

as part of angel Foundation's Teen Outreach program, photographer Scott Streble put cameras in the hands of teens who have a parent with cancer. Their expressions of grief, conflict and hope shed light on their experience, giving voice to all teens and children of all ages who have a parent with cancer. We dedicate this annual report to their journey, their strength and the inspiration they bring us.





Families strengthened.

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Help when cancer.

Angel Foundation 2011 ANNUAL REPORT



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Angel Foundation supporter,

As we reflect upon 2011, we acknowledge the progress made in a pivotal year of change and growth for our organization. We have moved forward with many program initiatives set forth in our

strategic plan created a year ago. Gracing the pages of this report are photos from teens who participated in one such program—our Teen Outreach Photography project. You'll see that the photos speak volumes—giving voice to the universal, yet unique experience of individuals facing cancer in their family, as well as the strength and resilience that is fostered through our Facing Cancer Together programs.

We are encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive response to this project which affirms that the strategic course we are set upon is the correct one. Thanks to the support of our donors, volunteers and partners, our programs will continue to expand in size and scope to make a difference in the lives of more and more local adults and their families facing cancer.

ib) Sth Vicki Stute, President

Angel Foundation

Each year, 23,000 Minnesotans are diagnosed with cancer and 9,000 will die from the disease.

# Financial recap



# **Dollars well spent**

# **2011 OPERATING EXPENSES**

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The Minnesota Charities Review Council's Standards of Accountability state that at least 70% of an organization's annual expenses should be for program activity with not more than 30% for management, general and fundraising expenses combined. In 2011, Angel Foundation exceeded this standard by directing 74% of our expense back into programming for the cancer participants and their families we serve.

# **PUBLIC SUPPORT** AND REVENUE

**CONTRIBUTIONS** .... 1,274,972 In Kind ......102,457 Special Events, net ...... 305,364 Other income ......(22,394) Total......1,660,399

### **EXPENSES**

Program Services ......943,503 Administration.....200,214 Fundraising......138,554 Total......1,282,271

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**NET ASSETS**......378,128 Net assets, beginning .. 1,037,375 Net assets, ending ..... 1,415,503

# The year in review

## **Key initiatives**

- Work performed throughout 2011 set the stage to launch five new program activities in 2012, enriching the psychosocial resources available to adults with cancer and their families
- Angel Foundation moved to a new location providing efficient office space for staff and creating an inviting, family-focused environment for our program participants
- A new and improved website was launched in April facilitating online giving and event registration as well as an electronic resource library for adults with cancer and their families

# 2011 highlights: **Our impact**

- More than \$520,000 in emergency financial assistance was distributed
- Margie's Fund, a small fund dedicated to providing financial assistance up to \$200 for extraordinary circumstances, provided \$40,000 to adults with cancer—an all-time high
- Maximum grant levels for individual Financial Assistance applicants increased by 20%; 2012 plans propose an additional 30% expansion to meet the growing economic need
- The biannual Education and Support Series expanded from five to six weeks
- More than 100 youth attended Kids Kamp in early August-our largest group yet
- Participation in key Facing Cancer Together activities nearly doubled
- More than 1,400 donors provided financial gifts in support of Angel Foundation's Financial Assistance and Facing Cancer Together programs, an increase of 36%



# **Facing Cancer Together**

# **Our impact**

Through Facing Cancer Together, families with young children and teens living with a parental cancer diagnosis, receive accurate, age-appropriate information about cancer and its effects on the family. In a safe and optimistic environment, participants have the opportunity within their peer groups to ask questions, share their fears, access support systems and learn more about cancer. We firmly believe that a family can be strengthened through the cancer experience and take these learnings far into the future in order to thrive and face the profound uncertainties with renewed hope and meaning.

This program is the only one in Minnesota that works with the whole family when a parent is diagnosed with cancer, regardless of the type of cancer or stage of the disease. Patients with nearly 65 different types of cancer diagnosis participated in our programs. We work with families from a wide array of racial and ethnic backgrounds, family makeup and socio-economic status. Families come to us from all over the metro area and well beyond.

Facing Cancer Together offers activities throughout the year including:

- Education and Support Series
- Kids Kamp
- Family Consult
- Teen Outreach
- Winter Retreat
- Summer Experience
- Family Topic Night
- Resource Library

Through Facing Cancer Together activities we've gained tools to help us talk about my cancer. We've also benefited from the opportunity to not talk about cancer all the time and simply spend time with other families, doing fun family things, in spite of this horrible disease.

AMY, 34, MOTHER OF THREE

Almost 10 percent of patients experience bankruptcy.

# Financial Assistance program

# **Our impact**

Angel Foundation provides emergency financial assistance to adults in active cancer treatment for non-medical basic needs such as food, transportation costs, utilities, and rent or mortgage payments.

Emergency assistance eases the financial burden and worry of program recipients, allowing them to reserve more energy for self care. In seeking and receiving these funds, financial assistance recipients gain a sense of control over their lives and are bolstered by the empathy and affirmation that their needs are recognized and met.

past five years including uterine cancer, being laid off, parents with Parkinson's and dementia, a broken shoulder and now melanoma. I never would have imagined that I would be in this position. Thank you for being there for me.

TERRY, 61, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

# **TEEN PHOTO PROJECT**

"My photo symbolizes how daily life really feels. Everyone sees my family and I composed, but we know how much chaos is involved in our daily lives. Living with cancer has taught me that cancer is not something a family comes out of the same. They grow stronger and adapt to many changes."

- Meghan



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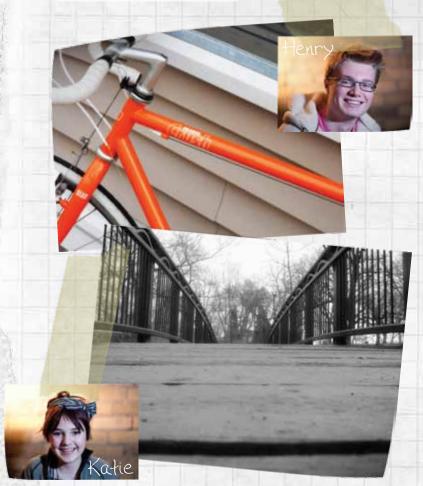
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## **TEEN PHOTO PROJECT**



# CANCER'S IMPACT: Henry and Katie's stories

Teen Photo project participants Henry, 17, and his sister Katie, 13, lost their father to colon cancer in 2011. Henry's photograph was of a treasured bicycle that he and his father built together shortly before his death. Henry says that his photo symbolizes, "all the experiences my dad and I had; and the joy we took from the limited time we had."

"It expresses our abrupt sense of loss so well" says Libby, older sister of Henry and Katie. "Henry's photo was very Henry. It was their bike, "Henry's photo was very Henry. It was their bike, their project. It was Dad's dream, his last thing. and their project. It was Dad's dream, his last thing. and in that bike I see so much of Dad, and I know Henry feels that same visceral reaction."

Katie's photo of a wooden foot bridge, captured "my dad's love and his words."

"Katie made the connection to what dad said about his cancer not defining his whole life, his entire story," says Libby. "He said it was his bridge from one side to the other. I'm proud she remembered that...it would have made dad proud as well."