Through an innovative and integrated approach of financial assistance, education and support, Angel Foundation helps adults with cancer and their families so that they may live life well with stability, strength and resilience.
From the President

Dear Angel Community,

At Angel Foundation, we are all about trying new things! In 2015, through exciting new programming and our unique approach of combining financial and emotional support, we were able to help more families and individuals dealing with cancer than ever before.

We began building a new online portal for our Emergency Financial Assistance grant applications, streamlining the process for both the patients and our staff. Even before rollout, and for the first time in Angel’s history, we exceeded the $1 million mark in annual aid granted. Planning began to revamp Facing Cancer Together activities for the coming year, and we welcomed more children of adults with cancer by offering two sessions of Camp Angel (formerly Kids Kamp) for the first time. We even tried a new address, moving our office from downtown Minneapolis to a great new space in Mendota Heights.

I am thrilled to share Angel Foundation’s 2015 Annual Report with you. From the faces of those we serve to the list of generous donors, you all play a vital role in making Angel Foundation our region’s premier resource for helping families when cancer strikes.

In our 15-year history, Angel Foundation has never had to turn down a grant applicant who meets our criteria or a family in search of support. As word of our programs spreads throughout the community, demand for our services is on the rise. We have begun the process of updating our strategic plan to ensure that Angel Foundation continues to grow our impact in the community. Your support is the only way to accomplish our objectives in the years ahead. Thank you for being a faithful partner and helping us Continue to Say Yes!

Sincerely,

Andrew Rosen
President
Angel Foundation

The Erickson Family

In October 2012, Dan Erickson discovered hard, swollen lymph nodes on his left collar bone. Shortly thereafter, he was told he had Stage IV lung cancer.

“Our world turned upside down,” says his wife, Heather. “How would we tell our kids? What would happen to our family? It was overwhelming.”

The Ericksons discovered Angel Foundation through their cancer center. Dan was able to qualify for an Emergency Financial Assistance grant and from that point, their relationship with Angel Foundation deepened as their family got more involved with Facing Cancer Together programs.

“Angel Foundation programs have helped us to create bonds with other families who are going through something similar,” Heather says. “I can laugh with these people, cry with these people, talk about my fears and frustrations — I can’t do that with someone who hasn’t walked in my shoes.”

As an author and blogger, Heather has had the opportunity to help others learn how to navigate around some of the potholes of the cancer journey.

“Sometimes our callings come from the hard places in life,” she says. “I’m grateful that Angel Foundation has been there every step of our journey.”
Angel Foundation is proud of our two programs, designed to serve adults with cancer and their families: Emergency Financial Assistance and Facing Cancer Together. It is through these programs that we are able to offer immediate and meaningful support when cancer strikes, providing help when it's needed the most.

**Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA)**

Angel Foundation provides emergency financial assistance to adults in active treatment for cancer, living in or treated in the Twin Cities seven-county metro area. These funds are allocated for non-medical expenses, such as groceries, transportation costs, utilities and housing payments and are made available to those who demonstrate financial need.

In 2015, we awarded over $1 million in EFA grants to recipients from across the state of Minnesota, in addition to six other states across the country. Every year, our reach continues to grow.

**2015 Highlights**

- In 2015, we broke every record, including the number of applications received (1,733) and number of grants awarded (1,583).
- For the first time in Angel Foundation’s history, we awarded over $1 million in EFA grants in a single year.
- Our grant recipients represented a diverse cross-section of the cancer community: we saw 113 different cancer types.
- We custom built an online, HIPAA compliant application submission and portal system, which has already proven to greatly streamline the application process (while supporting the environment).
- We received applications from 100 clinics throughout the Twin Cities metro.

“During the last months of my mom’s life, Angel Foundation provided us with a grant that allowed her to stay in her home. It was a great blessing to our entire family, and we’ll forever be grateful that we were able to honor my mom’s wishes to remain in her home until the very end.”  
— Holly T.

**Facing Cancer Together (FCT)**

While EFA has a broader reach, Facing Cancer Together focuses specifically on families, providing parents and caregivers the tools and resources they need to Parent Through Cancer. These programs, ranging from family retreats, to the Education and Support Series, to our popular summer camp program, Camp Angel (formerly Kids Kamp), provide our families with the opportunities to learn about cancer, talk about the experience, and spend time with other families living with similar challenges.

In 2015, 377 parents, caregivers, children and teens participated in roughly 25 programs.

**2015 Highlights**

- The Facing Cancer Together program was pleased to hire a full-time FCT Director, a first for Angel Foundation, in addition to hiring a Program Coordinator.
- Our AngelPack program provided 736 therapeutic backpacks (up from 150 in 2014) to 30 metro area clinics and hospitals. These were distributed to kids and teens when a parent or caregiver received a cancer diagnosis.
- Camp Angel (formerly Kids Kamp) experienced a swell in participation: for the first time since the program began in 2005, we were able to host two three-day sessions, serving a total of 120 kids and teens.
- Twelve teens participated in a successful four-week Teen Expressive Art Project titled “Selfie: A Glimpse at Cancer Through a Teen’s Eyes,” led by local photographer, Perry Smith. The project concluded with a gallery showing of their work!
- Throughout the course of the year, we hosted two Education and Support Series, a number of family social gatherings, including a New Year’s Party, Winter Retreat and Summer Experience, a variety of Teen Outreach and Teen Mentor opportunities, and family support groups.
Angel Foundation is incredibly lucky to have the support of our community, including individual donors, corporate sponsors, community fundraisers, event attendees and volunteers: 2015 was no exception. These donations of time, talent and resources are what allow us to fulfill our mission every single day. We would not exist without this support.

