

**2023**  
ANNUAL REPORT

**POTENTIAL**  
**momentum**  
strength

*Help when cancer strikes*  
**anxel**<sup>TM</sup>  
foundation

*Dear friends,*



**David M. Becker**  
President and CEO



**Kirstie Foster**  
Angel Foundation™  
Board Chair


In 2023 Angel Foundation's™ board of directors, key stakeholders, and staff unveiled our three year **Bigger, Bolder, Better** strategic plan. When we created the plan, it placed cancer patients at the heart of everything we hoped to achieve. Our vision was to reach even more Minnesotans facing cancer by encouraging innovative ideas, building strong partnerships, and advancing health equity. We knew our efforts to address the social determinants of health would require extraordinary patience—and that it would not happen overnight. Momentum was the force that kept Angel Foundation™ going.

Throughout the year, our motivation was high, but it was our momentum—the action part of the equation—that kept us striving to reach our goals each and every day; expanding into Duluth and the surrounding area to build capacity and reach into new markets, serving ninety patients from thirty-one tribal nations through our Minnesota Indigenous Cancer Survivorship Financial Assistance Program, having our Emergency Financial Assistance Program Manager, Brianne Hager, personally answer 2,760 calls from patients, securing the largest grant in our history from the W.E.M. Foundation, and most importantly, serving 3,153 clients and their families, more than we have ever served in a single year.

Angel Foundation™ believed that leading by example was key to our momentum. By utilizing data, convening conversations, and using our shared knowledge to work together, we saw measurable achievements across all our strategic goals. We forged new partnerships, believing that we are only at our best when we provide services in league with the communities we serve, not for them. And serving our clients is what motivated us every day.

The growth that Angel Foundation™ has experienced in just the past few years has been inspiring. What has been even more exciting to us is the collective potential and momentum to make Angel Foundation™ better than we are now. To turn big dreams into bigger realities, we continue to look ahead and plan for the future. By 2025 our **Bigger, Better, Bolder** plan will have doubled the number of patients we serve! Our board is already initiating conversations about what the next ten years will bring. And in all that we do, you have our promise to continue to put the needs of cancer patients and their families first.

With grateful thanks,

  
**DAVID M. BECKER**  
President & CEO

  
**KIRSTIE FOSTER**  
Board Chair

# Angel Foundation™ 2023 Community Impact

**64** COUNTIES  
SERVED



**1679**  
INDIVIDUALS  
served

**\$1,138,339**  
Granted for food, fuel,  
housing and utilities  
(cumulative)

**8787**  
*Lives Touched*  
(cumulative;  
total households)



**261**  
PARTICIPANTS

**\$1,565,739**  
Value to  
participants

**115** TYPES  
OF CANCER  
SERVED



**980**  
ANGEL PACKS™  
given out

**852**  
Attended  
Family Programs

**2760** Client  
Calls  
Answered

Services provided to  
**Black, Indigenous,  
and People of Color**

**48%**  
INCREASE

**624**  
Served in  
2022

**926**  
Served in  
2023

**3515**  
PATIENTS SERVED  
(unique individuals)



# Those Who Give

## Community Fundraisers

Thank you to our Community Fundraisers, a passionate assembly of individuals, groups, and businesses that created fundraising campaigns to benefit Angel Foundation™. Our work and mission would not be possible without them.

