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► MCC MISSION

To see a residential treatment facility opened that provides a safe, nurturing environment where women (and their dependent children) can learn to live substance-free, while receiving quality medical care and treatment for substance use disorders, with access to education and workforce training opportunities.

A STATEMENT FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Statement from Our Executive Director:

Greetings, welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. We are so excited to share some of our most recent achievements and updates with you.

In addition to meeting with various community members and organizations in pursuit of our mission to open a treatment facility, we also work to support the families enrolled in one of the Problem-Solving Courts in Onondaga County. In August 2024, we hosted our 9th Annual Back to School Event for children with a parent enrolled in one of the Problem-Solving Courts. With the help of some incredible volunteers, we helped 109 children prepare for the school year. Again, with the help of wonderful volunteers and supporters, in December 2024, we helped prepare 133 children for a Central New York Winter. We hope you will read the newsletter for more details about these events and a few of our other activities.

Let us keep the momentum going, we hope you will join us in supporting our community's children. If you are interested in supporting our work and/or volunteering at one of our events, please contact us via our website www.mccsyracuse.org.

-Sr. Cheryl Wint, osf, Executive Director, MCC





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MCC 2024 EVENTS

The 9th Annual Back to School Event was held in the Problem-Solving Court Suite on August 24th. With the aid of many volunteers and donors, it was a huge success. 109 Children were given the opportunity to pick out a new pair of sneakers and a new backpack filled with school supplies. In addition, each child received at least one new outfit, socks, and personal care items. To see the joy on their faces as they chose their new things was priceless. Every family received a grocery gift card, and they were offered healthcare and financial information.

The Holiday Event was held on December 11th in the Problem-Solving Court Suite. Because of the help of some very generous donors, volunteers, and partners, 133 children were prepared for a cold and snowy Central New York Winter. Children were given the opportunity to pick out a new pair of sturdy boots and a warm winter coat. Once again, grocery gift cards were given to each family, along with information about financial literacy and healthcare. These two events are chaotic and magical. We invite you to volunteer with us and experience this for yourself. It is worth your time.





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Syracuse Mets vs. Buffalo

Thanks to the efforts of Sr. Cheryl, MCC was invited to participate in the "We Care Wednesdays" event for the Syracuse Mets baseball game on May 29, 2024. MCC had a table at the game, and one of our board members, The Honorable Judge Theodore Limpert, threw out the first pitch. Jeannette Artini and Judge Limpert were interviewed by a local radio station. In addition to spreading the word about MCC, several of our families were able to attend the game and had a fabulous time. As part of the promotion, The Syracuse Mets donated a portion of each ticket we sold directly to our fund for our Residential Treatment Facility.



Honorable Judge Ted Limpert, throwing out the first pitch.



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Back to School Event Observations from an Event Volunteer

A Moment in Time

What do you think of when you hear the word “justice?” Gavels and guards; judgment and jails are images that may come to mind. The Neumann Franciscan Sisters understand “justice” to be a state of “right relationship” not only among peoples, but with all of creation. The passionate team of MCC volunteers have inspired the judges, bailiffs, and court team to work together in pursuit of this broader view of justice. On August 21st, the courtroom was transformed into a beacon of generosity, hope, and care; a marvelous embodiment of this broader expression of “justice.” The benches were filled with much-needed school supplies, personal products, clothes, and sneakers to equip the kids of dozens of families with a start off on the “right foot” to a new school year. The witness stand was transformed into the command post for organizing the flow of the needed supplies. MCC continues to hold the vision of creating a treatment center where women need not choose between staying connected with their children and getting the treatment that they need. In the interim, events like this that address some of the needs of our families are both important and inspiring.

–Brent Anderson, M.Div., BCC Partners in Franciscan Ministry





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The 2024 New York State Fair

The Great New York State Fair Sponsorship Department awarded MCC nine "Adopt A Family Packets" for some of the families we serve. The Family Packets included entry tickets to the fair, food vouchers, and parking passes. The Problem-Solving Court Staff assisted in selecting the families most likely to benefit from the experience. On behalf of all of us at MCC, we wish to thank the NYS Fair Sponsorship Department for this wonderful opportunity.



Hi my name is [redacted] and my family and I would like to thank you for the fair tickets and food package my son was very grateful and the rest of us as well. my son had told me that that was the best day of his life. So thank you for making this possible.

To: MCC
Hi my name is [redacted] I was able to go to the fair with my husband and my two kids thanks to you we would not have been able to go without this gift. My kids were so so happy. We do alot as a family but never anything like this. They smiled so big. This was a great gift and we can't thank you enough.

"Thank you for everything. You have no idea how much your hard work is appreciated!"

- East Syracuse Mom With 3 Children
2024 New York State Fair



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Holiday Events 2024

Thank you to all our incredible volunteers. These events and the joy they bring could not happen without you!





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Volunteer Opportunities

Problem-Solving Court Suite

511 S. State Street

Volunteers needed: 9am to 3:30pm

August 14, 2025

Syracuse Mets/ We Care Wednesday

Presented by

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield

Wednesday, June 18th!

Giving Tuesday

December 2, 2025

Holiday Event

Problem-Solving Court Suite

511 S. State Street

Volunteers Needed: 9am to 3:30pm

December 11, 2025

As a new mom, I can't imagine how impossible it must be to not have a support system during tough times. I am so grateful to be a part of the process to heal what is broken in our community."

- Volunteer from Manlius, NY 2024 Back to School Event



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We would like to thank some wonderful and generous organizations who helped us in 2024

Dr. Robert Dracker and Summerwood Pediatrics

Holy Cross Church, DeWitt, NY

Sedgwick Farm Neighborhood Association

Primal Chiropractic

Prevention Network and BOCES

V-Toe Socks, Inc

Sisters of St. Francis and Associates

Central New York Women's Fund

Fleet Feet Syracuse

Fidelis Care

Nottingham High School's Girl Up Club

Summit Federal Credit Union

Project Linus Onondaga County NY

Pope John XXIII Parish Council, Liverpool NY

The Daughters of Columbus

St. Ann's Prayer Shawl Ministry, Manlius NY

Howard Hanna Real Estate, Manlius NY

Central New York Diaper Bank

Race's Knitted Scarves

In addition to this wonderful group, we would like to thank the Staff of the Onondaga County Problem Solving Courts.



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