Angel Gala
We kicked off the season at the Minneapolis Hilton for our annual Angel Gala. Attended by roughly 720 guests, this glamorous and humbling event raised over $530,000 for Angel and featured young program participants and live musician, Rachael Kroog, highlighting Camp Angel (formerly Kids Kamp). It was an inspiring evening full of hope.

Angel & Eagles Golf Classic
We were thrilled to sell out our golf event in 2015, hosting 144 golfers and 228 dinner guests. Alongside staff, our incredible volunteer team executed this all-day, sun and fun-filled event at the Minnesota Valley Country Club, where we raised over $193,000.

Angel & Divas
We laid out the red carpet and opened up the catwalk for Angel & Divas! This celebratory event included 34 models (all cancer survivors) featured in a runway show emceed by Emily Engberg of Twin Cities Live and myTalk 107.1 host, Alexis Thompson. Event guests also enjoyed cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, a silent auction, and exclusive shopping. All in all, this event raised almost $37,000 for Angel Foundation.

“Years ago, when I was going through treatment a second time for a non-Hodgins lymphoma, my kids participated in Angel Foundation support groups and then went to Camp Angel. I started to volunteer shortly thereafter. Over the years I have gained WAY more than I have given. It has truly been a life changing event.”
— Susan S.

Community Events
Every year, we are humbled by the number of community members who, out of nothing more than the desire to support Angel Foundation, plan and host fundraisers on our behalf. From painting parties, to live music concerts, to golf tournaments, every dollar raised was an incredible gift. In 2015, community fundraisers raised over $430,000 for Angel, up from $300,000 in 2014!

Corporate Partners
We are thankful to the many businesses and corporations who demonstrated their support for Angel in 2015 by way of event sponsorships and workplace giving. We are equally as grateful for the donation of manpower. In 2015, UnitedHealth Group provided over 30 employees for various volunteer tasks at Angel & Eagles Golf Classic. This group represented almost half of the volunteers that day and is just one example of a significant corporate partnership opportunity in 2015.

Volunteers
Angel Foundation is so fortunate to have a strong volunteer base. In 2015, 258 volunteers donated their time and talent to our events and programs. From delivering AngelPacks, to coordinating silent auctions, to managing models backstage at Angel & Divas, our volunteers continue to demonstrate their commitment to Angel Foundation year after year. We are humbled by their service.
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2015 Operating Expenses

Programs 

Fundraising 13% 74%

Administration 13%

Public Support and Revenue
Contributions $1,550,936
Special Events, net $453,534
In Kind $133,353
Other Income $(31,179)
Total $2,106,644

Expenses
Program Services $1,620,022
Administration $292,289
Fundraising $278,850
Total $2,191,161

Net Assets
Change in Net Assets $(84,517)
Net Assets, beginning $2,763,952
Net Assets, ending $2,679,435

Total Assets $2,894,795
Total Liabilities $215,360
Total Net Assets $2,679,435
Total Liabilities & Net Assets $2,894,795

Corporate and Community Organizations
* Asterisks denote community fundraisers

$5,000 +
* Ames for Angel Golf Invitational
Susan G. Komen Minnesota Oncology
George A. Slpka Irrevocable Trust
Robert & Alice Strobel Foundation

*$25,000 - $49,999
Boost for a Cure Cancer Alliance
* Hope in Motion
The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation
* Swing Back at Cancer

*$10,000 - $24,999
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Alina Health Systems
Ames Construction, Inc.
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* Bowling for Angel
* Breast Cancer Ride
Caroline’s Kids Foundation
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* Notes of Hope
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As a co-lead volunteer for the Teen Outreach Program, I have had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a variety of Facing Cancer Together programs, in addition to other events. Not only have I found a place to volunteer, but I have also found friends within the foundation who are truly my Angels.

— Alicia A.
“I choose to volunteer for Angel Foundation because of the love and care that was shown to my family when we went through the Facing Cancer Together program. As a program participant, Angel Foundation showed me that you’re not alone in the process. I volunteer to show other families the same love and care that was shown to me. No one is alone: we are all family.”

— Regen S.

“Angel Foundation has been a part of our lives since I was first diagnosed in 2010. Like a warm blanket we were embraced by everyone, and it just hasn’t stopped. Angel Foundation paid our bills for a month. That gave us a chance to breathe and focus on what the Cancer Plan was going to be. My family (my daughters were two and seven at the time) learned through family retreats that every cancer is different, but the feelings are similar… I don’t know if we would have had the right tools to face my diagnosis without Angel Foundation.”

— Heather G.