



NO FAMILY FIGHTS ALONE

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2023 Annual Report

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Angel Among Us Stakeholder,



It is my privilege to present the 2023 Annual Report for Angels Among Us. As Chairman of Angels Among Us, I would be remiss not to thank the many donors and friends who make our work possible. We would not be able to meet the critical needs of pediatric cancer families from our community without the significant support that we receive from you and the community.

The 2023 fiscal year presented many new and interesting things for our organization. The most significant being that we were able to assist 125 families with nearly \$660,000 in critical financial support as they walk a pediatric cancer journey. Families come to our organization from across Nebraska and western Iowa, many of whom are struggling due to the diagnosis. Angels Among Us pays critical bills like mortgage and rent payments on behalf of these families in an effort to stave financial toxicity.

In addition, the many emotional support programs you will read about in this report will provide you with the idea of how we are creating community among families experiencing this difficult time. Over 650 individuals took part in our emotional support programming in 2023.

Finally, we have long hoped for a permanent home for Angels Among Us and we were able to make that a reality thanks to the many special contributions made in 2023 for the new Harper Hope Center, a 3,000 square foot facility that will now house both the financial and emotional support programs.

I know that I speak for the entire board when I say that none of this would be possible without you, our donors and friends. Please know we do not take your investment lightly and appreciate the commitments you have made to Angels Among Us.

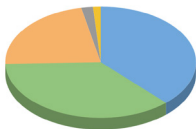
Finally, I invite you to stop by the new Harper Hope Center and see first-hand how your investments are making a real impact.

Thank you on behalf of the staff and board of Angels Among Us.

Most Sincerely,

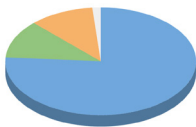
Marlon Lofgren
Chairman of the Board, 2023

INCOME & EXPENSES



2023 Sources of Income

Grants	\$530,691
Individual & Corporate Donations	\$509,561
Special Events	\$310,023
Investment	\$27,536
In Kind	\$18,389



2023 Expenses

Program	\$990,432
Fundraising	\$148,857
Administration	\$142,505
In Kind	\$18,389

WHERE YOUR GIFTS HELPED IN 2023 . . .

NEBRASKA

Adams – 4	Dakota – 3	Kearney – 1
Antelope – 1	Dawson – 1	Lancaster – 14
Box Butte – 1	Dodge – 3	Madison – 1
Buffalo – 5	Douglas – 30	Merrick – 1
Butler – 1	Hall – 8	Otoe – 1
Cass – 5	Hamilton – 1	Platte – 2
Colfax – 1	Howard – 2	Red Willow – 1
Custer – 1	Johnson – 1	Saline – 1

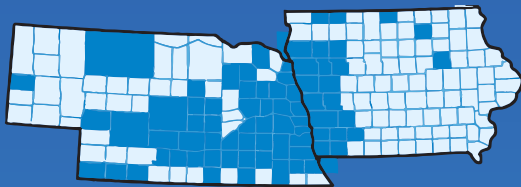
Sarpy – 8
Valley – 1
Washington – 2
Webster – 2

IOWA

Audubon – 1	Page – 1
Buena Vista – 3	Plymouth – 1
Crawford – 3	Pottawattamie – 6
Fremont – 1	Shelby – 1
Mills – 2	Woodbury – 2

TENNESSEE

McMinn – 1



HOW YOUR GIFTS HELPED IN 2023 . . .

\$655,926
Support Given



125
Families



1,422
Payments Made

806

Mortgage & Rent
Payments Paid

300

Utility Payments
Paid

222

Car Payments
Made

114

Other Payments
Made

HOW WE STEWARD YOUR GIFTS

We ensure that your donations go to families in the most need of help.

Bills are paid directly to the creditor identified by the family so you can be sure your gifts are used responsibly.

Some of the things we fund include rent, mortgage, auto payments, medical bills, utilities, etc.

\$4,596,503 Support given since Angels Among Us came into existence!

