorney at the nationally recognized law firm of Akerman LLP, was honored for his work on housing for the Maryville children. Maryville is blessed to have Jack, a consummate professional and gentleman, for guidance.

Maryville came to know Jack because we needed more homes for our children. Our homes in Des Plaines and Bartlett were full. Starting in 2017, Jack navigated the legal processes for Maryville to open new homes:

- Saint Rose of Lima Home for girls in Chicago.
- Saint Monica and Saint Josephine Bakhita recovery homes in Chicago for mothers whose children could live with them.
- Saint Mary of Celle Home for teen mothers in Berwyn.
- Charles H. Walsh Sr. Academy & Career Tech High School in Niles where Jack represented Maryville through the zoning process.
- Saint Catherine of Siena, a new emergency home for medically fragile children in Chicago will open in a few months.

We are grateful to Jack and the Akerman law firm for donating his irreplaceable expertise to make these homes, school and shelters possible for more than 1,000 of Maryville's children and mothers.



Sisters of the Resurrection

Services for Mothers and Children

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The Sisters of the Resurrection is an international congregation of religious women founded in Rome in 1891. They currently minister in nine countries. Happily, four of the Sisters came to Chicago in 1900 and opened health care, educational and social ministries in the Chicago area and other states.

Maryville is already blessed that Sister Donna Wolowicki, C.R., the Provincial

Superior of the Chicago Province, has been serving as a member of the Maryville Board of Directors since 2015. On April 11, we were blessed by the presence of more of the Sisters of the Resurrection and by the presence of their General Superior Mother Dorota Zygmunt, C.R., who came all the way from Rome.

The Sisters profess a vow of poverty. They support themselves with their salaries and place any surplus in a charitable fund, which they have been generously sharing with Maryville and other social and educational organizations. The Sisters dissolved the charitable fund in 2022 and made a legacy donation. Maryville was one of the fortunate recipients, receiving an invested donation that will earn up to \$200,000 each year to support Maryville programs for mothers and children.

Through their unwavering support, the Sisters of the Resurrection were honored for their services to Maryville's mothers and children. They have already profoundly enriched the lives of more than 7,000 children and mothers, leaving an indelible mark on our community.



Yolande Wilson-Stubbs (3rd from the left) and the New Beginnings team were honored for their work with the Maryville children.

Health Care for Children

Yolande Wilson-Stubbs and New Beginnings

In 2015, Yolande Wilson-Stubbs brought her 25 years of experience in health care management and services to Ascension Holy Family Medical Center in Des Plaines. As president and chief post-acute care officer, Yolande transformed the long-term acute care hospital and related services that serve the Des Plaines community.

Maryville began serving children who were newcomers to this country in 2017. We contacted Yolande Wilson-Stubbs for assistance, and she connected Maryville with Ascension Holy Family's New Beginnings Clinic.

Teresa Del Toro, RN, nurse manager of the Clinic, and the remarkable team of Jordan O'Neill, DO, family practice attending physician; Isabel Arango, unit secretary; Elizabeth Munoz, RN; Michael Ladewski, DO, medical director; and Ann Marie Walsh, DO, welcomed our children and accomplished the feat of prompt appointments with staff who understand the cultures and speak the languages of our children.

Together, Yolande and the New Beginnings staff, health care for children honorees, have safeguarded the health of more than 1,000 children in our Casa Esperanza, Saint Gabriel, San Francisco, San Juan Diego and Saint Rose of Lima Homes.