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Nurturing Two Generations

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Dear Friends,

The new year dawned with chilling temperatures but life demonstrates that without fail we will launch into spring, a much-treasured summer and finally back to autumn. The cycle of life is present in every aspect of our daily world. One of my greatest joys at Angels' Place is getting the opportunity to witness and see the progression of our families.

As we were getting ready for our annual holiday festivities, a young woman came to pick up one of our children. Preparations had me distracted and I escorted her into the building to the teacher who would verify our guest's identity. Our teachers perform this task to ensure the safety of our children. As I was awaiting Alison's approval, I stood with our visitor and she shared that she used to attend our school.

Studying her I said, "I would know you because I have been at this school since we opened." Looking deeply into her eyes, I was transported back to 1991 and it became apparent with whom I had the pleasure of speaking. I exclaimed, "Oh my gosh, Abby Crafton, after all these years, I can't believe it's you! You have your mother's sweet smile. One of my favorite pictures of you is hanging upstairs, you are wearing a poinsettia headband and your favorite teacher is holding you." It was a great brain moment! I asked about her mother, and she proudly shared that Callista is doing very well, has her own home, and is a nurse at Magee Hospital.

Her mother, Callista, was a role model for my young daughter who attended Angels' Place. When we would go home, she created her version of a nurse's outfit, and we were instructed to call her Nurse Callista. She dutifully took loving care of a little baby named Abby while also tending to all her stuffed animals and baby dolls in her "makeshift hospital."

I was overtaken with happiness to see Abby as an adult dressed in her scrubs. She followed her mother into the medical field and is working as a Medical Lab Technician. I felt blessed for this beautiful moment of reconnection. Although not as frequent as I wish, when these moments occur, they have the power to define the importance of Angels' Place's mission and the small role that I play. My resolve is strengthened to move forward despite distractions and challenges.

Everything we work towards is captured in the simple act of a parent and child returning to let their light shine by sharing the next chapter of their story post Angels' Place. Since this is no solitary endeavor, you too have cause for celebration.

We have a frontline team who are small but mighty and every morning bring their smiles and energy to our families. Collectively, this group has over 126 years of experience and tenderly administers to the needs of both parents and children. We are led by our Board of Directors who are a committed and thoughtful group ensuring that our organization has a sustainable future.

Finally, we have all of you- our faithful friends, volunteers, and community partners. We are the family created by our founder, Mary. She had a vision and worked to make it a reality! For over 38 years an abundance of people came together so two generations could succeed. Many of you have been with us since the beginning, providing decades of support.

As I have patiently waited for God's message of what I need to strengthen the organization I realized he's been sending me the message all along. Each time I experience this beautiful moment of reconnection, I am reminded of all of you. Your love and compassion provide the motivation to carry on.

This issue is dedicated to you as an expression of heartfelt gratitude.

Warmly,

Beth E. Banas
Executive Director

(Playing catch with a friend.)

HONOR ROLL 2022

This issue of Crib Notes is dedicated to recognizing the friends who kindly donated to support our centers in 2022. This installment is our way of proclaiming our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the generous people who make Angels' Place a reality. It means a great deal to us that you help our children and their student parents complete their education and achieve their life goals. Each gift you share throughout the year is a message of encouragement to the families enrolled, and we hope you feel blessed by the impact of your contributions.

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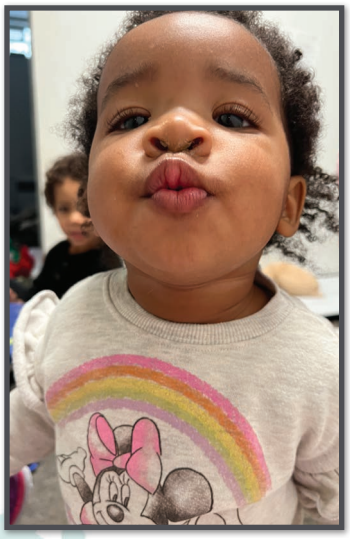

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(Please come into my dinosaur house.)

(Check out my house.)

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(Enjoying weekly yoga class.)

COMMUNITY PARTNER: LIGHT OF LIFE RESCUE MISSION

Angels' Place is delighted to announce a partnership with Light of Life Rescue Mission. As a ministry of Jesus Christ, Light of Life will provide a home for the homeless and food for the hungry and will build disciples for the Kingdom of God among the poor, addicted, abused and needy.

Light of Life Rescue Ministry has been in operation since 1952 and opened their food pantry in 2018. They have four locations and provide community support such as: Emergency Shelter, Hot Meals, Street Outreach, Chapel Food Pantry/Grocery Giveaway, and Life Transformation Program. Light of Life had the opportunity to provide food for over 170 Northside households from July 2022-Dec 2022. You can learn more at www.lightoflife.org

In November, Angels' Place celebrated "1-4-3 Day", which is a special code for I-Love-You, in honor of Mister Rogers! In commemoration of this day, the children and teachers, dressed in their cardigans, spread light and love to Light of Life Mission during World Kindness Week. Angels' Place is grateful for this community partnership. We are excited our parents can take advantage of this wonderful resource and especially pleased to help our families lead healthier lives!

Angels' Place and Light of Life Rescue Mission will continue work together to meet the needs of our local community sharing resources, information, and encouragement to better serve the families of both organizations. Kayla VanZant, the Food Pantry Coordinators aid, "We provide different services, so we can lean on each other for support and refer our families to each other when appropriate. We are proud to serve the community with Angels' Place! We're all in this together."