### \$50,000+

Ames for Angel  
Bearpath Women's League  
Golf Tournament  
Hope in Motion

### \$10,000 - \$49,999

Team Huro No One Fights  
Alone Benefit Ride  
Tri 4 Your Cure Golf  
Tournament  
White Castle Round Up  
Program

### \$1,000 - \$9,999

Celebration in Honor of  
Tracy Hache Abraham  
Henry Childs Cello Concerto  
Farrell's eXtreme  
Bodyshaping Friends  
& Family Fundraiser  
Holy Family Girl's Hockey  
Kapps for Cancer  
Master Halco  
Minnesota Oncology  
Medical Records  
T-shirt Sale  
Salon Ultimo  
Strike Out Cancer Baseball  
Tournament  
Vista Outdoors/Federal  
Cartridge Breast Cancer  
Awareness

*"Thank you so much for the generous gift.  
I am so grateful, and so appreciative. This will make a huge  
difference in my ability to purchase necessary items  
while I am on disability."*

— Emergency Financial Assistance  
Grant Recipient

## Corporate Partners

Thank you to our generous Corporate Partners, who stepped forward to ensure our cancer community became stronger, more inclusive, and more sustainable than ever.

### \$50,000+

Ameriprise Financial  
Ames Construction  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
of Minnesota  
Genentech  
Minnesota Oncology

### \$25,000 - \$49,999

AbbVie  
Allianz Life Insurance  
Company  
Midwest Radiology  
Optum  
SEMA Construction

### \$10,000 - \$24,999

Allina Health Aetna  
AstraZeneca  
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Zimmerman  
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Services

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

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Angel Foundation™ would also like to thank all our supporters who either gave anonymously or contributed less than the amounts listed in this report. Every gift was critical to the delivery of our programs.

We would also like to thank all who designate Angel Foundation™ in their employer's workplace giving campaigns. Additionally, we are grateful to all who attended our events, shared our message with others, or supported Angel in any way. You are all important and help us provide quality programming for adults and families in our community who are facing cancer.

We make every effort to acknowledge our generous donors. Please accept our sincere apology and contact us if your name was inadvertently omitted.

**Thank you for being part of the Angel Community.**

## Community Organizations and Foundations

Angel Foundation™ thanks these generous Community Organizations and Foundations, who ensure we can have a positive impact on the lives of the patients and families we serve.

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Foundation for Financial Planning  
WEM Foundation

### \$25,000 – \$49,999

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Colon Cancer Coalition  
Fridley Lions Club  
The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation



### \$10,000 – \$24,999

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IUOE Local 49  
Minnesota Breast Cancer Coalition  
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Long-term donors make an investment in Angel Foundation™, and we recognize these philanthropic leaders as advocates who create long-lasting changes for individuals facing cancer and their families. In grateful recognition of these Companies, Foundations, and Individuals' Lifetime Giving.

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*"I want to thank you so much for the financial help. It was much needed. I was just crying about not having food in the house or household items and I got your gift in the mail. The work you do is so appreciated."*

— Emergency Financial Assistance Grant Recipient

## Individuals

Thank you to this remarkable group of Individuals whose generosity in 2023 advanced Angel Foundation's™ mission, transformed our work, and helped us reach more patients and families than ever before.

### \$50,000+

Butch Ames  
Jim and Zeke Gray  
Janice and Timothy Maudlin  
Dr. Mark and Margery Sborov

### \$25,000 - \$49,999

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*In the interest of conserving financial and environmental resources, we no longer list everyone who donated to Angel Foundation™ in the print version of the Annual Report.  
**To view a comprehensive list, please visit [mnangel.org](https://mnangel.org).***



# Emergency Financial Assistance



*"We help because my committee members and I know firsthand the pain of having loved ones with cancer, and can't imagine adding financial concerns to that journey."*

Bonnie Hullett, chair  
Bearpath Golf Committee



Angel Foundation's™ Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) program aims to increase access to care and improve the overall quality of life for adults as they move through the cancer experience. Financial assistance is provided for non-medical basic needs, including food, housing, and utility payments. In 2023, we added support for car payments, insurance, and repair. To qualify, eligible applicants must be at least 18 years old with a verified cancer diagnosis, meet financial criteria (200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines), be in active treatment, and reside (or receive treatment) primarily in the fourteen-county Twin Cities area. A percentage of our support is conducted in Duluth and Rochester in Minnesota and St. Croix County in Wisconsin. Each approved applicant can receive an EFA grant between \$700 and \$1,000, depending on household size.

