

Give the Gift of Hope

Maryvale's essential services and programs give hope to children and families in our community.

To continue our success, we need your partnership. Your support is critical to ensure that our vital programs are able to serve the most vulnerable and underserved in our community.

Please help by donating online at [Maryvale.org/support-programs](https://maryvale.org/support-programs) or by sending a check in the enclosed envelope. Your contributions to Maryvale are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law. To learn more about how you can make a difference or to make your donations by phone, please contact **Maryvale Assistant Director of Development, Serena Bernolak at 626-537-3359** or sbernolak@maryvale.org



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Message From Our CEO & President

Celebrating Transitions and New Beginnings

In his book *Managing Transitions*, William Bridges writes, "Transition starts with an ending and finishes with a beginning." This succinctly captures our experience at Maryvale over the past two years. Our ending – closing the residential program with roots back to the original orphanage established by the Daughters of Charity in 1856. In between – a time of transition, prayer, and planning for the next chapter in Maryvale's 166-year history. Our beginning – opening Seton House to provide temporary housing for young single mothers and their children.

Since first arriving in Los Angeles, the Daughters of Charity cared for children without homes. Through the years, children and families have been the heart of our work. The recent homelessness count in Los Angeles County found over 69,000 people were homeless, a 31% increase since 2018. This included over 3500 families often anchored by a single mother. When we think of those experiencing homelessness, we often don't think about young mothers and their children. However, young, single mothers and their children **are** the face of the unhoused, the homeless. **These are** the families that need our help now more than ever.

As we have opened Seton House, one of the most exciting things for me personally, has been witnessing the integration of all our main program services to surround families with the supports they need at this critical time in their lives. In addition to the housing and supports in the Seton House program, the preschool age children benefit from our Early Childhood Education center on campus. Here they experience a safe and nurturing early learning environment that sets the foundation for future success. Through our Community-Based Mental Health Services, these families learn to cope with past trauma and the challenges they are currently facing as they look to brighter futures.

It is definitely a time of new beginnings at Maryvale! I would be remiss if I did not express my heartfelt gratitude for all of our Associates who have made this journey with us always focused on respectfully and compassionately doing what is best for those we are privileged to serve.

However, all of this is only made possible through generous supporters like yourselves.

St. Vincent de Paul reminds us:

"God does not consider the outcome of the good work undertaken but the charity that accompanied it."

Without you, we would not be able to provide a safe, caring, supportive home for the families in Seton House, quality Early Education programs, or our Community-Based Mental Health and Wraparound services.

I hope you will prayerfully consider joining us in bringing healing and hope to the children and families we serve as we lift up one individual, one family, one community at a time!

May God bless you and your families during this Christmas season and in the New Year!

Steve Gunther, MSW
President & CEO



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Seton House: A Bridge of Hope for Young Mothers



Seton House provides a safe, secure sanctuary for single women and their children who are experiencing homelessness. Seton House offers services that both respond to each mom’s immediate needs and support them while they work on developing life skills and knowledge that will assist them in securing housing and a more stable life for themselves and their children.

Continue reading to meet Angelina, one of the moms living at Seton House. Angelina is a resilient, engaging young woman who came to Seton House hoping for a better life for her and her son, Frank.

Q: How did you hear about Seton House?

A: I was referred to Seton House through my previous case manager. I had used all the housing services and my time was up. I was nervous at first because the word “shelter” has a negative attachment to it. I did the interview and walk through and realized this would be a good place for my son, Frank and I to live.

Q: What was your experience before coming to Maryvale?

A: It was not always the best environment for my son and me. Most of the hotels were very dirty and it was challenging at first because I was reliving the trauma I had losing my mom who had also been living in different hotels. There were many people going through the same situations living in these hotels, but I was always the youngest person there.

People were on drugs, coming in and out and it never felt safe. I was only in one place for 2-3 weeks at a time.

Q: What about Seton House will set you up for success?

A: My son and I are on a schedule now; it is something we are not used to. Before Seton House we were all over the place. I am excited for the workshops; they will allow me to grow and be responsible which will help me to stay on the right path and fulfill my goals. I know I am in a place that will support me. Since I came to Seton House, I have been able to focus on applying for jobs and getting my son into the early education program which he attends daily. There are many opportunities here at Seton House to grow and for the first time ever I feel stable and secure.

Q: What is it about Seton House that you like?

A: As soon as I drove in, I loved it. I saw the signs and the church, and it was motivating for me. It automatically brought me peace. There is a lot of support here, being here with other mothers makes me realize we are not the only ones going through these situations. Seton House is there for us in so many ways.

Q: What does your son Frank like about Seton House?

A: Frank loves the bunk beds. He told me “Mom, I love it here.” Seton House feels like home to us. The hotels never felt that way. We feel safe at Seton House and that’s what matters.



