



## WHEN IT ALL LINES UP

### WORDS FROM CEO PAULA GARNER

Melissa Hardin and her husband Chad had a 3-year-old son when they decided they had room in their home and in their hearts to help other children. So in 2017, they became foster parents for families in Shelbyville, KY. Most of the children they took in were able to return to their birth families after a short stay, but along the way, two young boys needed something extra -- so the Hardin family of three became a family of five through adoption. According to Melissa, "Once you know about the trauma

and resiliency of so many children in the child welfare system, you don't ever forget it." Melissa also became a CASA volunteer and a member of their Citizen's Review Board.

When the opportunity to join Maryhurst as our new CFO came up, Melissa knew this was a "perfect match." She was familiar with Maryhurst's reputation for providing safe space for the most vulnerable and knew this would be an amazing place to use her 20+ years of financial experience.

Since Melissa joined our team, she not only has proven herself to be acutely skilled at financial work but has quickly shown that her personal values and those of Maryhurst are in complete alignment.

Thank you, Melissa, for bringing your passion to our vital work.



Melissa and her boys, ages 4, 6, and 10

## WHY MARYHURST?

"I support Maryhurst because my story is very similar to many of the children we serve, and it brings me a lot of joy and peace to help others see the hope that is possible. Maryhurst is vital to our community."



Brandy (center) and family

- [Brandy Arsenault](#) (board member, donor, advocate, volunteer)

## SHARING IT FORWARD

Those of you who attended or read about this year's Journey of Hope program know that one of our alums, Maddy Satterwhite, spoke about her experience at Maryhurst and the support she has received from us in her early adulthood.



As an amazing gift to Maryhurst, Maddy is now "sharing it forward" by serving as a peer-support practicum student. Maddy focuses on youth who are themselves getting ready to transition into adulthood, offering them support and coaching them in vital independent living skills. She helps with mock interviews for jobs and placement in Independent Living programs. She has created resource lists for the various places around our state where youth may be relocating, and she leads activities in which participants create vision boards to help visualize their goals.

Maddy says she wants to become for other youth what Maryhurst staff were (and are) for her, and when Maddy speaks, you can be sure our youth listen. "I love being able to give advice or even just be a listening ear to some of the girls in time of need," says Maddy.





## THANK YOU, BOLAND FAMILY!

### RECORD CROWD ATTENDS POLO EVENT

More than 850 people came to Oxmoor Farm and raised over \$70,000 to help Maryhurst continue impacting lives. Our thanks to all those who attended, the sponsors, volunteers, and to the Boland family who pour their hearts and souls into the event each year.

## MORE EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

- Beauties vs. The Beast 11th annual golf tournament, sponsored by the Persimmon Ridge Ladies Golf Association will be held September 18.
- Holiday Gift Drive - if you're interested in being part of our 2024 holiday gift drive, please contact Lori Cecil (lcecil@maryhurst.org). She will loop you in as plans develop over the next few weeks.



## QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you are at least 70.5 years of age and have a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you may be eligible to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to Maryhurst. This is a gift in which assets are moved directly into a Maryhurst account rather than being withdrawn by the donor and then given to Maryhurst. This allows the donor to bypass the normal taxes that would have to be paid on a withdrawal from an IRA funded by pre-tax dollars.

QCD's allow donors to make gifts from their larger assets rather than from their annual income. QCD's are widely used by donors who have reached 73 years of age and must make Required Minimum Distributions from their IRA. Please contact your financial advisor for advice related to your particular situation.

## NEED TO CREATE OR UPDATE A WILL?

Maryhurst offers its donors access to a free, on-line service that can help you create or update your will. This service has been widely vetted and is endorsed by non-profits throughout the country.



[freewill.com/maryhurst](http://freewill.com/maryhurst)

## VOLUNTEERING

### ANOTHER CHANCE TO PITCH IN



#### Holiday Gift Wrapping:

December; various times

This is a special opportunity for LIC members. Each year, volunteer groups help us wrap our holiday gifts, and these timeslots fill up quickly once announced. We'd like to offer our LIC members early access to the timeslots for this activity. You may come as an individual or bring a group to which you belong.

Contact Shelby Allen (502.271.4650 or [sallen@maryhurst.org](mailto:sallen@maryhurst.org)) for more information.

## TOUR THE CAMPUS



Help us introduce our work to others. Every other month we offer a one-hour program overview and campus tour.

Use this QR code or go to [maryhurst.org/take-action/meet-maryhurst](http://maryhurst.org/take-action/meet-maryhurst) to sign up!



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