



**ANGELS' PLACE INC.**  
A PLACE TO GROW

# Crib Notes

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year and what a great first year it has proven to be in my role as Executive Director! At Angels' Place we are celebrating all of your support and generosity in contributing to our 30th Anniversary Pledge. Thanks to all of your kind donations we have surpassed our halfway mark and have achieved almost 70% of our goal to reach \$30,000. You will be the first to know when we achieve our target, and when we do, know that you will hold a special place in our thoughts and prayers for the important role that you played in our success.

The general direction for most folks in the new year is to inventory their lives and determine accomplishments, reflecting on what is still left to be realized. Everyone appreciates the hopefulness that results from being part of an effort to "change the world" and contribute towards the greater good.

Here at Angels' Place we share the same aspirations as you. We strive towards fulfilling our mission, strengthening the families that participate in our program and continuing to impact our communities. We have learned firsthand that creating a nurturing, supportive and caring environment leads to the positive development of both children and adults.

One of our parents recently told me that "Angels' Place has allowed me to focus on my education while becoming a better parent." She is graduating in the spring and going on to pursue her Master's Degree. Her child embraces and enjoys learning and is school ready! This is the type of testimony that we see in our work daily and it is encouraging and reinforces our efforts.

Realizing and achieving our ambitions takes motivation, dedication and an inspirational belief in the infinite opportunities that occur when we present people with hope and possibilities. The option for all of us to work towards a greater good ensures that we are leaving the world a better place.

With this thought we go forward and do work that is greatly needed. Enlisting the help of all of our faithful friends and recruiting new friends keeps our mission alive and strong. Thank you for embarking on this journey with us and your vibrant presence in our organization's work. Our goals could never be reached without your constant attention and enthusiasm. Blessings for a continued new year filled with health and happiness.

Your Faithful Partner,

Beth E. Banas  
Executive Director



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# Honor Roll 2014

This issue of Crib Notes is dedicated to recognizing the friends who kindly donated to support our three centers in 2014. 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's 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 contribution.

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*The promise of Spring's arrival also brings many exciting opportunities to partner with Angels' Place...*

**HIGHMARK.**  
**WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY**

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**Saturday,  
May 16, 2015**



*As early as last December the Swissvale Christmas tree was anxiously anticipating this year's Highmark Walk on May 16th.*

Come rain or shine to the 2015 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community Pittsburgh **Saturday, May 16, 2015**, at Stage AE on the North Shore. The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community is an annual fundraising walk that benefits Angels' Place. Highmark Inc. underwrites the cost of the walk so that 100 percent of the money raised by walkers goes to Angels' Place.

Registration for individuals and teams is now open. You can register on-line by visiting <http://www.walkforahealthycommunity.org> or by visiting the Angels' Place table the day of the event. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. and the 5K Walk begins at 9 a.m.

The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community also includes a One-Mile Family Fun Walk for those individuals who would feel more comfortable walking a shorter distance. This option is available to you and will begin at 9:15 a.m. When you have completed the 5K or One-Mile Fun Walk, you can relax and enjoy food and entertainment. Raffle prizes will be drawn at approximately 11 a.m.

All registered walkers who make a \$25.00 donation will receive a Walk T-shirt. You must be a registered walker and attend the walk to receive a T-Shirt. For every \$50 that you donate to participating organizations, you will receive one chance for raffle prizes valued at more than \$1,000.

Join the Angels' Place Staff, Friends, and Families on **May 16th**. You will not only be supporting the mission of Angels' Place, but you will be having a greater hand in your health by being physically active.



**ANNUAL "MIXER WITH SHAKERS"  
FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**Thursday, March 19, 2015  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel  
1160 Thorn Run Road  
Coraopolis, PA 15108**

Plan to attend the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber's "Mixer with Shakers" event featuring Angels' Place board member and event guest bartender Hilary Bendik who will "mix it up" on behalf of Angels' Place.

Enjoy GREAT networking, delectable food stations, live entertainment, cash bar, silent auction, and the annual "Cheers for Charity" Cocktail Competition where each guest bartender creates a unique drink that attendees vote on. Give Hilary a big tip and help Angels' Place receive an additional monetary prize.

Can't attend? You can still support Angels' Place by sending in a "tip" to Angels' Place, of which 100% goes to Angels' Place (please note Mixer with Shakers on the memo line).

Tickets are \$45 per person and include drink samples.  
Angels' Place will receive \$10 for every \$45 ticket sold!

Tickets are available for purchase by calling or emailing Hilary

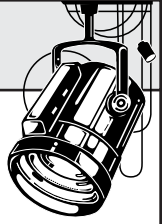
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Beat the Winter blues and come support us on March 19, 2015!

*Eat. Share. Love. Raffle.  
Coming in April!*

## Volunteer Spotlight: Shannon Evans



Shannon and her friends have a late night gift wrapping party. Left to right: Savannah Porter, Shannon Evans, Abigail Evans, Kevin Gordon, Devon Klaas, Sabrina Palmieri, Molly Evans, Madeline Evans, and (behind) Kyle Swartzbaugh. Not Pictured: Allianna Schneider & Kiersten Kerr.

This past Christmas marked the 10th year Shannon Evans has donated gifts for the children being served at Angels' Place. It all started when Shannon was in 5th grade, and she asked her grandmother Nan Evans, a volunteer at Angels' Place at the time, if she knew of a place she could donate toys to children at Christmas. Nan suggested Angels' Place. Shannon said she wanted to "continue the magic" and saved her birthday money that allowed her to purchase gifts for the children at the North Side Center.