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

626.5

Volunteer Hours

\$31.80

National Avg Value/hr

\$19,922.70

Cost Savings because of our Volunteers

This year, our emotional support programming reached a record number of pediatric cancer families. Over 600 touchpoints through 30 events throughout 2023. Events were held for every member of the family ranging from kid-centric events to outings for teens.

Several opportunities for moms to connect and do fun things together were held and even a few opportunities for dads to get out and do something fun. In addition to each of these programs, we offered several family friendly events that provided opportunities for the entire family to come out and do something fun and meet other pediatric cancer families.

In early 2023, we held the first Parent's Night Out where we had 10 families drop off their kids and take the night off. Several of the parents even went to dinner together as a group, giving them an opportunity to make new friendships with families who have had similar experiences.

Through Caleb's Coffee Program, we provided over 800 free cups of coffee to pediatric cancer families who are in-patient at Children's Nebraska.



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WE MOVED! **Harper Hope Center**

Harper Hope Center



"WE HAVE ALWAYS LONGED FOR A PERMANENT HOME, BUT WE WERE TOO SMALL TO HAVE A SPACE. UNTIL NOW.

THE NEW HARPER HOPE CENTER IS DEDICATED TO SERVING THE FAMILIES WE ASSIST. IT IS THEIR SPACE, A PLACE OF RESPITE FROM THEIR CANCER JOURNEY.

I WAS BLOWN AWAY BY THE SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT PROVIDED IN 2023 TO MAKE THE HARPER HOPE CENTER A REALITY. THE COMMUNITY NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME WITH THEIR GENEROSITY.

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– Susie Nelson, Executive Director



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EVENTS



The 4th annual Birds & Beer event brought together over 200 guests who enjoyed local craft beer and local restaurant tastings at Patriot Crane & Rigging's warehouse. Thank you to our vendors and sponsors who made this event a remarkable success for Angels Among Us' mission.



The annual Bland Cares Golf Outing was another success, for going on nearly 15 years, and raised over \$60,000!



Thank you to the Bland Cares committee for helping to plan the event, and the countless dedicated companies and foursomes that participate each year and make this a sold-out success!



An Evening Among Angels: Oktoberfest was an impactful evening full of German-inspired food and beverages, polka music, a silent and live auction and raised \$200,000 for Angels Among Us' mission. Brian & Lisa Duensing served as Honorary Chairs, as they have been long-time supporters of the work we do. A huge thank you to our signature sponsors: Aflac, Fusion and KLC Logistics and our Premier Level Sponsors: Cornerstone Legacy, Wealthplan Group- Wade & Christine Behlen, Tavern on Q, Bland Cares Foundation, Pinnacle Bank, Firesprint, Midlands Carrier Transcold and Veterans United Foundation for your generous support of this event.

AUBREY

"NOTHING CAN PREPARE YOU FOR THE FINANCIAL BURDEN THAT COMES WITH HAVING A CHILD DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER...THE MEDICAL BILLS, GAS TO GET TO APPOINTMENTS, A PARENT MISSING WORK TO BE WITH THEIR CHILD.

ANGELS AMONG US HAS BEEN HERE FOR US FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. THEIR ASSISTANCE LIFTED A WEIGHT OFF OUR SHOULDERS AND ALLOWED US TO FOCUS ON AUBREY. WE WILL FOREVER BE THANKFUL FOR THEM."

- AUBREY'S MOM, GLENWOOD IA



SAM

"ASIDE FROM THE MONETARY SUPPORT, ANGELS AMONG US INTRODUCED ME TO A NETWORK OF OTHERS WHO WERE GOING THROUGH OR HAD PREVIOUSLY GONE THROUGH A SIMILAR CHILDHOOD CANCER DIAGNOSIS.

IT WAS REASSURING TO BE AMONG OTHERS WHO KNEW HOW I WAS FEELING WITHOUT ASKING AND WHO KNEW THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS THAT NO ONE ELSE COULD KNOW."

- SAM'S MOM, OMAHA NE

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