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A LEGACY OF CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In 1855, Bishop Amat, the first Bishop of the Monterey/Los Angeles Diocese, became increasingly concerned about the growing numbers of orphaned and abandoned children roaming Los Angeles' streets. He petitioned the Daughters of Charity to help.

On January 6, 1856, five members of the Daughters of Charity came to Los Angeles to open the county's first orphanage and hospital in downtown. Their dedication launched Los Angeles County's oldest children's charity – an organization that has cared for our community for 165 years.

This legacy of caring continued during fiscal year 2020, even as we made the very significant decision to close our Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program. Following all the changes the State of California implemented to better serve children in foster care, it became clear the program was not working. The outcomes for children, impact on staff and financial drain on the agency all contributed to the ultimate decision to end this chapter in the Maryvale story.

To Learn More About Maryvale's History, Click Here







THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Throughout fiscal year 2020 and into the New Year, with the help of our dedicated supporters, we continued to care for children and families through our Early Childhood Education and Community-Based and Wraparound Services Programs. Your generous donations helped keep our programs operating and serving families, many of whom suffered illnesses, job losses, furloughs and quarantines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

From Disney Publishing's donation of coloring books and crayons to fill Halloween bags for the children we serve to the wonderful community members who collected toys and gifts for families in need at Christmas, we are deeply grateful. Our supporters remind us of the importance of the Vincentian Core Values of Respect, Compassionate Service and Advocacy for the Poor.

As we began fiscal year 2021, we started writing our next chapter by exploring a future of exciting possibilities for Maryvale.

To Learn More About How You Can Support Maryvale and its Mission, Click Here

MARYVALE PROGRAMS CARE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: A FOUNDATION FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The COVID-19 pandemic forced the closure of schools and many early education programs like ours. But our Rosemead and Duarte staff members worked diligently to keep our Early Childhood Education Program open to serve our children and their families, many of whom work in health care and other essential services, to continue providing this vital foundation for academic success.

"We also launched Spotlight on FUNdamentals, an online learning program that provides videos of Maryvale teachers conducting learning and wellness exercises for families to practice at home," said Christina Moore, Maryvale's Vice President of Early Childhood Education and Nutrition.

John, a parent of children enrolled in our Early Education Program, thanked Maryvale for staying open during the pandemic and posting the videos, saying they "bring joy to my girls, and I'm very grateful for the job you all are doing."

To Learn More About Maryvale's Early Education Programs, <u>Click Here</u>





COMMUNITY-BASED AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES: LIFE-CHANGING IMPACTS

Our Community-Based and Wraparound Services have a life-changing impact on children and families through mental health assessments, crisis intervention, therapy, ongoing assistance and referrals to resources and services.

Among the many served this past year was George, a 9-year-old boy who was having tantrums and exhibiting difficult behaviors at school and home because of past trauma. Our therapist engaged George in play therapy, using figurines and toys to address his traumatic experience in a healthy way until he had no desire to continue playing it out.

"This is a proven approach to help children who are seeking to process trauma," said Michelle Culver, Director of Community-Based Services. "Children resolve what has not been resolved in their minds, and that can have a life-changing impact on them."

Once George could talk about his trauma, he was more capable of controlling his temper and using the skills he learned to address his anxieties. With this life-changing help, George graduated from Maryvale's Wraparound Services this past year and is now receiving outpatient care.

To Learn More About Maryvale's Community-Based and Wraparound Services, <u>Click Here</u>

A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITIES

As we began fiscal year 2021, we embraced our core value of inventiveness to infinity.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

We embarked on a comprehensive strategic planning process and a separate process to look at potential uses for our Rosemead campus and four acres of undeveloped land adjacent to the campus. We are considering the community's needs and how Maryvale can continue to have an impact in our community.

SUPPORTING DISTANCE LEARNING

With schools shifting to online instruction during the pandemic, we started a Distance Learning Support Program for school-age students that provides access to our learning centers, activities, outside play and socialization.

To Learn More About Maryvale's Distance Learning Support Program, Click the Banner Below





PILOTING A WELLNESS PROGRAM

We started a Wellness Program to provide education and information about how some of the families and children we serve through our Community-Based and Wraparound Services Programs can live healthier lives. With federal grant funding and a partnership with Azusa Pacific University, this pilot program provides information on wellness, including substance abuse awareness, to a small group of clients.

HELP US CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Children and their families are struggling. They face enormous financial and personal stresses because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please help us help them by giving generously to Maryvale, a proven charity with a record of 165 years of caring for its community. Visit our website at Maryvale.org/support-programs to donate online.

Your contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

To learn more about Maryvale's finances and read our 2020 financial statement, please <u>click here</u>.

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