

2025 Annual Report

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Mission

Provide financial and emotional support to pediatric cancer families living in or being treated in Nebraska.

Vision

To bring greater financial support for children with cancer and their families for as long as they need it.

Values

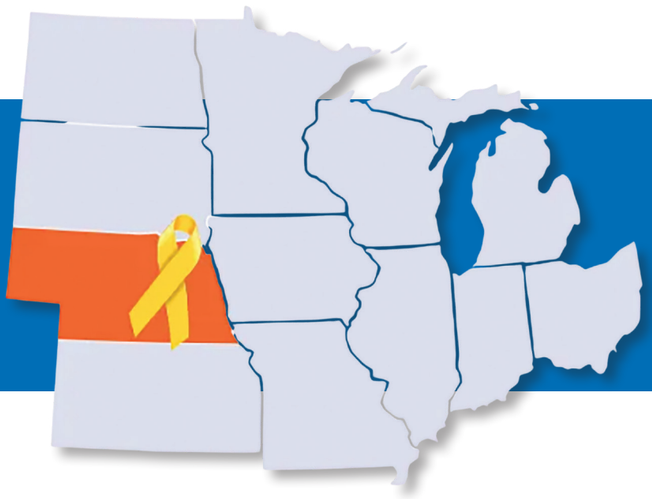
- Visionary Culture
- Mission-driven
- Accountability
- Compassion



Angels Among Us is committed to alleviating the financial and emotional burdens brought on by a pediatric cancer diagnosis so families can focus on what matters most–their sick child.

Why Our Mission Matters

Angels Among Us is the only organization providing long term sustained financial assistance to pediatric cancer families in the region.



NE ranks #1 in incidence of pediatric cancer of the 12 Midwestern states

70-90
newly diagnosed kids a year in Nebraska

72%
of households AAU serves reported a single income due to a child's cancer diagnosis

$44,800
is the average household income of families AAU serves

13 Months
is the average length of financial support

85%
of households qualify for AAU's highest level of funding



A Letter from Our Board Chair

It is my privilege to present the 2025 Annual Report for Angels Among Us. Serving as Chairman this past year has been a rewarding experience. I have had the opportunity to witness the growth and impact this organization continues to make and walk alongside the organization during a pivotal time of leadership transition. In addition, I continue to be humbled by the community support that allows us to continue to meet the growing and changing needs of pediatric cancer families walking a difficult journey. We wouldn't be able to stay flexible and open to growth without the generous support of folks like you.

The 2025 fiscal year proved to be another impactful year as Angels Among Us financially supported 123 families with over $891,633 in assistance, a record amount. In addition, our 4th year of providing emotional support programs to families continues to grow. More families than ever are becoming connected with each other, building community, visiting the Harper Hope Center, and knowing they don't walk their journey alone.

As Angels Among Us has experienced tremendous growth, we know as a board that our values must continue to guide us in all we do. Our values of being mission-driven through a visionary culture, being accountable in the work we do and serving with compassion are top of mind every decision we make. These same values led our team through a successful leadership transition this year as Susie Nelson of ten years passed the baton to Alyssa Goedeken who was formerly our Director of Development.

We as a board are excited for what is ahead for Angels Among Us as continued growth to better serve pediatric cancer families living in and being treated in Nebraska, along with investing in our team is of utmost importance. As you read through the following pages, you will learn about the families we serve and impact made, all due to your support. I know there are so many of you that give your time, talents and treasures to move our mission forward. On behalf of Angels Among Us, thank you.

There are angels among us, and we thank you for being one.

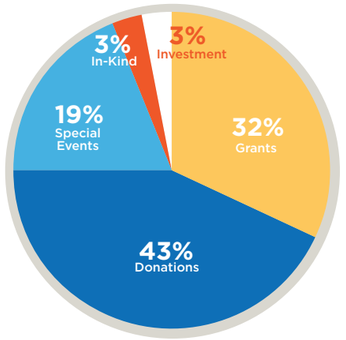


Joel Friesen

2025 Income & Expenses

OPERATING REVENUE

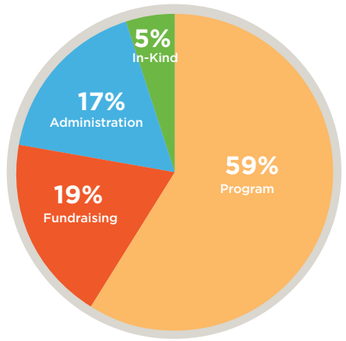
Grants	$1,101,500
Individual & Corporate Donations	$1,526,794
Special Events	$670,923
Investment	$111,024
In-Kind	$116,078