In 2023 Angel Foundation™ dispersed \$1,116,897 to 1,679 patients to provide comfort and peace of mind during the overwhelming months following a cancer diagnosis. But we did not do it alone. Corporate partners like Genentech, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, and individuals like Jan and Tim Maudlin made our efforts possible. Another critical group of people helping us bring relief to cancer patients hosted third-party fundraising events. A third-party event is hosted by a non-affiliated group, organization, business, or individual to raise funds for Angel Foundation™. People like Georgia, Little Miss Wisconsin, raised funds to honor her grandfather, who was helped by Angel Foundation™ in 2017, baseball teams in Waconia and Prior Lake hosted Strike Out Cancer, Team Huro held motorcycle ride to honor friend and survivor Mike Huro, White Castle's Round Up Program donated \$45,646, and Tri4Your Cure, the Bearpath Ladies League, and Ames for Angel hosted golf tournaments.

Over the eleven years Ames Construction has hosted their event at Somerby in Byron, Minnesota, the event has raised more than \$4 million dollars. In total, dedicated third-party event organizers raised \$187,392 in 2023 to ensure that no one has to face cancer alone.

# Financial Cancer Care

Angel Foundation's™ Financial Cancer Care program connects cancer patients with a Social Worker and a Pro Bono Certified Financial Planner™ through educational workshops and one-on-one meetings. The goal of the program is to provide a road map for patients to help decrease anxiety about managing finances as they navigate the potentially devastating effects of cancer-related financial toxicity. More than 600 families have benefitted from the Financial Cancer Care program since 2020. Ameriprise Financial and the Foundation for Financial Planning® continued their financial support to make this program available.



Jennifer Jones, Vice President  
Community Relations  
Ameriprise Financial

*"Angel Foundation's™ Financial Cancer Care program offers a meaningful service that helps people during some of their hardest days. At Ameriprise, our financial advisors have the skills and resources to ease some of the day-to-day financial stresses people going through cancer face, so they can focus on healing and spending time with loved ones. Proudly, we were a founding partner of the Financial Cancer Care program and look forward to continuing our partnership."*

## Lynn's Story

When Lynn, a 50-year-old woman living in Minneapolis, went in for what she expected to be a routine colonoscopy procedure in 2021, it turned into anything but routine. The procedure and subsequent diagnostic tests revealed a Stage 1 colon cancer diagnosis, which Lynn's doctors were able to successfully treat with surgery. Post-surgery, however, Lynn decided to undergo genetic testing for cancer as a precaution, and the results showed that she had a specific gene mutation which put her at high risk of developing a variety of cancers, especially reproductive cancers. After meeting with her oncology team, she began taking measures to preserve her health and potentially save her life, undergoing several preventative surgeries to ward off any further cancer from developing.

During this time, Lynn's focus at first was on staying healthy, not her finances. She was fortunate to have both decent health insurance and an emergency fund to fall back on. While she did have to pay \$7,000 in out-of-pocket expenses that first year, she was so thankful that she had money to cover the bills.

"Cancer is not something you plan for. I've always been a saver, so I had some savings built up. I had a kid in college whose tuition I was helping cover so I wanted to leave a cushion; however, ultimately, I had to drain my savings to cover my surgery bills. I'm just thankful that between my savings and my health insurance I didn't end up with a mountain of debt."





Lynn's oncology team decided that she should undergo further surgeries in 2022. As these surgeries approached, her mind turned to her finances, specifically what would happen if she were to pass away. In 2021, Lynn's own mother had passed away, and Lynn found that dealing with practical issues like settling her mother's estate and accessing her

mother's financial accounts to be extremely stressful. Having two sons in their 20s, Lynn said, "The experience I had with my mom was not an experience I wanted for my own children"; however, with so much already on her plate, Lynn knew she needed a trusted expert to help her figure out what exactly needed to be done to get her financial house in order. After hearing about Angel Foundation's™ Financial Cancer Care Program through a friend, she reached out and was matched with a CFP® volunteer.

