

## PLEDGE PROGRAM

I would like to commit to helping Maristella  
by making a monthly donation of:

- \$100     \$10  
 \$50     Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$25    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR DONATION  
IS TAX  
DEDUCTIBLE

- I am interested volunteering my time for special  
events to help the families of Maristella

Comments:

Signature

Name

Address

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form to

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Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 367-5360  
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## The History of *Maristella*

*Maristella* was founded in 1996 when three women, a teacher/counselor, a social worker, and a health professional came together to form an organization to help solve the problems of the homeless. After much investigation, they decided to concentrate on the plight of women and mothers with children.

In April of 1998, they formed a Board of Directors and an Advisory Board comprised of community leaders. The Franciscan Friars of Marytown are generously providing *Maristella* with office space to carry out this ministry.



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# We can all Help...

...with the plight of  
homeless women  
and single mothers  
with children in  
Lake County



## *Maristella*

## Maristella's Mission

The mission of *Maristella* is to promote the self-sufficiency of homeless women and mothers with children in Lake County by providing assistance with finding safe, clean, affordable housing, rent subsidies, and educational services.

### Who Are These Women?

These women have shown their desire and need to have a permanent home. This desire has been demonstrated by their actions to have a job, a bank account, and to further their education. They participate in classes at the College of Lake County and the Community Action Project of Lake County to complete their GED certificate requirements and/or attend English as a Second Language classes. Their children are in school or day care centers.

### What Causes Homelessness for Women and Children?

- ◆ Divorce
- ◆ Domestic Violence
- ◆ Loss of employment
- ◆ Low-Wage employment
- ◆ High rent and cost of living
- ◆ Natural disasters
- ◆ Health problems



## A Star to Guide Those on a Troubled Sea in Today's Society!

### The Maristella Programs

*Maristella* is committed to helping prevent homelessness by assisting its clients with:

- ◆ Rent Subsidies
- ◆ Security Deposits
- ◆ Hotel Vouchers
- ◆ Emergency Food and Clothing
- ◆ Monthly Continuing Education Workshops
- ◆ Case Management
- ◆ Community Outreach

Participating clients are also eligible for *Maristella's* Thanksgiving and Holiday Programs providing food and gifts for the entire family. *Maristella's* Shower Ministry, Jump Start, assists families entering a new apartment with food, clothing, and household goods.

*Maristella* welcomes women and children of all races, ethnicity, and creed.

Funds are raised through grants, fund raisers, our pledge program, and donations from people like you.

visit our website at  
[www.maristella.org](http://www.maristella.org)

### How You Can Help

We are asking the residents of Lake County to assist these women to find a home of their own and become independent members of society.

There are several ways you can help:

- ◆ By volunteering your time
- ◆ By donating food, clothing, and household goods
- ◆ By joining Maristella's Board of Directors
- ◆ By giving a monetary donation
- ◆ By attending *Maristella's* fund raisers
- ◆ By joining our monthly Pledge Program



For more information or to find out how you can help, please contact:

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