REVENUE BY %

OPERATING EXPENSE

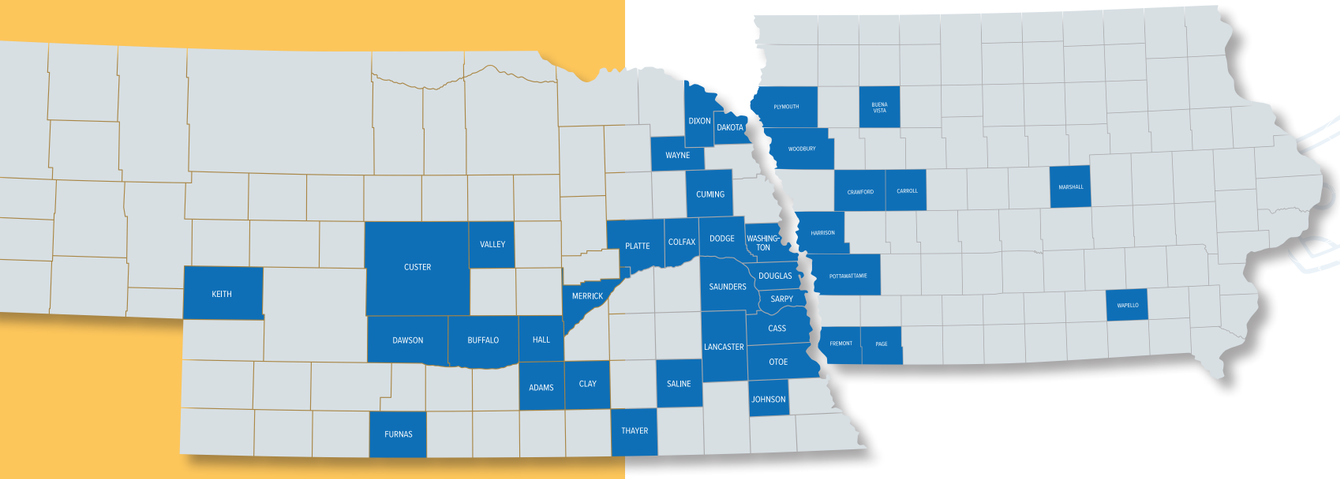
Program	$1,292,415
Fundraising	$418,654
Administration	$366,512
In-Kind	$116,078



EXPENSE BY %



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"Angels Among Us helped pay our bills so that our family could focus on Caiden's needs rather than how we would manage to financially navigate such a difficult situation."

– Caiden's Mom, Cari
Lincoln, NE

Where Your Gifts Helped in 2025

Serving all pediatric cancer families living in or being treated in Nebraska.

Nebraska

99 kids in 27 counties

Adams	2	Johnson	1
Buffalo	3	Keith	1
Cass	3	Lancaster	15
Clay	1	Merrick	1
Colfax	1	Otoe	1
Cuming	1	Platte	3
Custer	1	Saline	1
Dakota	1	Sarpy	13
Dawson	4	Saunders	1
Dixon	1	Thayer	1
Dodge	1	Valley	1
Douglas	31	Washington	2
Furnas	1	Wayne	3
Hall	4		

Iowa

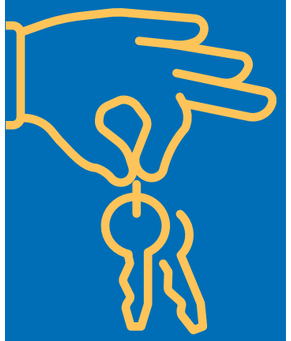
24 kids in 11 counties

Buena Vista	1	Page	1
Carroll	1	Plymouth	2
Crawford	3	Pottawattamie	6
Fremont	1	Wapello	1
Harrison	1	Woodbury	6
Marshall	1		

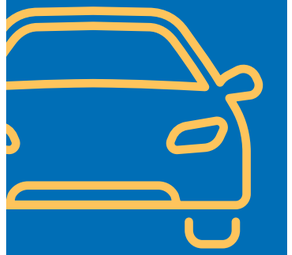
$891,633
In financial assistance given to
123
Families



594
Housing Payments



349
Automotive Payments



292
Utility Payments



160
Other Payments



How We Steward Your Gifts

We ensure that your donations go to families in the most need of help. Bills are identified by the family and paid directly to the creditor to ensure gifts are used responsibly. Critical bills we pay may include rent, mortgage, auto payments, utilities, medical bills, etc.