When she first met with the pro bono financial planner, Lynn explained her situation, emphasizing that her primary concern was getting her financial affairs in order for her kids in the event of her death. The planner helped her make a checklist of all the various financial, legal, and estate planning tasks that would need to be addressed, including updating her health care directive, making her kids her 401k beneficiaries, filing forms at the bank that would give her kids access to her accounts, updating her will and trust, and

even simply making sure that all of her life insurance, legal, and financial paperwork was stored in a safe and central location.

As the conversation wrapped up, Lynn also mentioned a recent experience with the hospital billing department, where she had been encouraged to pay off her surgery bill in full by using a credit card and had been met with resistance when she asked about a payment plan instead. Lynn shared, "What they were encouraging me to do didn't seem like the most prudent idea. I had already depleted my savings account paying for previous surgeries, so I didn't want to also have credit card debt on top of no savings." The CFP® volunteer confirmed that was the best choice given her current financial situation and encouraged her to secure a payment plan. A few weeks after their meeting, the CFP® volunteer followed up to see how Lynn had progressed with her checklist, which Lynn greatly appreciated. "It held me accountable to actually do the action items."

Today, Lynn continues to take preventative measures to protect her health. Having her finances in order has lifted a huge weight off her shoulders. She said "In the weeks leading up to surgery, it was easy to get stuck in my own head and to start chronically worrying. Meeting with the CFP® volunteer and having all of my ducks in a row financially helped me remain calm. I don't want to put my kids through what I went through with my mom and having everything in order financially allowed me to let go of that worry."

# Adult and Family Programs

Angel Foundation's™ Adult and Family Programs (AFP) provide free education and emotional support for children, adults, and families. In 2023, 852 family members attended events. Making Memories provided fun activities like sporting events and theater productions to families with limited finances to afford these extras. These events allowed families to spend time together, forget about cancer, even if only for a short while, and find some moments of joy.

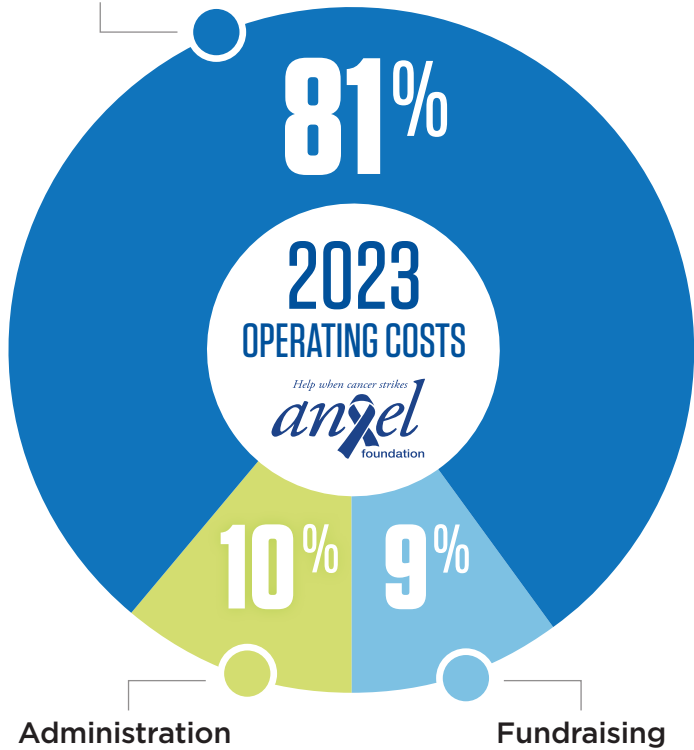
An important part of the AFP program is Angel Packs™, age-appropriate kits designed to help adults talk to children about cancer using evidence-based research. A guidebook provides advice on talking to children about diagnosis and treatment, how they might react to the news, and ways parents can support their children, plus many more helpful tools that can provide comfort and promote healthy conversation. Angel Packs™ have gone through several iterations through the years, and in 2023 we were proud to distribute 980 of the new and improved version, which included thirty different items, each with instructions and a clear therapeutic purpose, including a Medical Play kit using both real and pretend medical items to ease children's possible fears regarding the healthcare setting and simultaneously enhance their health knowledge, and of course, their very own Rory the Lion stuffed animal. For parents, we included a guidebook with helpful information about how to start the difficult conversation about cancer, and how to answer questions like "What is Chemo?" and "Will you be okay?" to provide much needed information, comfort, and support.

