



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

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.



*For the Love of Angels*



A young child sits in his hospital bed. His parents have gone home. The nurses have stepped out. The monitors strapped to him continue to beep. There is a silent hush all around him. He is alone. Then he gazes into the corner and sees a shining angel with a gentle smile, radiating Hope, whispering, "Do not be afraid. You are not alone."

"What difference do the Angels *really* make?" Everyone who considers donating to Angels of Hope might wonder about that. There are so many places offering services to help people that are asking for support. But how can one measure the value or importance of an Angel of Hope for the child who suddenly discovers he is not alone, and without fear, he turns over and finally falls peacefully asleep? It is with very happy hearts that the Angels are produced and shipped out to facilities that are caring for the needs of children, adults, and seniors. From the feedback we are receiving from the facilities that have received them, there are even more happy hearts on

## ~Angels Placed~

Angels of Hope began Sept. 13, 2006.  
As of May 13, 2007, 238 Angels of Hope have  
been sent out through the generous donations of

# The Angel Workshop



From plywood to Angel shapes - David's cutting up again!

Making Angels is a team effort starting from sheets of plywood which have angels traced upon them using plexi-glas templates. They are then rough cut, and cut out in detail, sanded, spackled, sanded some more, primed, sanded again, and painted with a base coat. Finally, they are ready to move from the Workshop to the Workroom to have their patterns traced on. Then the face, hair, halos, dress, and base flower colors are painted on, using at least 2 coats of paint. The patterns are once again traced for all the detail lines, and the Angels move to another room where the lines on their faces, hands, hair, robes, flowers, wings, halos, banners, words, and stars are painted.

The triangular bases are cut from 2 X 12 boards which are then sanded, primed, and painted, then lettered in bright blue with the words, "Angel of Hope".

Our tractor, Big Blue even helps out. His front end loader was modified, putting blocks on its pinch points, creating a perfect hydraulic press to flatten the ends of the rods so they can be attached to the Angel.

In the end, a beautiful Angel is ready to go out to spread their joyful message: "Do not be afraid. You are not alone."



Big Blue gets into the act, as Bob flattens stakes for the Angels



This Angel is almost done as Jeanette outlines her star.

# Once upon a time...

there was a pediatric oncology unit in northern Indiana where children came seeking a way out of their life that cancer has taken over, and back to a normal, happy childhood. At South Bend Memorial Children's Hospital, this is an every day occurrence.

One day, the resident doctor answered the phone. We were calling to offer an Angel of Hope to help the children remember that they are not alone, and that they are loved and cared for. The caller asked for the contact person, and the doctor asked to hear more, saying that they really needed an Angel there. With joy, they accepted the gift from the Goshen Optimist Club, an Angel to bring many smiles and much Hope and Love. The little girl angel, Crystal, with her bouquet of daisies has been doing just that since March of this year.



We're one family after all!



## Thank You Corner



~ from Martha at Ganton's Countryside Retirement Community in Jackson, MI: "Dear Friends, Thank you so much for sending us an Angel of Hope. We will make good use of it! It is so nice of you to remember the residents in nursing homes. We are very fortunate to have a good place where quality of life for our residents is important. Also loving staff and good, supportive families. P.S. The Angel

~ from Juliet at All American Nursing Home in Chicago, IL: "Dear Angels, I would like to thank you for such a beautiful gift. It really touched the staff & residents' hearts so much. It truly was a blessing to our nursing home. I would like to add that it is people like your organization that help to make others day a whole lot happier with big smiles and appreciation, and most of all, the feeling of being L-O-V-E."

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