Emotional Support Programs

Alongside Families Every Step of Their Journey

FAMILY EVENTS

Family events are held throughout the year to provide a sense of normalcy away from the hospital and treatment. Events are free and available for every member of the pediatric cancer family. Events such as Angel Flix, Family Picnic, Family Overnight at Lied Lodge, Parents Night Out, and more allow our families to gather with a community who "gets it." **63 families participated in holiday efforts thanks to corporate partners!**

HEALING HEARTS

Healing Hearts is a program that encompasses mental health support for the entire family at any stage in their journey.This program includes in-patient meals at Children's Nebraska, caregiver and patient support groups, and a bereavement group in partnership with Collective for Hope for families who lost their child to pediatric cancer.These services allow families to build community with those experiencing similar journeys.

WOMEN'S RECHARGE

Women's Recharge is a program for any female primary caregiver to pediatric cancer fighters, survivors, or angels.These events allow moms to take time for themselves and connect with other moms at every stage in their journey.

MUNCHIE MONEY

Launched in March 2025, Munchie Money is a new program in partnership with Children's Nebraska. Every newly diagnosed pediatric cancer family is given vouchers to purchase meals or snacks at the Children's Nebraska cafeteria, paid for by Angels Among Us.This program gives families some much needed care while in-patient. **570 vouchers given in 2025.**

Program Sponsors

The Seier Family and Friends of AAU

OSCAR'S

Veterans United Foundation

SCHEELS

Local Collective nebraska

RBC Wealth Management The Kelley Group www.kelleygroupprbc.com

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FUSION

Thank you also to our nonprofit and community partners for their support in providing supplies for Family Kits, distributed to every newly diagnosed pediatric cancer warrior.



"The emotional programming, both for kids and adults, is our favorite part of the organization. From making charcuterie boards to attending the annual family picnic, the programming has allowed us all to have fun despite the challenging circumstances."

- Sylvi's Mom, Sammi
Omaha, NE







780
Volunteer Hours

1,209
FamilyTouchpoints

40
Family Events







WEALTHPLAN GROUP

Todd Feltz
Competitor Scholarship

We are honored to announce the establishment of the Todd Feltz Competitor Scholarship, created in loving memory of Todd Feltz, who passed away on March 7, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. This scholarship stands as a testament to Todd's fighting spirit and his commitment to supporting others in their fight against cancer.

Made possible by generous donations from Feltz WealthPLAN and community members, the scholarship was presented at the 2025 Angels Among Us Gala, chaired by the Behlen and O'Mara families. The Todd Feltz Competitor Scholarship is available to students pursuing full-time undergraduate or graduate studies at two-year or four-year institutions, as well as vocational schools. Through this scholarship, we aim to carry forward Todd's legacy by empowering the next generation of students to compete, persevere, and achieve their educational goals. The first recipients will be awarded in Spring 2026.



Absurdity Met Philanthropy—Again!
2025 Mustaches for Kids Main Charity Partner

Angels Among Us was chosen as the Main Charity Partner for Mustaches for Kids in May 2025. The month consisted of over 300 mustaches grown, weekly checkpoints, and amazing impact moments. The funds raised by Mustaches for Kids allowed AAU to make an increase in their financial assistance levels to further support pediatric cancer families. Mustaches for Kids also gave a portion of funds to kick start the Todd Feltz Competitor Scholarship to encourage AAU warriors to continue writing their own story.



A proud member agency of

combined health agencies drive

Angels Among Us joined CHAD (Combined Health Agencies Drive) as a member agency in July 2025. AAU joins 23 other health agencies to improve the quality of life for the betterment and health of all here in Nebraska. Funds raised by CHAD through workplace giving allow AAU to continuously serve pediatric cancer families statewide. Thank you to AAU's CHAD board representatives: Katie Henry (State Board), Riley Courtright (Lincoln), and Curt Ott (Greater Nebraska).