Family Camp Angel provided a one-day camp experience that was a blend of serious and silly activities, focused on creating a meaningful experience support tailored to the needs of families affected by a parent's cancer in our community. Campers found adventure and creativity, built trust in themselves, and added friends to their network of support. We are grateful to the thousands of donors who provided financial support to help everyone through the challenges of coping with a parent's cancer diagnosis.



# Financials

## Programs & Services



## Public Support and Revenue

Contributions .....	\$2,187,929
Special Events, net .....	\$970,176
In Kind.....	\$188,756
Other Income.....	\$4,562
Total.....	<b>\$3,351,414</b>

## Expenses

Programs and Services* .....	\$2,699,760
Administration .....	\$330,398
Fundraising .....	\$29,170
Total.....	<b>\$3,321,868</b>

## Net Assets

Change in Net Assets .....	\$241,873
Net Assets, Beginning .....	\$3,815,944
Net Assets, Ending .....	\$4,057,817

<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$4,746,426</b>
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$688,609</b>
<b>Total Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$4,057,817</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$4,746,426</b>

## \* Program Expense Breakdown

Emergency Financial Assistance.....	\$1,559,540
Adult and Family Programs.....	\$707,499
Financial Cancer Care.....	\$432,721
Total.....	<b>\$2,699,760</b>





# Angel Pack™



For over a decade, Angel Foundation™ has provided thousands of Angel Packs™ to parents and caregivers in Minnesota to give their children, preteens, and teens the most current, accurate, and easily digestible information about what cancer is and how it is treated. As soon as we launched the updated Child Angel Pack™, we began making similar updates to our preteen version.

We proudly unveiled the new and improved Preteen Angel Pack™ at the 2024 Angel Gala, and the updated teen version in May. Preteens receiving Angel Packs™ will now explore creative additions like “What is Cancer?” an Escape Room-Challenge, which explains what cancer is and the medical terminology associated with it, “An Inside Look and Rory’s Almost Impossibly True Story,” a graphic novel exploring Rory’s mother’s cancer journey and his feelings about it, a Bravery Bracelet kit, a guided journal, much, much more. We are currently working on the online version of the teen Angel Pack™.

*“I was a little worried about what I was saying  
[about my diagnosis], because I didn’t want to say  
the wrong thing and scare him.  
Now, I have this awesome guide to help me.  
You tend to overthink things as a parent  
when you’re going through something like this,  
so [the Angel Pack™] has been incredibly helpful.”*

—Preteen Angel Pack™ recipient

The Child, Preteen, and Teen Angel Packs™ are available free of charge to children who have a parent or loved one impacted by cancer that is living or being treated in Angel Foundation’s™ service area. For those outside of our service area, Angel Packs™ are available for purchase.

**To learn more or request an Angel Pack™ for someone you love, visit  
[mnangel.org/adult-family-programs](https://mnangel.org/adult-family-programs) or reach out to [programs@mnangel.org](mailto:programs@mnangel.org).**

## OUR MISSION

Angel Foundation™ offers relief to adults with cancer and their loved ones through financial assistance, education, and emotional support.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is for all adults facing cancer to have the resources they need throughout their journey.

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