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Spotlight Angel Nora shines her bright smile.

2024 Spotlight Angel, Nora: A Story of Love, Strength and Holy Angels

“Nora is a hero. She is a warrior,” beamed Nora’s grandmother and guardian, Kelly. “Nora is everything. She makes me happy when I’m sad. Nora makes me continue when I want to give up. Nora is always cheerful no matter what. She is unconditional love.”

Powerful words about our 2024 Spotlight Angel, Nora. She embodies everything that is pure and uplifting. Her mere presence brings joy to those around her, and she serves as a reminder of the strength that lies within the human spirit.

Nora’s journey began with a bittersweet twist. Born healthy, her family’s joy was abruptly replaced with worry when she was diagnosed with spinal meningitis before she even left the hospital. Her tiny frame was connected to a ventilator. A doctor told the family to prepare for the worst.

Our little warrior battled through and eventually left the hospital. Years later, she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and a seizure disorder creating new challenges for those who loved and cared for her.

Kelly’s journey took a toll on her own well-being. A working grandmother, she faced the hardships of finding appropriate care for Nora. Daycares proved inadequate. At times, Kelly would sneak Nora into work, hiding the young child under her desk. It all became too much. In a moment of desperation, Kelly discovered Holy Angels.

In Kelly’s own words, “If I’m being 100% honest, I don’t think I would be here without Holy Angels. I was at my breaking point, and I didn’t have anywhere else to turn or go. Holy Angels was truly a lifeline for both of us.”

Nora was four years old when she first arrived at Holy Angels. Eventually this would become home for both Nora and Kelly. As years passed, Nora thrived and blossomed. The once sleepless nights filled with worry for Kelly transformed into moments of laughter and joy. Holy Angels provided not only care for Nora but also a sense of extended family for Kelly.

Nora is now enrolled in the Holy Angels school. She loves using the iPad and a switch to communicate. Nora LOVES “girl time,” getting her nails painted by the team of caregivers. Her laughter is a Mercy Moment as it echoes down the hallway and puts a smile on the faces of anyone who hears it.

“I love these people. I don’t have extended family. This is my extended family,” Kelly said. “I love everybody here. There are not enough words I could say to thank everyone at Holy Angels for loving and caring for my Nora.”

As we celebrate Nora, our Spotlight Angel of 2024, let us also celebrate the love of a grandmother, the strength of a little warrior, and the transformative power of Holy Angels – a place where miracles happen every day.



Kelly and Nora



Holy Angels held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Children’s Campus Expansion Project on December 20.

Holy Angels Celebrates Groundbreaking of Children’s Campus Expansion Project

The transformative power of a baby’s arrival has been the driving force behind Holy Angels mission for nearly seven decades. Originating from a desperate plea for assistance, the Sisters of Mercy responded by welcoming Maria Morrow, the inaugural resident of Holy Angels. Her story ignited a legacy that persists and flourishes today.

Embracing the theme, “A baby changes everything,” Holy Angels marked the commencement of its \$20 million Children’s Campus Expansion project on December 20th, coinciding with what would

have been Maria’s 68th birthday. Over a hundred supporters, including family members, staff, board members and donors, joyously celebrated this groundbreaking event.

Kerri Massey, President and CEO of Holy Angels, remarked, “The groundbreaking of the project signifies a pivotal moment in the history of Holy Angels. This project has been the long-time vision of President Emeritus Regina Moody. It underscores our dedication to providing an optimal environment for our residents, ensuring they receive the care and support they deserve.”

The comprehensive project comprises:

- Three state-of-the-art, six-bed homes to meet multiple and complex medical needs and will allow for more intimate, family-oriented care for our residents.
- A 10,000 sq. ft. community center facilitating worship activities, events for residents, families and team members. It includes a commercial kitchen catering to the entire campus and a pool providing residents with spaces for relaxation, therapy and leisure.
- State-of-the-art learning center for our students to attend school and share this integrated facility for learning with infants, toddlers and preschool children of our employees.

Construction is set to begin the first quarter of this year. To learn more about or contribute to this transformative project, please visit our website or utilize the provided QR code.



