



MERCY CENTER

A Profile in Mercy: Maureen Domal



Maureen is third from left in the first row. Also in the picture are Midshipman Batista and Midshipman Baier along with several fifth graders.

After raising two daughters with her husband, and preparing to retire from operations management at Disney ABC, Maureen began researching volunteering options at some of the local non-profit organizations her family has supported over the years. She met with Sister Mary Lou at Sisters Academy and accepted her invitation to show “kindness and love.” Maureen does just that both as an assistant for the 5th and 6th grade teacher and as a chaperone for swim classes at the Boys & Girls Club every week.

One of the aspects that impresses Maureen the most about Sisters Academy is that the school is not just about teaching academics, it is also about exposing all students to a broad array of life experiences while developing critical academic skills. Having the students participate in speaking contests, act in plays or attend fencing lessons helps them to “fit in” and “be on par with others who have more.” She has seen a shy 5th grader blossom into a more confident, smart, young woman after being challenged to develop speaking skills she did not know she had. She spoke of a student learning to play the violin in 5th grade and fall in love with it, then, as an 8th grader, seek out a high school that would enable her to both grow academically and continue studying the violin, choosing to enroll in Trinity Hall for their music program. With the guidance provided at Sisters Academy, the girls develop strong study skills that allow them to compete with peers at other private schools. They show remarkable strength and perseverance. They “find their better selves and learn self-love.”

At Sisters Academy, the girls love to be at school and would stay longer if they could (beyond the current extended day and school year). So if you are interested in volunteering, this must “tell you something.”

Maureen fills in occasionally at Mercy Center’s Food Pantry. She also is a volunteer with the Good Samaritan Committee at St. Theresa of Calcutta parish in Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ.

While working full-time, Maureen and her husband always made sure to have dinner every night as family. She continues her love of cooking, gardening and bread baking and prepares delicious meals daily. She also enjoys quiet mornings on the beach.

Maureen, you are an integral part in making the “change in trajectory” possible at Sisters Academy. We are grateful for your dedication and belief in our work.

To learn about our volunteer opportunities at Mercy Center, please call (732) 774-9397 ext. 121.