



From the Heart

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Dear Sponsors, Volunteers, and Donors

My Joyful Heart is truly “love in action”. The sponsors, donors and partners that have consistently supported the children in the Heart program have proven that people working together for the betterment of our kids really can make a difference. Love in action gives hope and hope is needed to thrive.

I am thankful to you for making My Joyful Heart possible.

Diane Carroll
Founder and Executive Director

THANK YOU...

To Parkview Christian Church, Chicago O’Hare Rotary Club, Franczek, Radlet & Rose and everyone else who helped us with our search to relocate.

THANK YOU...

I would like to thank the Maganiello family of Faith Cartage for moving the Heart from it’s very first location, my basement, and generously providing the space we needed to house it from July 2006 to January 2009. During that time we were able to grow the program by 50%, an increase that meant we were able to accept many more children into the program.

We wish Andy, MariJayne and Andrew a blessed future.

WE HAVE A NEW HOME...

Our new home is located at the M. Cooper Supply Co. in Mokena; conveniently located on 191st Street and 88th Avenue, right off the I-80 LaGrange Road exit. Dennis Goode, CEO has been most generous with donating space for all of our shelving, inventory, packing needs and our office! We are thrilled with our new location and will be working on phase II, moving the office, in early April. Todd Johnson, Operations Manager and Dan Goode plus many more people from M. Cooper Supply worked many hours to move all 30 pallets of inventory, dismantle our shelving and relocate their own plumbing products to move us in, all within days of being notified that we needed to move. We are thankful to God for blessing us with a place to call home and grateful to Dennis Goode and M. Cooper Supply for adopting us. We are truly blessed.

HAVE YOU NOTICED SOME CHANGES...

The new year has brought many changes to MJH, the new look, new website, new location and now the newsletter. We’re changing the format to enable us to print from our own printer and an easy fit for our e-newsletter.

Postage will be going up in May and we will be “fasting”. You may be wondering why we don’t use the non profit special rate with the post office, we have applied and are approved to mail with our non profit status at a reduced rate, however, it doesn’t come without an initial start up cost and that cost plus the rate reduction is more than what we pay for first class postage for the year.

In the near future we will be scanning the letters received from the children and emailing them to the sponsors. We will also be offering the newsletter on our website for viewing and for printing, if you would prefer to print and read it, you can still do that. Statements to our monetary sponsors will also be emailed. Please be sure to send us your current email address and watch your Constant Contact emails for announcements. If you would prefer to have any of these items mailed to you by regular mail, please let us know.

We still have some Dunkin Donut Coffee available.
If you would like to purchase any, call the office.

THANK YOU

My Joyful Heart would like to thank the following people and businesses for making Christmas 2008 special for so many Heart kids.

Franczek, Radelet & Rose Law Office	Peggy Baker & SteinMart-Orland Park	Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Kennedy
Curt Schultz & Schultz Financial	Disney Store-Joliet	Ottie Murry
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Chicago O'Hare Rotary Club	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Krushner	Julie Curran
Andrea Scialabba Family and Friends	Mr. & Mrs. Rich Jurek	
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AND A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS 180 CHILD SPONSORS FOR MAKING 2008 SPECIAL.

Thank you also, to Gail of BI Rental Inc. of Homer Glen and Alsip for providing MJH with a truck to deliver gifts at a greatly reduced rental rate.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER BECOMING A MONETARY SPONSOR?

The cost for monthly sponsorship is \$35 a month or \$420 a year. Payment can be made in full, monthly or quarterly, which ever is convenient for you. Reminder statements are mailed monthly. Payments may also be initiated through your on-line banking or on-line credit card bill payment as a recurring check, what could be easier! At the end of the year a giving statement is mailed to you for your yearly contribution, no more saving receipts. If you would like more information about being a monetary sponsor, please contact us at 815-836-3926.

IN MEMORIAM

MJH received several donations and a new sponsorship in memory of Rachel Rosmanitz. Rachel died last November 7th at the age of nine. We extend our sympathy to the Rosmanitz family.