

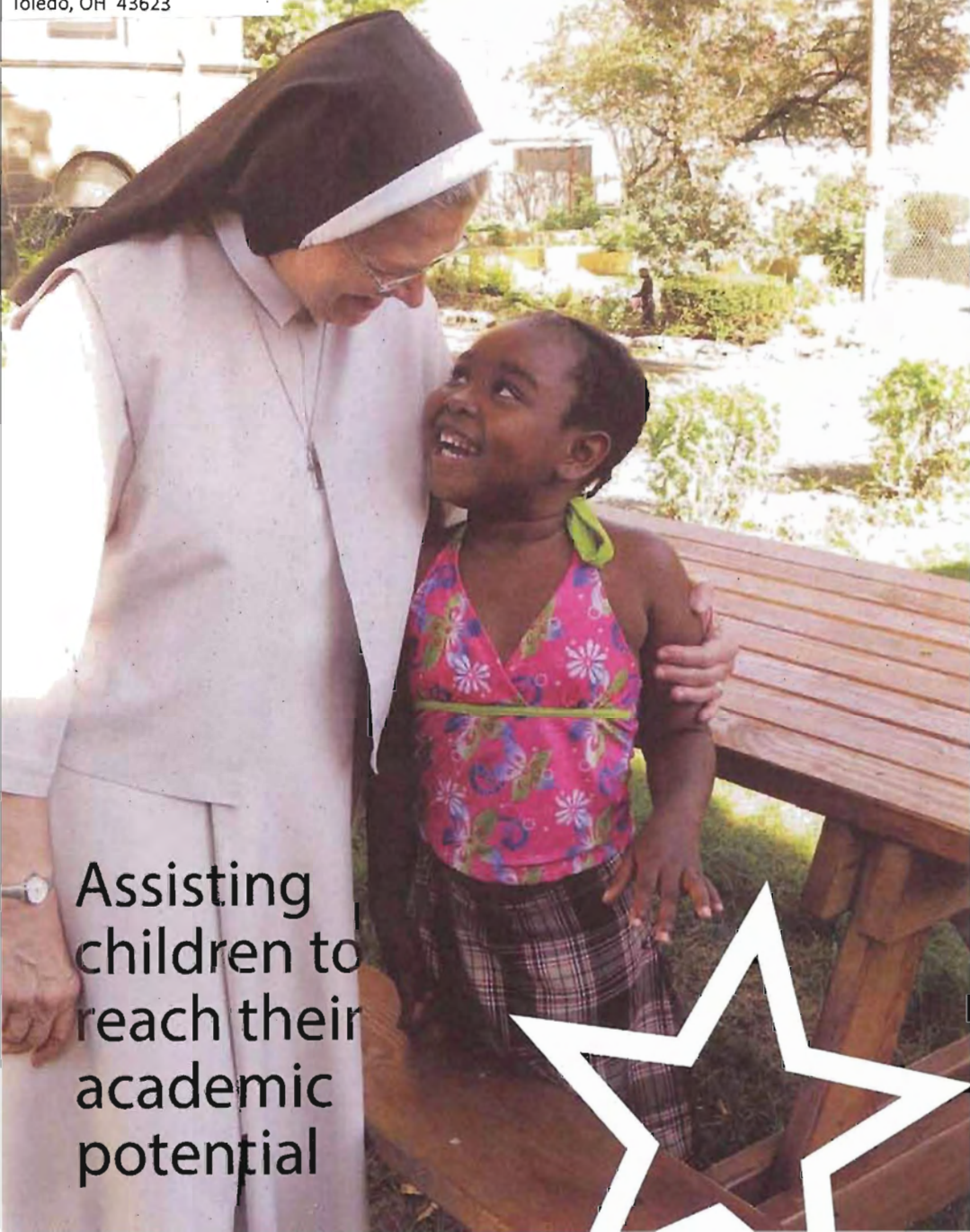


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EDUCATION >>>



Assisting
children to
reach their
academic
potential





Sr. Kent teaches

« *Sr. Mary Kent works with pre-schoolers so they are better prepared to enter school.* »

Sr. Mary Kent Burgard began a school Readiness program in 1970 at St. Mary's School, Toledo, to give central city children a good academic start.

Her teaching career actually began in 1966 as a first grade teacher. When she had taught the First Grade for four years, she began seeing a need for a Readiness program. "It was hard for children to enter the First Grade if they had not been exposed to learning," she explained.

Sr. Kent recently ended her full-time classroom teaching at Lial Catholic School in 2013 and now is tutoring part-time for a Readiness program at Toledo's Mareda Center, a place where young children can experience a loving and safe, learning environment. Mareda is located in the former St. Mary's Rectory on Page Street. "Returning to the St. Mary's campus after all of these years gave me a feeling that I've come home," she added.

Sr. Kent's teaching career has gone full circle returning to the central city. She celebrated 50 years as a Sister of Notre Dame this summer, yet retiring is not her plan. Sr. Kent is committed to standing by those who lack life's learning essentials.

"Sr. Mary Kent is so great with these children," said Allison Perz, Mareda Center Director. "When she joined us at



Mareda I was observing her in the Reading Room, and I really noticed her patience and how upbeat she was. I now like to have all new staff members spend a little time with Sr. Mary Kent so they can see how she is with the kids," she added.

"I love teaching this age because they want to learn! They are so receptive to learning and they want to please," she said. "One three-year-old named TreShawn accomplished so much in one year by coming to the Reading Room. He learned shapes, numbers and colors! He was like a sponge and absorbed everything. I'm always trying to be positive with the children to motivate them and I've found that compliments really encourage them," she concluded.

Jubilee! Congratulations sisters!



« **75 years**
Sr. Mary
Magdalea Camp. »

70 years From left:
Sr. Mary Patricia
Snyder, Sr. Ethel
Mary Camp (aka Sr.
M. Lalande) and Sr.
Mary Michel Schmitt.



« **65 years** From left: Sr. M. Frances
Theresa Dorsey, Sr. Mary Danielle
Coressel, Sr. Mary Margaret Ann Polta, Sr.
Mary Audrey Kreuz (aka Sr. M. Leona), Sr.
Mary Jean Frances Boes.



25 years From left: Sr. Linda Maria Pelagio
with Sr. Mary Delores Gatliff, Provincial.

40 years Sr. Frances Marie Penwell. »



50 years

Front left: Sr. Mary
Rosellyn Theisen,
Sr. Darlene Mary
Siebeneck
(aka Sr. M.
Rosalyn), Sr.
Rosemary Hug (aka
Sr. M. Lament), Sr.
Mary Kent Burgard,
Sr. Carol Ann Mary
Smith (aka Sr. M.
Jaymes). Back left:
Sr. Marya Czech



(aka Sr. M. Stanley), Sr. Maxine Young (aka Sr. M. Marlene), Sr. Susan Marie Scherger (aka
Sr. M. Louize), Sr. Mary Jonna Say, and Sr. Mary Berneta Schneider.