

June 2021

Dearest Friends of Misericordia,

Celebrate with us, 100 years of Misericordia's compassion and loving care. Through all the challenges of the past year, many things have remained the same, especially at Misericordia. Every day, its staff has worked diligently to continue providing challenge and dignity in a loving environment both on its beautiful campus and in neighborhood CILAs for the 600 residents they are privileged to serve.

At the 2021 Heart of Mercy Ball, we will honor Mrs. Walter McGuire and her family. Frances McCormick McGuire founded the Women's Board in 1921, thus making Misericordia's Women's Board its oldest volunteer group. Frances' heart of mercy is a living testimony to one woman who made an enduring difference.

The Women's Board includes 150 dedicated and compassionate people who promote and support the work of Misericordia by volunteering and fundraising. The **Angel Appeal Campaign** and **Heart of Mercy Ball** are our principal fundraisers.

**Please ....be an Angel!**

Every year, Misericordia must raise an average of \$22 million to bridge the gap between annual operating expenses and diminishing state and federal government funding. Since 2015, the Women's Board has raised more than \$6.5 million to sustain the critical programs so important to the quality of life for Misericordia's residents. These funds also help Misericordia make bold plans for the future, including the new Hearts & Flour Bakery and Café, along with an exciting residential development just south of campus on Thome Avenue.

We need your help! Kindly consider a gift to our Angel Campaign in support of Misericordia's residents, their families and its truly dedicated staff.

Sister Rosemary Connelly, Misericordia's executive director – and a true visionary – joins the Women's Board in thanking you in advance for your kindness, generosity and support! All contributions will be acknowledged in the 2021 Heart of Mercy Ball program.

With appreciation,

Sharon Taylor  
President

Michelle Laughlin  
Angel Co-Chair

Missy Ravid  
Angel Co-Chair

**LIVE from the Hilton Chicago  
Heart of Mercy Ball**

**Celebrating 100 Years!  
Patty Baeckelandt and Bridget Cienkus  
Ball Chairs**

**Founder's Award in honor of  
Mrs. Walter McCormick McGuire and  
family  
Honoring the resiliency of Misericordia  
Residents and Staff**

**Friday, October 1, 2021  
Hilton Chicago**