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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.

The Renewal of Hope

As we look out upon nature, we see all the beautiful flowers planted in the spring, opening more and more to the beauty within, and bringing joy to all who see them. They are like the Angels whose beauty and unconditional love ever shine forth from the center of their being. As we see the beautiful handpainted wooden Angels, they are a loving reminder that the unconditional love is real and ever-present, awaiting our acceptance. They reach out with the words that warm our heart, "Do not be afraid. You are not alone."

When we see these Angels and hear their words, our heart opens and we feel the love and peace deep within us come forth. This brings us a renewed hope that all is well, beyond how things may appear in our life and the lives of others. Hope is something even deeper. It reveals a world we may never have experienced before, a world where we find that nothing is separate or alone, but all is one, all is love. May this season be a renewal of the hope within your heart that it may open to the splendor and glory of love.



Angels of Hope ~ An Expanding Vision

Due to the massive devastation in the United States and around the world, Angels of Hope has expanded its outreach to include areas suffering from disasters, conflict and upheaval. We are locating shelters, hospitals, and other appropriate facilities to send an Angel of Hope. Hope is what people most need when faced with the challenging situations that we have seen repeatedly in recent times. As soon as we hear of a need, Angels of Hope is now sending Angels into that area.

There are so many places on the planet that we have all become aware of because of the crises they are experiencing, the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, conflict in Egypt, Libya, and throughout the Middle East, tornadoes across this country, floods along the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, and so much more. Because of the international effort, we are seeking volunteer translators in the community, including students and staff at Western Michigan University. We will be translating the "Angel of Hope" on the Angel bases to the language most spoken in the country, as well as an information sheet about Angels of Hope.

We have heard of all the animals that have been injured, left homeless, and alone, separated from their owners. Angels of Hope is sending out cat and dog Angels to shelters that are caring for their needs, and reuniting them when possible, with their human families.

We will continue to send Angels of Hope to other nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, Ronald McDonald Houses, and other facilities across the nation as we have been, but we will make areas that are experiencing natural disasters a priority. The elderly, homeless, injured, or ill, whether humans or their beloved pets, and those who are tirelessly working to help them, can be touched by the gentle, calming presence of an Angel and her message of Love and Hope.



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, or mail your story to Angels of Hope, 67138 Shimmel Rd., Sturgis, MI 49091. We look forward to hearing from you.

What's New?



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



It's that time again! On Thurs, Fri, and Sat, July 28, 29, and 30, we'll be holding our annual fundraiser to benefit Angels of Hope. We are accepting donations of new and like-new items to sell and auction off to benefit the project. Many businesses participate each year donating everything from tents, to tables, to donuts and coffee, as well as products and services that we can sell through our Silent Auction. We have requested donations from all of the professional sports teams both locally and in Detroit, and have already received an autographed photo of Chris Osgood, the Detroit Red Wings' goaltender, and hope to hear from the other organizations soon.

Donations are welcome from the community, who have always provided a vast assortment of items for the Garage Sale and goodies for the Bake Sale. And EVERYONE is invited to come enjoy the sale, take home some treasures, and help us to send more Angels of Hope to everyone in need.

~ The Activity Corner Takes to the Road ~



A resident at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis, MI enjoys her new Angels

Each month, craft projects from the Activity Corner are now being done with residents at local nursing homes, with a group of ready volunteers. The response has been fabulous. The residents leave the activity with a smile in their hearts and Angels in hand, to take back to brighten their rooms and their lives. All, residents, staff, and volunteers alike, are enriched by the experiences and there is an open invitation to come back anytime from many of the activity directors.



A resident at Fairview Living Center in Centreville, MI shares her beautiful Shining Angel

To see the Angel craft activities, go to the Activity Corner on the website, and click on "Angel Crafts and Coloring Projects." All of the templates you'll need are available in "Angel Templates." We will continue to add Angel craft projects, templates, stories, and puzzles to the Website, so come back and visit us often!

