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MacAuley students pair with Mercy Circle



Mercy Circle resident Sister Anne Hyzy and Mother McAuley High School senior Egypt Drayton participate recently in the school year's first MACS with Mercy visit. (Marc Monaghan)

MACS with Mercy launched its third year with help from the Black Student Union Club. The program is a joint effort between Mother McAuley High School, Alderman Matt O'Shea of Chicago's 19th Ward, and Mercy Circle, a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas located near the school.

In September, students and residents painted wooden trivets shaped like apples as a gift for families who are served by Pat's Pantry. MACS with Mercy is an intergenerational program that aims to brighten the lives of others. Each month, students from a different club at McAuley visit the seniors.



Chicago Alderman Matt O'Shea of the 19th Ward, center, stands with Mercy Circle residents and Mother McAuley students from the Black Student Union Club to show off apple trivets they painted. (Marc Monaghan)