



# Spring 2007 **Angel Tidings** Volume 1 No. 1

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 begin 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.

Just a few short months ago, on Sept. 13, 2006, the seed of inspiration for Angels of Hope was received. In six months, this seed has been planted, watered, weeded, and in the sunshine of goodwill and generosity from many individuals, service clubs, and businesses, it has blossomed into a beautiful flower which has brought joy, comfort, and Hope to hundreds of people.

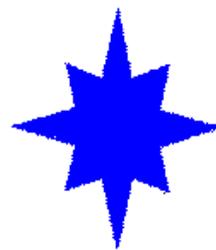
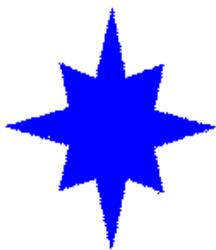
Angel Tidings newsletters will be published quarterly to keep our Partners in Hope, up to date on all of the activities and growth in Angels of Hope, and the difference it is making in the lives of those who receive the Angels. We welcome your feedback, stories, and suggestions, and hope you enjoy hearing all the news from Angels of Hope.



Volunteer help comes in all sizes! Sebastian, Mahala, and Zoey help Millie, Roberta, and Pam pack another Angel to go to her new home.

## ~Angels Placed~

Sept. 13, 2006 to Feb. 13, 2006	130 angels placed
Angels placed in Michigan	105
Angels placed in Indiana	18
Angels placed in Ohio	6
Angels placed elsewhere	1 (in AZ)



## Angel Deliveries

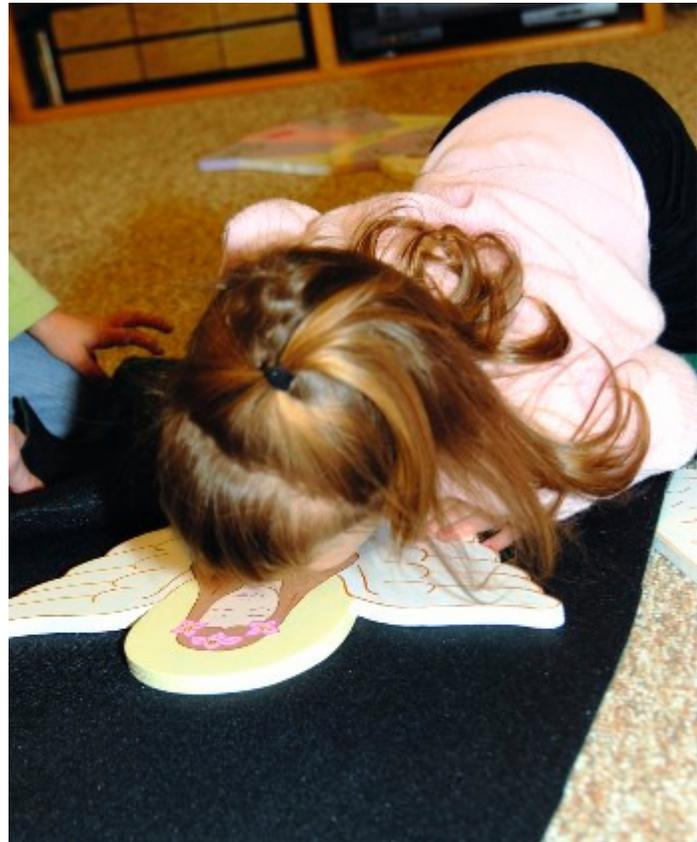
One hundred thirty-four Angels are bringing hope to nursing home residents, Ronald McDonald House families, rehabilitation center clients, and hospital patients.

Our very first Angel of Hope went to the Hope House in Sturgis. We were greeted at the door by a young woman who said, "It's my birthday and we're all getting a present. All we need is hope and an angel to remind us someone cares."

The next 20 angels were delivered to their new homes. Residents, staff, and visiting families always responded with, "Oh look - an angel is here!" Nursing home residents interrupted bridge games, I Love Lucy, movies, a Christmas decorating party, and even Bingo, to find the perfect spot to place their Angel of Hope. One little boy who was afraid to go into the nursing home to see his grandmother saw the angel in the entry and knew it was alright to go on in.

Many more angels have arrived by mail. Imagine opening a box and finding an angel! The angels that are mailed are packaged by several volunteers, among them 5 very young day care children who come once a week and

wrap the angels in what they call "their blankies", and then the youngest, covers each one and kisses her good-bye. It is such a tender send off for these messengers of Love and Hope.



Zoey's sweet kiss: "Good-bye Angel!"

## Partners in Hope

Would you like to be a Partner in Hope? Just fill out the information below

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ May we e-mail your newsletters to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please share your newsletters with friends, family, and anyone else you think might be interested in knowing about and supporting Angels of Hope.

## ~ Traveling Angels ~

An Angel of Hope is carried into many people's homes and businesses, spreading her message of Love and Hope wherever she goes. David and Virginia are going out with an Angel of Hope in hand, knocking on people's doors, sharing with people about the project, and inviting donations. One man said, "Yes, we all need hope," and proceeded to write out a check. Another lady with limited funds but who was touched by the Angel, went to her jar of change and gave them all her quarters to go toward another Angel of Hope.

It's not the amount of money received that really matters ~ it's the open hearts, it's the smiles as people see the Angel coming through their doors and down their streets, and it's the sincere desire to respond and care for our brothers and sisters on this planet. This is what makes Angels of Hope a reality that is touching hearts. It is inspiring to see so many people acknowledge the need for hope and respond with such generosity.

## Presentations

Since September, we have been traveling all over the area, from Sturgis to Three Rivers, Constantine, Portage, Kalamazoo, Comstock, Coldwater, White Pigeon, and Bronson, visiting service clubs, offering presentations to introduce Angels of Hope and invite their support and participation. There has been an enthusiastic reception, with lots of great questions, and offers of support. We always take two Angels with us, so that the members can see them, and the Angels can reach out and invite them to help. Who can resist the touch of an angel!



## Thank You Corner



Each issue of Angel Tidings will include a sampling of the thank you notes we receive from facilities that have received Angels of Hope which show how much this simple gift means in so many lives.

~from Esther at the Ronald McDonald House in Lansing, MI: "The angel is very beautiful. Such donations are inspirational and comforting for the families during times of distress. Thank you for helping to make the house a home away from home for our families."

~from Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, Sue at Rose Arbor in Kalamazoo, MI: "Thank you for our Angel of Hope. We will find the right spot for her that she may watch over those in need."

~from Sandy at DeBoer Nursing Home in Grand Rapids, MI: "Thank you so much for your donation of the Angel. Our residents just love it and are so excited to have it on display."



Jack from the Noon Exchange Club of Coldwater with Pam and Roberta ~ and the Angels!