In 7th through 9th grade Shannon started organizing and holding toy drives at her school's dances and the toys collected benefited all three of Angels' Place centers.

Now Shannon saves her money all year round so that she is able to purchase Christmas gifts for all three centers.

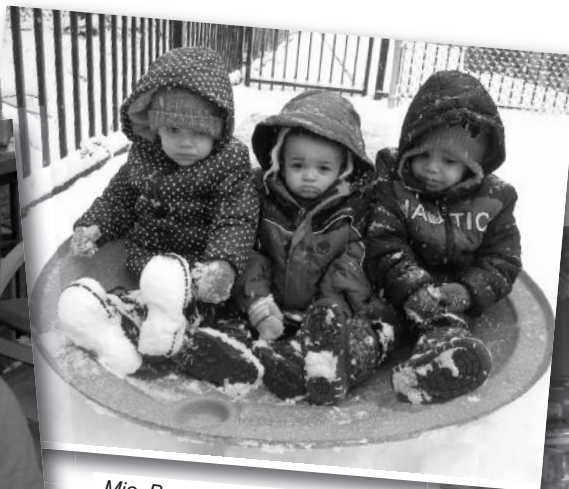
Shannon stated that even though she spearheads the efforts, it wouldn't have been possible without the help of her family. Her parents, Paul and Julie help to take her shopping and transport the gifts to the centers. Shannon's three sisters; Molly, Madeline, and Abigail also help her. In addition to her family helping out, she now rallies her friends to have a late night wrap session, sometimes lasting until two in the morning, her grandmother Nan provides the pizza!

When we asked Shannon what she liked best about Angels' Place she said "Angels' Place supports deserving parents in overcoming challenges with encouragement, support and assistance so that they are able to work toward their independence."

Thank you to Shannon, her family and friends for their continued support of Angels' Place during the holiday season.



Zack serving up a delicious breakfast at the "Swissvale Diner."



Mia, Brynn and Mehki enjoy fun times in the snow.

Seton LaSalle High School students Annual Diaper Drive raised a tower of diapers.







PNC Grow Up Great volunteers holiday decorating team.

## We Accept Vehicle Donations

Support Angels' Place and get a Tax Deduction



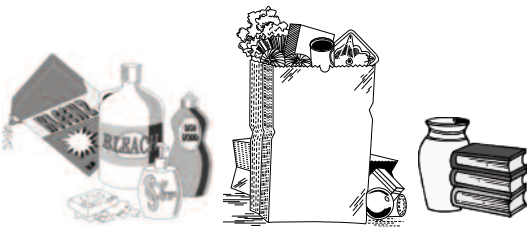
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# Wish Lists

## Brookline

Cascade Dishwasher Liquid (or gel pods)  
tall kitchen garbage bags  
very small paper plates (non Styrofoam)  
paper towels (regular rolls and W Tri-folds for dispensers)  
Kleenex Tissues  
Clorox Bleach  
latex gloves  
100% Juice (single serve boxes or bottles are great)  
dried fruit (raisins, cranberries, apples, apricots, etc)  
Goldfish / crackers  
fruit and veggie baby food  
white construction paper (thick)  
letter-size laminating pouches  
file folders  
sheet protectors  
colored duct tape, packing tape, Scotch Tape  
batteries 9V, AAA, AA  
greeting cards and postage stamps  
Letter size copy paper  
folding card table or 4 ft. folding table



## North Side

|                        |                         |                    |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Play-Doh               | Dixie cups              | Post-It Notes      |
| children's books       | facial tissues          | batteries – AA,    |
| electric can opener    | napkins                 | 9-volt             |
| electric hand mixer    | paper plates            | trash bags – 13    |
| healthy cereal         | diapers – sizes 4, 5, 6 | and 30 gallon size |
| 100% fruit juice       | baby wipes              | hand soap          |
| healthy snacks         | Sharpie markers         | dishwasher         |
| individual applesauce/ | colored copier paper    | detergent          |
| fruit cups             | masking tape            | laundry detergent  |

## Swissvale

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| all-purpose cleaners           | Goldfish crackers                |
| 39 gal garbage bags            | cereal                           |
| butcher block/knives           | pudding                          |
| gallon freezer storage bags    | ketchup                          |
| tall kitchen garbage bags      | trail mix                        |
| paper napkins                  | Vanilla Wafers                   |
| mops and brooms                | cake frosting                    |
| 9 volt batteries               | Saltines                         |
| Scott Toilet tissue            | Graham crackers                  |
| paper towels                   | cake mixes                       |
| diaper wipes                   | Teddy Grahams                    |
| Clorox Bleach                  | boxed side dishes-macaroni and   |
| paper plates                   | cheese,                          |
| digital camera                 | Rice a roni, rice, noodles, etc. |
| masking tape                   | hot cereal-Cocoa Wheat or Cream  |
| Scotch Tape                    | of Wheat                         |
| Elmer's glue                   | children's Bike Helmets          |
| Timothy hay for small animals  | Automatic liquid dishwasher soap |
| vacuum                         | big planter                      |
| sticky tack                    | Charlie Chinchilla Food          |
| coffee butler                  | lanyards                         |
| tea kettle                     | size 4 and 5 diapers             |
| jar spaghetti sauce            | Calcium Chloride Ice Melt        |
| children's healthy snack items | ink pens/Sharpies                |
| sprinkle parmesan cheese       | Command Strips/3m hooks          |
| salad dressing                 | Dixie Cups                       |