Chief Resource Development Officer Anne Bogen returns home to Holy Angels.

Holy Angels Welcomes Back Anne Bogen as Chief Resource Development Officer

Holy Angels is thrilled to announce the return of Anne Bogen to our team as the Chief Resource Development Officer. Anne rejoins Holy Angels after three successful years as the Foundation Executive Director at Carolina Caring. Her remarkable contributions during her previous tenure as the Chief Development Officer for Holy Angels from 2012-2020 have left a lasting impact on our fundraising initiatives and organizational growth.

During her previous time at Holy Angels, Anne led multiple fundraising initiatives, helping to launch the highly successful Clay Shoot and organizing the long-running Golf Classic, Grazie Mille and Angel Bowl. She also shepherded in a new era of planned and legacy giving.

“I am honored to have the been given the opportunity to return home,” said Anne “Holy Angels was truly my ‘home away from home’ when my son, Stone, lived here almost 25 years ago. It was a privilege for my family and me to witness the mission firsthand with him, and then to raise awareness and funds for eight years with my work with the Holy Angels Foundation, ensuring other families could call Holy Angels home when they found themselves in need. I am thrilled to be able to contribute to the continued growth and success of a place I love so much.”

The entire Holy Angels community extends a warm welcome to Anne, looking forward to the positive impact her leadership will have on the organization’s mission and the lives of those we serve. Anne will always be a part of the family of Holy Angels.

Cherubs Café – A Weekly Tradition for Fitness Group



Members of F3 Gastonia follow their Saturday morning workout with a meal at Cherubs Cafe.

F3 is a group of men who focus on fitness, fellowship and faith. For the Gastonia group, they should be called F4 – adding food into the fun.

Regardless of the weather, the group of men start their Saturday with a tough workout. It almost always ends up with a trip to Cherubs Café for a well-deserved breakfast.

“We love the food,” said F3 Gastonia “Speed for Need” Chair Robbie Patterson. “Everyone seems to have a smile on their face and truly seems they love what they’re doing. Their positive attitude rubs off on us.”

At the cafe, the F3 Gastonia members have formed genuine connections with the Crew members, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. But the F3 connection with Holy Angels doesn’t stop at the end of breakfast. Each year, F3

members push several residents in the ChristmasTown 5k and Gaston Community Foundation Run as part of its “Speed for Need” program.

“It’s awesome. I get more out of it than the residents do. It’s pure joy on their face because it’s something they don’t often get to experience. Seeing that joy is awesome,” Robbie said.

The Holy Angels family is grateful for the presence of F3 Gastonia, thanking them for becoming an integral part of our village of supporters.

Upcoming Events

Sponsorship opportunities are now available for our 32nd annual Angel Bowl and our 7th annual Clay Shoot. Join us for a day of bowling with our residents and a day of breaking clays in loving support of Holy Angels.

Please reach out to Pamela Glass, VP of Development, at PamelaG@HolyAngelsNC.org or 704.829.4161 for more information.

ANGEL BOWL



SATURDAY, MARCH 9
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CLAY SHOOT



FRIDAY, MAY 3
MEADOW WOOD FARMS



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YOU Made These Mercy Moments Happen



A therapy dog helps put a big smile on Kim's face.



Rashard dressed up as a King for the Nativity scene during the Christmas Mass.



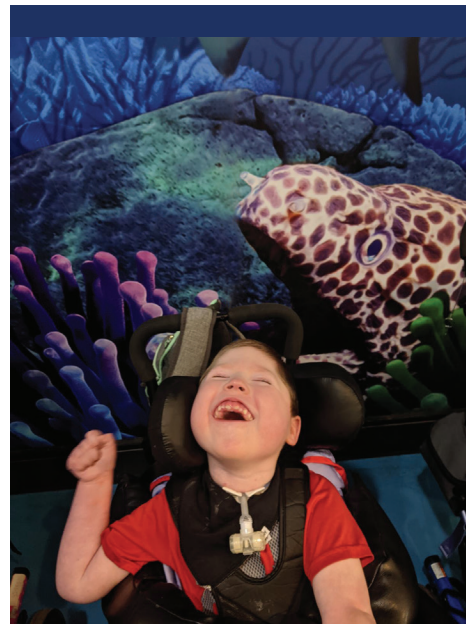
Santa Claus gets a big hug from Maria during Winter Wonderland.



Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with Jenny on Santa Day.



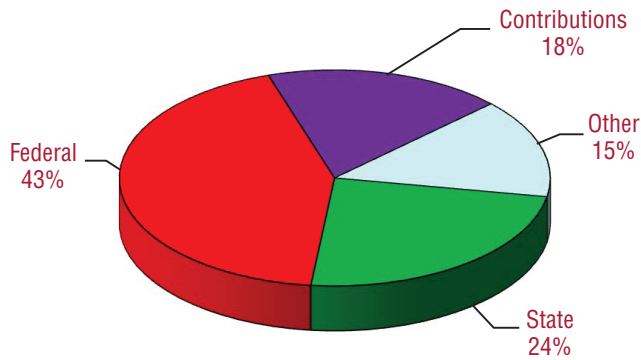
Andrew flexes his superhero muscles with DSP Gigi Ramirez during Haunted Greenhouse.



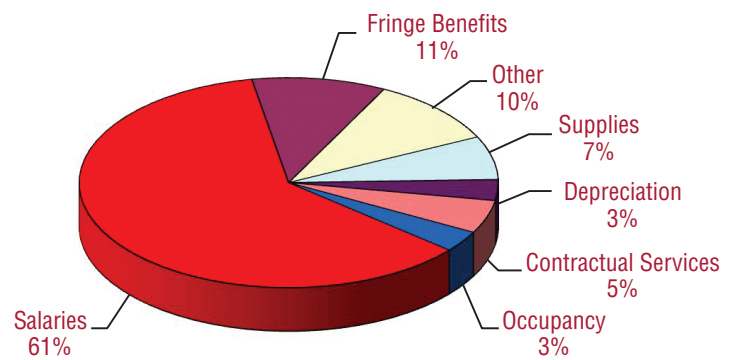
Wyatt and friends go on a field trip to the Sea Life Aquarium.

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Holy Angels, Inc. Revenue 2022 - 2023



Holy Angels, Inc. Expenses 2022 - 2023



Grants and Foundation Gifts Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Bank of America Foundation Matching Gifts

Bridgestone Americas Trust Fund

CAPTRUST Community Foundation

CaroMont Health

Caterpillar Foundation

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Dover Foundation, Inc.

Duke Energy Foundation

Enterprise Holdings Foundation

Fifth Third Bank

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Foundation For The Carolinas

Gaston Community Foundation

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LAMB Foundation of NC, Inc.

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Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Foundation

The Ability Experience

The Ann F. and John W. Copeland Charitable Foundation, Inc

The Charles and Irene Nanney Foundation

The Dallas Foundation

The Dennis and Caroline Casey Feldtmose Charitable Trust

The Enterline Foundation

The Hartford Foundation

The Howe Foundation

The JEM Project

The Kulynych Family Foundation I, Inc.

The NASCAR Foundation

The Stowe Foundation

Three Tigers Foundation

United Way of Gaston County, Inc.

YOUR Support Made This Happen

THERAPY



- **292** Speech Therapy Sessions
- **233** Occupational Therapy Sessions
- **1,295** Physical Therapy Sessions
- **51** Spa Treatments

CAMP HOPE – “SAFARI ADVENTURE”



- **25** Boat Rides
- **135** Resident Trips
- **137** Gallons Total Fuel

CREATIVE ARTS



- **364** Music Therapy Sessions
- **169** Art Sessions
- **176** Snoezelen Sessions

VOLUNTEERS/VOLUNTEENS



- **98** Volunteers
- **26** Volunteens (13-17 Year Olds)
- **2,167** Total Hours
- **\$31.80/hr. | \$68,910/yr.** Total Benefit

NURSING



- **538,797** Medications
- **256,342** Treatments
- **20** Specialty Doctors
- **107** Specialty Clinics

