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# Angel Tidings Volume 4 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.

## Harvest of Love

One of the most inspiring events in nature is the beautiful harvest in the fall when all the lush fields and trees offer forth their bounty to humanity. We are so grateful for the abundance Mother Earth so graciously gives to all her children.

There is also another harvest beyond what our two eyes can see, a harvest of love and hope that is brimming full to overflowing, a harvest that is never-ending and is also there for all. Just look about and behold the blessings, the love, the hope expressed everywhere by a smile, a kind word, a warm handshake, or a deed offered out of love with no thought of return. So many things to remind us that our heart knows and carries us through our darkest times with hope, toward a peace beyond our greatest understanding.

Now these beautiful wooden Angels come as an ever-present reminder of the hearts seeking to hear the words spoken that draw us upward and set our feet on solid ground — "Do not be afraid. You are not alone." No matter who we are or what we may be experiencing, those words enter deep within and bring the assurance that someone cares enough to reach out a hand with the touch of love. As we look upon the Angels' beautiful faces, their radiant garments and the message of love, hope and peace they bring, may we know beyond doubt the Harvest of Love is real, is present, and is forever.

# 5th Annual Angels of Hope Garage Sale, Silent Auction, Bake Sale

Heartlight Center held its 5th Annual Garage Sale, Silent Auction, and Bake Sale for Angels of Hope on July 28, 29, and 30, 2011. We were once again, so grateful for the enthusiastic support we received from the community, with so many businesses opening their hearts and donating their products and services, and from so many community residents who came to the sale and made purchases.

There are 1008 Angels in Nursing Homes, Children's Hospitals, Hospice House, Rehabilitation Center, Ronald McDonald Houses, and other facilities in every state in this country, as well as Washington D.C., at no cost to them. We have recently expanded our vision of Angels of Hope in order to make areas in the U.S. and around the world that are experiencing such devastation, our first priority.

Since late May, we have placed 40 Angels in areas experiencing floods, wildfires, and tornadoes here in the U.S., and have begun to send them internationally as well, with Angels in Israel and Egypt.



We hope to soon have one going to Haiti and Kenya as well. This is only the beginning. So many in this world are in need.

This year's fundraiser raised about \$3600. This will allow the lives of hundreds and thousands of people across America and beyond our shores, to be touched through the Angels of Hope that we will now be able to send out. With all our hearts, we thank everyone who participated, for your kindness and support.

♥ ♥ ~ We would love to hear your Angel story ~ ♥ ♥

Do you have a story to tell about an Angel of Hope and the difference that she has made or is making in your life or the lives of the patients, residents, staff, families, and visitors? With your permission, we will be sharing these on our website and through upcoming editions of this newsletter. It might inspire others to share in the work, including individuals, families, service clubs, corporations, and foundations. It might help a reader to remember that they too are not alone, and that the Angels are here for all of us, lighting our way through our darkest hours, and carrying us back into the light of Hope and Love.

You can submit your stories right online in our website at "Share Your Angel Experience". You can also call us at 269-651-2234, email us at [info@theangelworkshop.com](mailto:info@theangelworkshop.com), or mail your story to Angels of Hope, 67138 Shimmel Rd., Sturgis, MI 49091. We look forward to hearing from you.

## ~ Thank You Corner ~



Thank you so much for the Angel of Hope. Our residents love it. It's beautiful, and so is its meaning.

Thanks again.  
Baptist Home  
Bismarck, ND



## New Angels Sent This Summer

Our priority since the end of May this year, has been to send our Angels of Hope to areas devastated by natural disasters and conflict. With so much devastation across this nation, there has been great need.

Within the US, 40 Angels have gone to Alabama, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Montana, Tennessee, Arizona, Missouri, Iowa, New Mexico, Nevada, North Hampshire, North Carolina, Maryland, and Oklahoma. Most recently, they are going to Texas and Vermont, devastated by wildfires and flooding from Hurricane Irene.

Overseas they have gone to Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Nablus in Israel, and to Cairo, Egypt. We are working on Angels to go to Haiti, Japan, and Kenya as well. With 1013 Angels so far, our heartfelt service has only just begun!

## Making Angel Cloud Mobiles



You can see by the smiles on their faces and the delight in their eyes, that the residents at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange, Indiana, enjoyed making their Angel Cloud Mobiles. The ladies were full of life as they colored and glued these angels and clouds together with the help of volunteers. Afterwards, the Activity Director hung them in the residents' rooms. Each month a different Angel Activity is done with residents at a local nursing home. It's a wonderful experience for residents and volunteers alike. You can visit our website, [www.theangelworkshop.com](http://www.theangelworkshop.com) in the Activity Corner for more downloadable Angel Craft Activities, word puzzles, Angel Bingo Cards, and more.

# Angel Coloring Book



Angels of Hope has a new face in the form of a coloring book featuring all of the available Angels along with inspirational sayings. These Angels carry the same message as the wooden ones, "Do not be afraid. You are not alone," to the young and young at heart who color them. They will be available online through our website and in select retail stores, but this is only a small part of the story.

With the expansion of Angels of Hope internationally, as well as across the U.S., to areas that are experiencing natural disasters, famine, and conflict, the need has become all too apparent, to touch a particularly vulnerable group of people, the children who have become orphaned through earthquakes, famine, HIV/AIDS, conflict and war. How much they need a gentle reminder how very precious they are, and that they are truly not alone. Also, through the donations received, we plan to send coloring books and crayons along with the Angels that are sent to orphanages. Imagine the smiles!



## *International Angels of Hope*



Just a very short time ago, all of the Angels of Hope that had gone out were within the United States. It could no more have remained that way than a caterpillar remain in its chrysalis, never to know the joy and beauty of being a butterfly, for the Angels are for all peoples, for every man, woman and child on the planet who suffers and finds himself wondering if anyone knows and if anyone cares.

Now Angels of Hope grace a girls' orphanage in Jerusalem, the oncology ward of a hospital in Nazareth, a church working diligently to bring reconciliation between the Muslims and Christians in Egypt once more, an eye hospital in Hebron, a therapeutic clinic in the West Bank, and soon to a hospital in Tokyo meeting then needs of earthquake survivors in Japan, an orphanage in Juarez, Mexico, for those children surviving the drug war violence which claimed their parents' lives, just across our border. We are currently also working to place Angels in Kenya, Haiti, Honduras, Belize, Russia, Pakistan, South Africa, and beyond. You can help us share this true gift of the heart through your donations.

### *~ You're Invited ~*

Would you like to share in the work of 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 by credit card 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 \$40, you may request an Angel to be placed in a particular facility or type of facility in US, or \$90 if overseas, 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.

Sponsorship of Angels can also be done online at our website, [www.theangelworkshop.com](http://www.theangelworkshop.com).

Please share your newsletters with friends, family, and anyone else you think might be interested in knowing about and supporting Angels of Hope. If you are not on our mailing list to receive *Angel Tidings* quarterly, and would like to be, please give us your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_.