

## Mission Trip to Maryville Crisis Nursery Center

Associate Theresa Johnson is a frequent volunteer at Maryville Crisis Nursery in Chicago, IL and recognized a need for additional help. She brought this opportunity to the Associate Mission Planning Committee and a plan for a one, possibly two-day mission trip. The date agreeable to the center is **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** with the 9<sup>th</sup> being held as a rain date or if we need to complete a project.

First a little bit about the center:

The **Maryville Crisis Nursery** is a vital and innovative program that provides **free** short-term care for parents in distress and experiencing a crisis. The Crisis Nursery protects their children, birth to age six, from abuse, neglect or trauma.

Children receive round-the-clock child care for up to 72 hours for each stay. This safe and nurturing environment is designed to protect them from harmful experiences and the damaging effects of trauma. Issues that bring families to the Maryville Crisis Nursery include unemployment, parental illness or hospitalization, poverty and homelessness.

The center is in desperate need of some upkeep on the outside of their facility. Some of their needs include the following:

- Painting and staining of outdoor structures such as planter boxes, children sensory table, benches.
- Help with construction and painting of two benches
- Weeding and Harvesting in the garden

Please note all of the work is outdoors. Volunteers will be working in shifts allowing for rest periods.

For those that want to be a part of this mission experience and would like to contribute supplies or toward supplies, these are some of the materials needed:

- Various paint colors
- Outdoor stain/varnish
- Paint brushes

More information on material needs will be forthcoming.

Due to the proximity of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> date, if you are interested in being a part of this mission, we ask that you fill out the attached Registration Form and return it no later than **June 20, 2025** to:

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Participation will be limited to 20 volunteers.