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LAMBETH IMPACT CIRCLE

Dear Lambeth Impact Circle members:

It was wonderful to see many of you at our Journey of Hope Luncheon where we celebrated the vital work we have the privilege of doing. **Your support makes all this possible**, so if you weren't able to join us, here is a link to three short videos highlighting the program's content.

- **Cazzy's Story** - celebrating a journey into a new apartment, college, and the work world
- **McKenna's Story** - a Maryhurst staff member talks about working with our youth during COVID
- **A Story of Renewal** - A mother tells how our Renewal program helped her children find their way again



UPDATES

Celebrating successful advocacy

In my last letter, I mentioned the financial pressures we have experienced related to increased personnel expenses. Thanks to efforts by our board members, executive staff, and advocates like you, we received additional support from the Kentucky legislature in the Commonwealth's new 2-year budget. It was especially gratifying that members from both sides of the aisle and from across the Commonwealth understood the importance of our services. We recognized several legislators at our recent luncheon and presented The Butterfly Effect award to Senator Julie Raque Adams for her role in championing these efforts on behalf of Maryhurst.

Maryhurst's primary advocacy focus will now shift to increasing funding for our community-based counseling services that aim to keep families intact and reduce the need for residential treatment. Maryhurst remains committed to early intervention, and we are excited to continue working with our partners at the local, state, and federal levels to ensure adequate funding is available to sustain our life-changing services.

Celebrating a successful accreditation visit

Maryhurst received news this month that we have again been approved by the national Council on Accreditation. The accreditation process occurs every four years but takes more than a year to prepare for.

Planned Gifts

Making a planned gift isn't hard, but it takes . . . well, planning! A 2021 Gallup poll found that less than half (46%) of US adults say they have a valid will. Without a will, the government will decide how your assets are distributed. With a will, you can be sure your family is taken care of in the way you think is best. You can also consider the causes and organizations that were important to you during your life (e.g., your faith community, alma mater, and charities of choice).

You have already made an investment in Maryhurst's vital work, and we hope you'll consider remembering our programming in your estate planning – whether with a one-time gift or by endowing a fund that will make annual gifts to Maryhurst for years to come. For example, an endowed gift of \$20,000 in your estate would provide approximately \$1,000 per year to Maryhurst forever.

Some of you may also be at an age where you are required to make annual withdrawals from your retirement funds, and donating cash or stock to a nonprofit organization like Maryhurst can help you avoid some of your tax burden.

Please visit <https://www.maryhurst.org/planned-giving-options> if you would like to see more information about planned giving options. I and members of our team are also available to discuss these opportunities anytime. **Remember, though, to always consult your own financial advisor to make sure you are making the best decisions for your personal situation.**



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And a few words from Judy . . .

I want to again say thank you to everyone who helped me celebrate at the campus naming ceremony. So many of you in this group were part of my journey at Maryhurst, and I will be forever grateful for your support.

I also enjoyed getting to reconnect with many of you at the Journey of Hope Luncheon. It is gratifying, humbling, and motivating to know that the work we do today will change lives far into the future. I've included Maryhurst in my own estate planning, and I hope you will, too.