For more information on how your workplace can make an impact through CHAD, **please contact Ashley McMurchie at: ashley@myangelsamongus.org.**



"Thanks to Angels Among Us, I was able to take leave from work to stay by his side and care for him during the toughest fight of his life. Throughout his treatment, AAU supported Cade and our family, and they continue to bring him joy today by providing fun opportunities that let him live life fully - just like a kid should." *– Cade's Mom, Tessa–Sutton, NE*

2025 Events

Birds & Beer

The 6th annual Birds & Beer was a great success, raising over $40,000 for Angels Among Us! The event sold out at a record number 350 attendees, who enjoyed craft beer and chicken bite tastings from local vendors. Thank you to our Premier Sponsors: *Faith Technologies, Inc., Fusion, Google, and JE Dunn,* as well as the restaurants and breweries for making this event one to remember.

Bland Cares Golf Outing

The 16th annual Bland Cares Golf Outing was another huge success, raising over $70,000! Thank you to the Bland Cares committee for helping plan the event and to the dedicated teams that continue to make this sold-out event possible! Special thanks also to our signature sponsors for their continued support: *Truck Center Companies, MCT Companies, Anchor Roofing, Elkhorn Marketing Group, and Fusion.*

Birdie Battle

The 2nd annual Birdie Battle held at Players Club at Deer Creek combined competition both on and off the golf course in honor of AAU warriors. This event brought together 48 golfers who raised over $114,000 in just 23 days! Thank you to our captains, Dave Lakin and Josh Berry, as well as all who participated in this event. The 2nd year winners, in both fundraising and golf, were Dave Lakin and Dirk Merrill.

An Evening Among Angels: Mostra L'amore

An Evening Among Angels: Mostra L'amore brought together nearly 600 guests for an evening filled with showing the love for the pediatric cancer families AAU serves. Attendees enjoyed elegant Italian views, live entertainment, a family dinner experience by Salted EDGE, and a family-focused program that raised over $500,000 for AAU's mission. Thank you to our honorary chairs, Wade & Christine Behlen and Brent & Erin O'Mara, for their relentless support, as well as our signature sponsors: *Aflac, Fusion, Titan Custom Cabinets, Gregg Young Automotive Group, KLC Logistics, Veterans United, and Nebraska Medicine | Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center.*

















VERA - OMAHA, NE

"Vera was 5 months old when she was diagnosed with stage 3 rhabdomyosarcoma. She had surgery to remove the mass from her right shoulder in August and October of 2024. In February 2026, Vera finished 24 weeks of chemotherapy and had clean scans!

Angels Among Us has been a great support for our family since Vera's diagnosis. They have provided assistance with monthly bills, so we can focus our time and energy on taking care of Vera. They have also provided emotional support by hosting events for AAU families to connect with and have some fun! Angels Among Us is such a blessing to so many families who are going through some of the hardest days of their lives. AAU is an organization that will always be close to our hearts." – *Vera's Mom, Meghan*

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Staff

Pictured below from left to right

- **Aly Goedeken, CFRM**
  Executive Director
- **Koreen Rose**
  Operations Support Specialist
- **Lindsay Stroupe**
  Director of Operations
- **Ashley McMurchie**
  Events & Annual Fund Manager
- **Lindsay Rathouz**
  Program Coordinator

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- Curt Ott, Pinnacle Bank
- Therese Yakel, Community Volunteer & Retired CEO





MAIRIK- GOTHENBURG, NE

"Angels Among Us started helping us with a large part of our mortgage almost immediately after our son was diagnosed with Leukemia, which allowed my husband and I to be together during those early days of diagnosis. They have dedicated two years of mortgage payments to our family while we navigate the 2.5 year treatment plan for Leukemia.

Our family lives in Gothenburg, Nebraska, 240 miles from Children's in Omaha, which is the only hospital in the state to treat pediatric oncology patients, making trips long and costly. Angels Among Us has patient financial resources, something most families need most during this time, at the forefront of their organization, something we've noticed a lot of the larger more well-known organizations seem to be glaringly lacking.

We can't thank Angels Among Us enough for what they have done for us, for helping keep our head above water in a time when we very much felt we were sinking." – *Mairik's Mom, Stormie*

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