HORTICULTURE



- **32.5%** Increase in Plant Sale Revenue
- **221.5** Harvested Pounds Fruits and Vegetables
- **Renovated** greenhouse extending programming to year-round season.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES



- **12%** Increase in Total Sales
- **206** Coffee Flights
- **3,543** Cotton Candy Favors
- **939** Caterings (Box Lunches)
- **2,586** Cherubs (Chicken Salad) Classics

CHAPLAIN SERVICES



- **365** Daily Devotionals
- **52** Sunday Services
- **3** Special Services
- **Record Number** of Christmas Assistance
- **Countless** Mercy Moments/Counseling Sessions

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Grazie Mille – A Thousand Thanks to Our Supporters

A heartfelt “Grazie Mille” for an extraordinary fundraising weekend for Holy Angels.

Grazie Mille weekend in November featured a casino night on Friday with great food, gaming, music, dancing and a speakeasy. The venue transformed into an elegant reception hall for our “A Starry Night” gala on Saturday. The residents stole the show as we highlighted their talents of playing music, dancing and painting.

We presented the “Legacy of Love” award this year to Hans Lengers who generously gave his time, talents and treasures to support Holy Angels for the better part of three decades.

We want to thank all of our guests, sponsors, vendors and staff who made this an exceptional event.



Hans Lengers received the “Legacy of Love” award at Grazie Mille.

A Glowing Christmas Season

The holiday season at Holy Angels is always filled with memorable events and Mercy Moments. It is also a time that prompts us to think about those we love and their impact on our lives. This year, our Christmas theme, “Let Your Light Shine,” was inspired by our 2023 Spotlight Angel, Nolan, whose beautiful inner light has been nurtured to radiate brightly through the loving care of Holy Angels.

The compassionate and dependable care our staff provides for our residents would not be possible without the dedicated support of our donors. We extend special thanks to everyone who contributed during this Christmas season. Your generosity ensures that the light of our angels will continue to shine for years to come.

On December 20th, the birthday of our first angel - Maria Morrow, Holy Angels campus once again shined bright as loved ones from our community were honored or remembered during our Share the Light event. The illuminated angels and luminaries welcomed visitors onto our campus, and our residents waved to guests from the live Nativity scene. Thank you to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and staff who made this event a success.



A special illuminated angel dedicated to healthcare workers for Share the Light.

May the warmth of kindness light your way in the New Year!



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Monthly Giving

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From the Heart: A Year of Caring for Our Future at Holy Angels



When I think back on my first year as President and CEO of Holy Angels, the theme “Caring for Our Future” resonates deeply in my heart. It’s been an incredible journey, and I am filled with gratitude for the remarkable strides we’ve made together as a community.

Breaking ground on our new children’s campus expansion was a pivotal moment, aligning perfectly with our commitment to caring for the future of those we serve. This project reflects our dedication to providing even more compassionate care and support for the individuals who call Holy Angels home.

One of my first goals was reopening Life Choices to offer expanded opportunities for growth and independence of adults in our community who need our support. This initiative, rooted in the spirit of caring, is a testament to the resilience and potential of every individual in our care.

We opened Market on Main in a portion of the Life Choices building to not only enrich the lives of our participants and Crew members but further connect the community with

our mission. It’s a symbol of how we create pathways to empowerment and independence.

Last year’s record-breaking fundraising events demonstrate the community’s commitment to caring for the future of Holy Angels. Your generosity fuels our mission and ensures that we can continue to make a profound impact on the lives of those entrusted to our care.

Acknowledging the vital role our team plays, we introduced a weekly newsletter highlighting their successes. They are the heart and soul of Holy Angels, embodying the caring spirit that defines us.

I’m thrilled to share that Holy Angels has received perfect or near-perfect ratings in every review or survey this past year. This collective achievement reinforces our dedication to excellence, assuring our community that Holy Angels is a place where the future is shaped with care and compassion.

As we look forward, we now turn toward “Building Our Future” utilizing our strong foundation of compassionate care which will guide us to new heights, ensuring that Holy Angels remains a home of loving, living and learning for the differently able for generations to come.

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