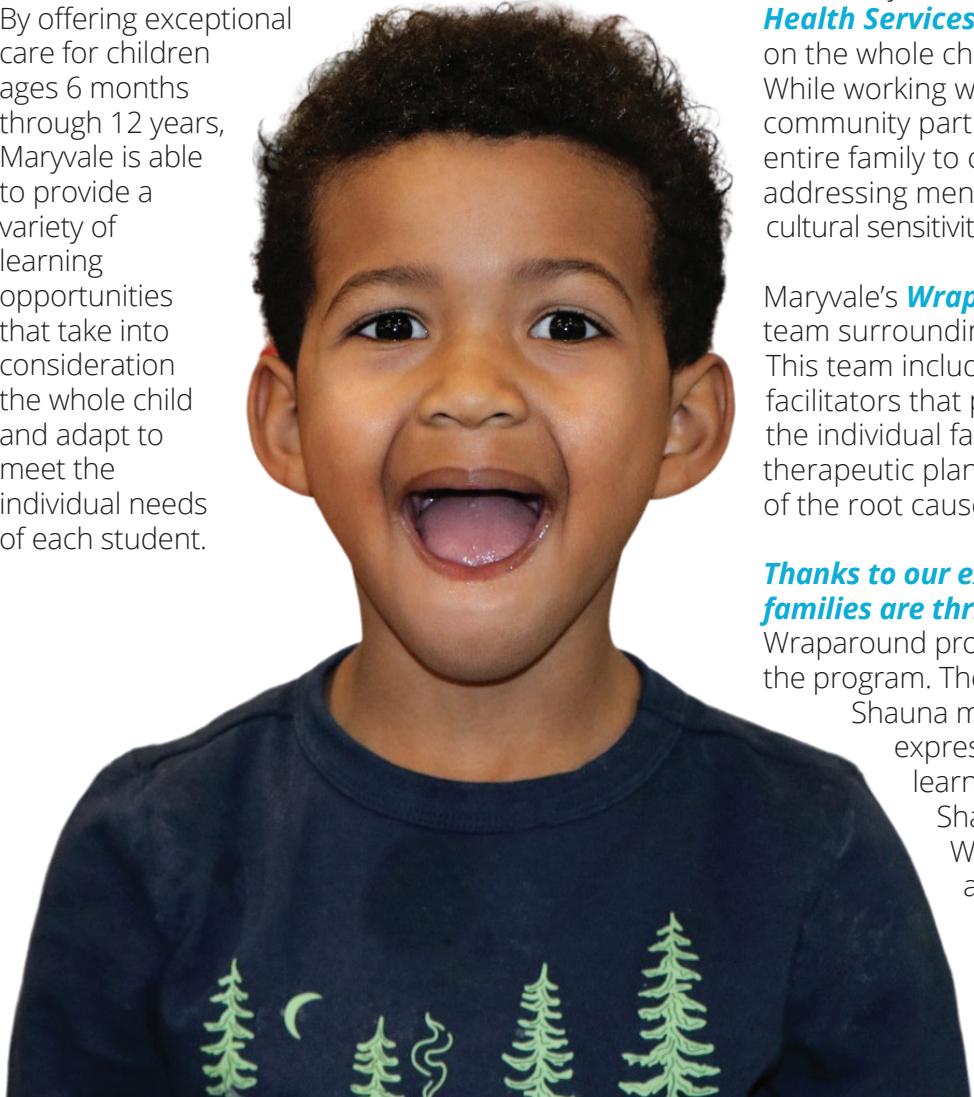
Maryvale is committed to the care and improvement of lives of young mothers and their children. To learn more about Seton House and how you can make a difference please reach out to **Erma Dabbs at (626) 537-3321 ext. 321 or edabbs@maryvale.org.**

Maryvale’s Early Childhood Education Programs Help Give Children a Head Start on Learning

The Daughters of Charity have a long and rich history of meeting the needs of vulnerable children and families. In 1968, recognizing that they could be a powerful resource for this population, the Daughters founded Maryvale’s first **Early Childhood Education** center in Rosemead, California.

Fast forward to 2022 – Maryvale’s two Early Education Centers in Duarte and Rosemead continue to offer support to families and improve outcomes for young children in order to best prepare them for kindergarten, elementary school and beyond. Our centers welcome children from all walks of life, promising the same high-quality experience for all.

By offering exceptional care for children ages 6 months through 12 years, Maryvale is able to provide a variety of learning opportunities that take into consideration the whole child and adapt to meet the individual needs of each student.



“That’s ALL because of Maryvale!”
- Michael— father of five year-old Geoffrey

Maryvale parents are eager to share about the exceptional education their children receive– While attending back to school night at Geoffrey’s new kindergarten, Michael, Geoffrey’s father, had an opportunity to connect with on of the teachers. She was impressed with his ability to use his words, legibly write his name and his knowledge of his ABCs.

Maryvale’s Community-Based and Wraparound Mental Health Programs Offer Hope to Struggling Children and Their Families

Holding true to Maryvale’s mission of lifting up one individual, one family, one community at a time, Maryvale’s **Community-Based Mental Health Services** program’s main goal is to focus on the whole child to provide healing and hope. While working with an extensive group of community partners, our team cares for the entire family to create a powerful support system, addressing mental health challenges with cultural sensitivity and a trauma-informed approach.

Maryvale’s **Wraparound Services** build a support team surrounding the child and their family. This team includes several skilled counselors and facilitators that partner closely to understand the individual family’s situation and develop therapeutic plans with thoughtful consideration of the root causes.

Thanks to our expert care teams, children and families are thriving – Shauna, a client in Maryvale’s Wraparound program, will soon be graduating from the program. The Wraparound team shared that Shauna met her goals, has been able to express her feelings, and has successfully learned communication skills. Shauna’s mother is thankful for the Wraparound team at Maryvale and is motivated to volunteer with families in the future that need support.