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Angel Tidings

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Angels of Hope is a non-profit project offered through the Angel Workshop at Heartlight Center. Through Angels of Hope, we wish to present to each and every children's hospital, nursing home, hospice house, and other facilities that wish, an Angel of Hope. We continue this endeavor one step at a time with the vision that those in need will know the love that these Angels of Hope represent. It is our deepest desire that through this project - soon hope will spread and no one will feel alone.

1st Anniversary of Angels of Hope

On September 13, 2006, something wonderful was given. A small group sat together as the vision was shared for a new project, one that would reach out to all people and bring them together, young and old, near and far, to share the message of the Angels to those who need to hear it the most: "Do not be afraid. You are not alone."

A year later, there are hundreds of grandmothers and grandfathers in nursing homes, boys and girls in children's hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses, veterans in rehabilitation centers, and moms, mechanics, office workers, and others in hospice houses from Michigan to Florida and New Hampshire to California, who have felt the touch of the Angels. They have known that they are cared for and loved, not only by the Angels, but by all the people whose open hearts and generous contributions made it possible for them to receive their Angel of Hope. And this is only the beginning ...

~Angels Sponsored~

For every \$35 received in donations, another Angel of Hope is placed in a facility. Angels of Hope began on Sept. 13, 2006, and since then, there have been 464 Angels sponsored through the generous donations of individuals, businesses, service clubs, and other organizations. Thank you.

1st Annual Angels of Hope Garage Sale



Ted offered this free advertisement for the sale!



Volunteers like Jody and Zoey spent many hours bringing in, sorting and pricing donations.



Michelle and Kerin at the sale

There was such a presence of Angels at the 1st Annual Angels of Hope Garage Sale, whether they were visible or not visible. There was such a feeling of Love and Peace, not just there, but radiating beyond the physical place. Love and Peace know no bounds, they reach to the infinite.

This event brought the whole community together to raise funds so that 101 more Angels can be sent out. On July 26th, 27th, and 28th, many people came from near and far to check out the garage sale, silent auction, merchant items, food tent, and Angels of Hope table, to meet old friends and make new ones, and to support the mission of the Angels. All of the proceeds, over \$3500, will go to produce and ship the Angels, as do all donations to Angels of Hope.

There were so many smiles as people found what they had been looking for, whether clothing, a tool, greeting cards, cookies, or a round of golf. But there was little doubt from the responses of those who came, that they took home much more than that. Many shared

about their families and their other experiences, their struggles and pains, joys and triumphs, and went away saying they felt better, like it wasn't just on their hearts and shoulders. Some even said they knew it was because of the help from the Angels. There were many who came back more than once, drawn not by the things they saw, for they had already looked at them, but from the need to be here. Some said they came just because of the Angels here.

Without the vast donations of volunteer time, goods, and services we received, this event would not have been possible. We want to offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the 1st Annual sale and invite you to join with us again next year for the 2nd Annual Angels of Hope Garage Sale, July 24, 25, and 26, 2008. We'll have more information in upcoming newsletters.



Starting Over



Imagine being young, healthy, active, and a career Navy man, and suddenly waking up in a hospital unable to move anything on your right side, or even to talk. This is exactly what Lt. Steven Peace experienced a few short months ago. He had a terrible headache and went to bed, sure that it would be gone in the morning, but when he didn't show up for work, his commanding officer had his apartment checked. They found him in bed, unconscious, as he had been for 14 hours. After urgent care, he was sent to Scripps Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation Center in Encinitas, CA. His parents, after being with him through two grueling months of therapy, returned to Michigan very grateful people. There were many days that just going on, trying one more time to move lifeless limbs, seemed too much. With a lot of work and a lot of love, Lt. Peace walked out of Scripps Memorial, and continues to improve to this day.

Karen, Duane, and Lt. Steven Peace sponsored an Angel of Hope to go to the rehabilitation center whose wonderful staff had worked so hard and cared so much about Steven's recovery. She sits there now as a source of inspiration for the patients, like Steven, their families, and the dedicated staff that serve so many people striving to regain the health and use of their bodies. What a perfect way to remind one and all that no matter how difficult it gets, you are cared for and loved. You are not alone.



Thank You Corner



~ from Brenda at Morristown Manor in Morristown, IN: "Thank you so much for the Angel of Hope you recently sent to us. It is such a blessing to know that there are people in the world who really care about our residents. The Angel represents God's love and daily walk in the lives of the staff and residents at Morristown Manor. The residents will feel the love and companionship of so many who care about them each day. Thank you for your gift of Love."

~ from Roseanne at Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Center in Wheeling, IL: "On behalf of the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Center, I would like to personally thank you for the recent gift to our home. The Angel that you sent was beautiful and residents have become quite fond of her. It was very thoughtful of Angels of Hope to include us in your thoughts and prayers."

~ You're Invited ~

Would you like to donate to Angels of Hope? Just fill out the information below, and mail it with your check to the address on the front of this newsletter. Donations can also be made through PayPal on our website.

Name _____ Amount of Donation _____ Date _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your donation can be a contribution, a memorial gift, or to honor family and friends on special occasions. For donations of \$35, you may request an Angel to be placed in a particular facility or type of facility and may dedicate it as you wish. A beautiful card will be sent to them in your name. Just send that information with your donation.

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