



Autumn 2008 **Angel Tidings** Volume 2 No. 3

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.

Season of Gratitude

As the evenings become a little cooler, and the bright colors of summer start to turn to sunset shades of yellow, orange, and red, we see the age-old pageantry of the change of seasons playing out before our eyes. We see the crisp leaves dancing from branches to the new fall carpet that crunches under our feet and forms soft pillows for tumbling children. It is the perfect time to become aware of the bounty of our world, and the beauty of all creation, and to take a quiet moment to be grateful for the true wealth we have each been given just to breathe, to live, to smile, to love, and to be loved.

Yet there are so many who feel only alone, forgotten, or afraid. They lay in hospitals, nursing homes, veteran centers, and hospices, wondering if anyone remembers, and do they still care? And even the lucky ones who know others care might wonder if their loved ones might be better off without the burden of their care.

Angels of Hope stand before them gently reminding them how very precious they are, with soft voices whispering, "Do not be afraid. You are not alone."



A Thank You Note

Greetings from Avante@Melbourne. We are a 110 bed nursing facility on the east coast of Florida. Our facility is filled with many residents who moved to the area to retire leaving them with hardly any local family. So when they are placed with us, we become family.

An angel is a symbol that almost everyone recognizes no matter what age. We received our angel just as Tropical Storm Fay was raining down on us. Due to many other things that had to be done for the storm we didn't have a plan for our angel. So we placed her in a location to be seen by many - in our main dining room. Within a few days residents started asking about the angel and commenting about it. Everyone that passed left with a smile on their face, including staff and visitors.

Something as simple as a piece of wood, made into something so peaceful, has made a difference in the lives of our residents. Please pass along our gratitude to everyone involved in the Angels of Hope.

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Henry Coulombe with
the Angel of Hope
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2nd Annual Angels of Hope Garage Sale

On three sun-filled, glorious days, the presence of Angels was easily felt and experienced at the 2nd Annual Angels of Hope Garage Sale. Smiles abounded, peace permeated, and love touched every heart.

The grounds were filled with spacious tents giving the premises more of the feel of a fair than a garage sale. Clothing was sorted and hung in sizes from children's through adult 3X. There were toys for all ages, goodies galore, and a Silent Auction featuring everything from tickets to Cedar Point and 6 Flags, to the County Fair grandstand events, to a photo session, and tax preparation, as well as new lamps from Lazy Boy and a local furniture store, tools, and more. The generosity of the community was incredible as donations of time, services, and items poured in as a response to requests for help. And so many people came to join new friends and old in enjoying this time with and for the Angels. You couldn't miss the joy on the faces as people left with their treasures.

As with all donations to Angels of Hope, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to producing and shipping more Angels. We raised enough to send out almost 100 more Angels! THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this dream come true.



~ You're Invited ~

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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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