



Sally's Angels



2009 Annual Report

Summer 2010



Our mission is to spread our wings over the critically and chronically ill children and their families receiving medical care in our region.



Perspective: Why We Are Here

When we started Sally's Angels in 2006, it was in response to the need we saw when our sweet friend Sally was born and spent most of her first year in the hospital.

No parent chooses to have a sick child. It is a circumstance that they are dealt. Seeing families with limited resources face the challenges of having a sick child, compelled us to help meet the glaring needs of others whom we didn't know.

Sitting alongside families with sick children in the NICU for nearly five months and in waiting rooms for several months after that allowed us to identify first-hand a community need. We all witnessed the dedication and compassion of

clinicians, hospital staff, family and friends. This inspired us to do something to help families with critically and chronically ill children. During awaiting room discussions with friends and family we vowed to help families that would have to face this journey after us. This resulted in the creation of the non-profit, Sally's Angels, which has now touched hundreds of families in need. We provide both essential and non-essential support for critically and chronically ill children and their families.

Your gifts help ease the pain of tough decisions, financial burdens and hard choices families have to make in the most challenging times of their lives. Your gift makes a difference!

What an Impact You Have Made!

From an initial very humble goal by our founder, Anna Rice, to raise "maybe \$5,000 or so," to four years later, **Sally's Angels has now raised and contributed over \$100,000!**

- 2006 - \$24,535 given by 180 angels
- 2007 - \$28,786 given by 260 angels
- 2008 - \$31,820 given by 160 angels
- 2009 - \$53,682 given by 210 angels

Gifts made by Sally's Angels have supported people in crisis situations who find themselves with nowhere else to turn.

We are often told that "if not for Sally's

Angels, we could not have...."

So be sure and do two things:

- read page 2 for some examples of your gifts at work among people you will likely never see or know;
- join us for a simple gathering over coffee and light breakfast to hear some heart-warming stories of those your gifts have helped.

Saturday, August 21st

9:30 - 11am

Forsyth Country Club

This family shared their moving story of support from Sally's Angels at last year's Coffee:



Your invitation to join us for this year's Coffee August 21st is on the back of this newsletter!

The Real Story of Your Support:

Heather is a special and much beloved young mother who has stayed eleven times at the Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem since 2007.

In her 22nd week of pregnancy under emergency conditions, Heather delivered her daughter, Amber, who weighed 14 ounces at birth. The obstetrician had to deliver Amber early due to a rare and often fatal medical condition that Heather developed.

After she was born, Amber spent four and a half months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Heather was unable to work as a result of her own illness and her daughter's many health problems, and she grew behind on bills.

Since it was vital that Heather be able to keep her car to drive Amber to medical appointments, Chacy San Filippo, Family Support Program Coordinator at Ronald McDonald House requested help from Sally's Angels to assist Heather with her car payment.

Sally's Angels was able to help this precious young family with a \$250 gift which enabled Heather to keep her car.

We are thrilled to report that Amber is now three years-old and doing very well!

If you are able to join us for this year's Sally's Angels **Coffee on August 21st**, you will hear more stories like this one. If you can't come, we have included an envelope for your gift to continue support of families like this.

BIG Thanks!

Sally's Angels wishes to extend sincere "thank yous" to two retiring board members:

Beth Miller & Edie Wachtel

Thank you both for "spreading your wings" over the work of Sally's Angels from its inception!

Look What You Did in 2009:

Even though 2009 was a year of struggles for many, Sally's Angels supporters stepped up at a record pace and demonstrated compassion for those in need, **giving away \$30,000 to more than 200 families**, supporting their needs as identified and referred to us by area social workers and other professionals.

Take a look at some of the ways you helped this year:

- Gas and transportation costs
- Utility and phone bills
- Gift cards to major stores
- Funeral costs for several children
- Medications and medical equipment
- Mortgage/rent payments
- Auto repairs/special vehicle needs
- Bus tickets for parents to visit their hospitalized children
- A keyboard for an Autistic 12-year-old
- A special tricycle for a child with Down Syndrome
- Graduation supplies for a quadriplegic who defied all odds to make it to graduation

Thank You to our Donors Jan.-Dec. 2009

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*Names printed as received.
Please let us know of any errors.*

Angels Who Have Found Their Wings

The Board of Directors of Sally's Angels would like to acknowledge those Sally's Angels supporters we are aware of who "found their wings," departing this earthly world for a heavenly home in 2009, including a special nod to one of our faithful supporters since the inception of Sally's Angels, Donna Newsome.

Also we extend a special thank you to the family of **T. Wayne Robertson**, for continuing a significant memorial contribution that truly makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of people!

In addition, we recognize the following in whose names gifts were given in their memory or honor:

Joe T. Brognolotti	Linda Clark	Bob Robbins
Bess & Sparks Griffin	Madeline Grace Hanes	Bud & Betty Calloway
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Special contributions to Sally's Angels in **honor** or **memory** of those you wish to recognize are welcome at any time in the year, and we will send letters of acknowledgement.

Be sure to get **Honor Cards** at the Coffee on Aug. 21st! Or contact Mary Schultz for cards any time of the year at: hazel27106@triad.rr.com.



Angel of the Year

At last year's Coffee, the Sally's Angels Board of Directors continued the tradition established the preceding year, and again recognized our Sally's Angels "Angel of the Year." For 2009, we selected **Chacy SanFilippo**, M.Ed., LPC, Family Support Program Coordinator at Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem.

Chacy has said of her work: "While I can never take away the pain that our pediatric families experience on a daily basis as their children endure arduous treatments and surgeries, I can walk gently with them through the storm as a humble companion and resource. It is a sacred honor to be able to do so."



Chacy received her award at last year's Sally's Angels Coffee

Golf Tournament

In 2009, Sally's Angels was again the very fortunate recipient of funds raised at the T. Wayne Robertson Memorial Golf Tournament for the 3rd year. Last year Sally's Angels shared the tournament with The Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma.



The Childress Institute and Sally's Angels both work to serve the same population of critically and chronically ill children. "We are a good compliment to one another. It is a happy coincidence that Toby brought us all together, and a very good collaboration" says Anna Rice.

4th Annual TWR Memorial Golf Tournament

October 25, 2010

Tanglewood Park

12:30pm Shotgun Start

Presenting Sponsor – Spevco, Inc.

Proceeds: T. Wayne Roberson Foundation, Sally's Angels, The Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma

~Spread Your Wings ~

Sally's Angels 5th Annual Coffee

Saturday, August 21st

9:30-11:00am

Forsyth Country Club

RSVP

☎ 336-922-7624

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✉ reply envelope enclosed (*checks welcome!*)

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