



Hello Dear Friend,

It is an exciting time for Angels of Mercy! As we celebrate our 15th Anniversary, I find myself reminiscing about the day that my husband, Joe, and I along with eight friends gathered to answer God's call to serve.

We are excited about this milestone and would love to have you join us in celebration! On March 11, 2023 we are having a Western Hoedown at Midvale Country Club. Shine up your Cowboy

Boots, dust off your Hat and get ready to “boot scootin boogie”! Don’t forget to bring your appetite with you to “graze” our food dinner stations. Have your photo taken at our Angels of Mercy Step & Repeat photo backdrop. Silent auctions and raffles offer something for everyone. A fun evening is awaiting you! Please invite friends and family...more people ...more fun!!!

Since we began we have grown beyond expectation. Our goal to Bless and Save our women has enhanced not only our clients lives, but ours as well at Angels of Mercy. The JOY is insurmountable as we continue to extend unconditional love, mercy and grace.

Thank you for being a part of what we do and for your continued support throughout the years!
Please see the other side for a brief summary of 2022 activities.

With much love and appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Jo Gugino Colligan".

Mary Jo Gugino Colligan, President | Founder

“It only takes a spark/ to get a fire going/ and soon all those around/ can warm up to its glowing/That’s how it is with God’s love . . .you want to pass it on.”

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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

1. **Voices of Inspiration** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyKvBLa22eY>
2. **Butterfly Boutique** – Empowering local women through clothing they can be proud to wear...
 - Agencies: 110
 - Nearly 1,000 Butterfly Boutique orders filled
 - Ukranian Effort (ongoing) women and children’s coats, backpack filled with school supplies, 100+ Christmas stockings
3. **Community Outreach:** Supporting local churches, agencies and schools with toiletries, clothing items, and bedding, with more than 20,000 articles of clothing, etc... within the community
4. **Anti-Human Trafficking** – Education and awareness shared with the community
5. **Dress A Girl Around the World /NYS Ambassador** – Total number of dresses sent via Angels of Mercy since the inception is 1 million+, 3,500 dresses sent to the following locations this year:
 - Samaritan’s Purse Walworth Baptist Church Rochester City Schools
 - East High School Franklin High School Uganda
 - Puerto Rico Guatemala Ghana
 - Dominican Republic Zambia India Ukraine
6. **The Monarca Project** – **NEW THIS YEAR:** Informal peer-to-peer women’s support group that shares practical tools to aid in our journey of healing from impacts of trauma
7. **Special Events**
 - Voices of Inspiration presentation at the Century Club Mercy High School, and Irondequoit Community Center
 - Mercy Motto Award presentation
 - Mercy High School Volunteer Fair
 - Fashion Week at the Rochester Public Market
 - Fashion Show at the Century Club
 - Chicken BBQ Drive Thru – Food prepared by Sticky Lips
 - North Winton Festival
 - 2nd Annual Sidewalk Sale
 - 10th Annual Fun Run and Walk
 - Christmas Stockings
 - Purse Project
 - Highlighted by Channel 13 to help in Coat Drive
 - FCLNY Women and Children Resource Fair
 - Nazareth College /20 incoming Freshman Volunteers for Day of Change
8. **AWARDS:**
 - Mary Jo was presented with the Greece Chamber Person of the Year Award
 - Lifetime Achievement Award present to Jen Gugino by the Sons of Italy
9. **HOW TO GET INVOLVED:**
 - Invite Angels of Mercy to present at your next event
 - Volunteer at a fundraising event or at the Butterfly Boutique