LIGHT OF LIFE RESCUE MISSION
WHERE HOPE AND HEALING MEET

(Saying hello during World Kindness Week.)

(Creating a snowman inspired by our favorite book.)

WELCOME BOARD MEMBERS

Angels' Place is pleased to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors who share a passion for our mission and bring a wealth of experience to our organization. Angela Gaughan, a long-time friend of Angels' Place, began her relationship with the organization as an employee, serving as program director at our North Side center. Since then, Angela felt called to ministry and currently works at St. Michael the Archangel Parish as a Pastoral Associate but has remained a faithful supporter sharing her time and talents with us on our special events committee and coordinating holiday dinners for our families. Angela shares, "I love Angels' Place. I have a great passion for the work [they] do and how intentionally [they] do it. I am a passionate advocate and share [their] story as often as I can."

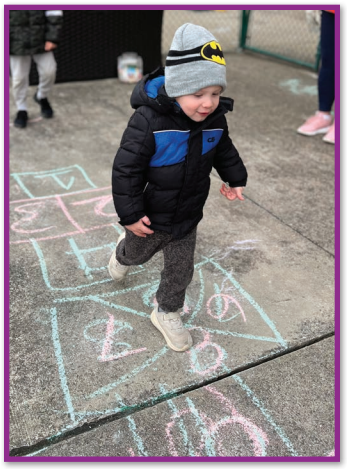
(Angela Gaughan)

Stephanie Kreseen joins our Board with the hopes of continuing to provide young parents with the opportunity to complete their education and achieve their life's dreams. Stephanie saw firsthand how a young parent can struggle to make ends meet while caring for their children. "...My own mom struggled to pursue higher education as a single parent. Her primary focus was ensuring that my brother and I were taken care of, which meant she held as many as three jobs at once and sacrificed her own college dreams. I am excited to be part of an organization that reduces barriers to higher education for young parents..." Stephanie works for the Federal Aviation Administration as a Human Factors Scientist and brings with her compassion and understanding of how Angels' Place's holistic approach to our work with families addresses the challenges and barriers faced by young parents.

(Stephanie Kreseen)

We are very excited for those two caring and compassionate individuals to be a part of our Board furthering the mission of Angels' Place and helping us to provide our life-changing services to the families in our community.

(Reaching new heights.)



(Practicing my hopscotch skills.)

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(Friends spending time together.)

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF DR. NORBERT WINTER

We are saddened to share news of the recent passing of Dr. Norbert Winter, husband of founder, Mary Winter, and lifelong friend of Angels' Place on December 23, 2022. A loving father, Grampy to 30 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren, Dr. Norb, as he was lovingly called, was instrumental in helping Angels' Place become the organization it is today. Volunteering countless hours, he moved furniture, made deliveries, handled maintenance at our centers, provided free vision exams to parents and was always present at our events. He, alongside Mary, was a champion for Angels' Place promoting our mission and the critical work we do in our community. He truly was the great man behind the amazing woman. Dr. Norb will always be a cherished member of the Angels' Place family and will be dearly missed by everyone whose lives he touched.

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(Leaning back into my stretch.)

Dr. Norbert Winter

(I'm so excited.)

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- Dreft Baby Detergent
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- Assorted Cleaning Products
- 13 Gallon Trash Cans With Lid/Foot Pedal
- Tetra Goldfish Flakes
- Fish Tank Rocks/ Accessories
- Plastic Name Tag Badge ID Card Holders (Amazon)
- Dixie Cups
- Plastic Cups (Assorted Sizes-Non-Styrofoam)
- Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Paper Plates (Non-Styrofoam)
- Paper Bowls (Non-Styrofoam)
- Plastic Utensils (Forks-Spoons)
- Facial Tissues
- Indoor Potting Soil
- Assorted Plastic Soil Trays
- Hand Soap With Pump
- Dawn Dish Liquid
- Dishwasher Pods- Liquid Soap
- 30 Gallon Trash Bags
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C and 9-volt)
- Washcloths
- Children's Toothpaste
- Child Size Toothbrushes
- Chalk Board Markers
- Command Strips
- Dry Erase Markers
- Sharpies
- Post-it Notes
- Staplers
- 3-Hole Punchers
- Lamination Paper
- Graham Crackers
- Cheese Balls
- Fruit Snacks
- Animal Crackers
- Fruit Cups
- Ritz Crackers
- Cheese Crackers
- Cheez-Its (Cheddar-White Cheddar)
- Infant Stage 1- 2 Jarred Fruits and Vegetables

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- Toilet Cleaner
- 39 Gallon Trash Bags
- Dixie Cups
- Pump Hand Soap
- White Copier Paper (8.5"x11")
- Postage Stamps
- Liquid Dishwasher Soap
- Large Paper Plates
- Dessert Size Paper Plates
- Paper Towels
- Paper Napkins
- Mops and Brooms
- Black Sharpies
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags (13 Gallon)
- Command Strips and Hooks
- Sticky Tack
- Lawn Rakes
- Clorox Clean Up
- Cascade Liquid Dishwasher
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- Scrubbing Bubbles Detergent
- Playground Balls
- Bubbles
- Graham Crackers
- Wheat Thins
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