

Leadership Council

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Dear Friends:

As the year draws to a close, we celebrate your generosity! We want to update you on what Angel Interfaith Network has been doing and how things look for the future. Attached you will find the 2018-2019 Annual Report of Angel Interfaith Network's ministry.

October 23, 2019

In the past few months, we were blessed with grants from St. Matthews Episcopal Church and Van Der Ahe Foundation totaling \$20,000. We celebrate the growing number of Sustaining Angels (those who make regular or monthly donations). We recently enjoyed the annual fundraiser with the Presbyterian Women at Altadena Presbyterian Church Women under the leadership of Louise Inouye. Earlier this week, volunteers unloaded two carloads of amazing items for babies and children, given by Mitzvah Ministries - a cluster of Pomona/Claremont congregations. So many wonderful partnerships!

As the Leadership Council meets in the coming days, we will be working to steward our limited resources to continue to provide needed support to LAC+USC patients. This means that we will be making decisions about prioritizing patient needs, how best to utilize the wisdom and skills of our Program Coordinator, how to engage more organizations and individuals in the important work of Angel Interfaith Network. We welcome your wisdom, volunteer time and renewed financial support.

Thank you for your past donations and support. Please consider who you know who might also share your passion for supporting vulnerable patients as they move toward healing.

Our patient's needs continue throughout the year. Please consider making an additional donation this fall. As always, gifts to Angel Interfaith Network can be made through the website (<a href="MangelInterfaith.net">AngelInterfaith.net</a>) or by check, payable to St. Camillus Ceneter with Angel Interfaith Network (AIN) in the memo.

Blessings and seeking the Spirits guidance,

Rev. Nancy Moore

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## We Give Thanks!

We want to share with you some of our accomplishments and challenges from the past year with this 2018-2019 Annual Report. All of this good is only possible because of your partnership with us! We are grateful for every hour you volunteered, every baby blanket you crocheted, every dollar you have given - all of it makes a big difference in supporting the patients as they work to knit their lives back together after being hospitalized.

> Rev. Nancy Moore (Chair), Fr. Chris Ponnet, Ms. Inez Beckon-English, Ms. Susan Brown, Rev. Grace Park, Elder Hagar Benitez, Rev. Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder, Ms. Mary Jarrett The Angel Interfaith Network Leadership Council

### **Meeting Needs of Patients**

Some of our patients need particular items - things like car seats, clothes, diapers, Ensure, etc. Just like a neighbor, AIN delivered packages of needed items to 1,832 patients and their families We were able to assist a total of 406 homeless individuals. The monetary value of items given total \$68,673.

Angel Interfaith Network has robust partnerships with many community organizations including: Baby2Baby, Shelter Partners, LAC+USC Medical Center, St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care.

Sometimes our patient's biggest need is for financial assistance with food, rent, utilities or a place to stay near the hospital while their loved one recovers. In the last year, AIN provided the following...

> Food Vouchers: \$2,772 \$4,475 Emergency Shelter: Utilities: \$2,549

#### Where do the resources come from?

People and faith communities from all over Southern California donate money and needed items to help patients in need.

Every Fall, Angel Interfaith Network participates in Alternative Christmas Markets at churches. Congregants learn about the wonderful ministry opportunities we have and make donations as part of their holiday gift giving. Last year we participated in 20 Alternative Christmas Markets. Karen Bading, Hagar Benitez, Areta Crowell, Judith Grout, Mary Jarrett and Nancy Moore each worked to make this possible.

During the year, some congregations host "showers" for us where needed items and donations are collected. Mitzvah Ministries (a group of congregations in the Pomona Claremont area) holds a "shower" donated two car loads full of needed baby items. Panorama Presbyterian Church, Norwalk Presbyterian Church, Altadena Presbyterian Church, Iglesia de la Comunidad and Palisades Presbyterian Church held events and made generous donations.

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This past year, other folks have done fundraisers for Angel Interfaith Network. In August, Louise Inouye hosted a luncheon in partnership with Altadena Presbyterian Women to benefit Angel Interfaith. In March, Grace Park and Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder hosted a benefit House Concert featuring the band "Double Batch Daddy". The Ortho Clinic at LAC+USC Medical Center also did a fundraiser to provide needed cases of Ensure and gift cards for grocery store and Target. The Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce hosted a Holiday breakfast in honor of our dedication to serving people in the community and donated gift cards.

### **Our History**

Project Angel began in 1988 in partnership with the Department of Spiritual Care at LAC+USC Medical Center to provide for the emergency needs of patients and their families. Project Angel incorporated in 2001and was based at Calvary Presbyterian Church. To further underscore the many faith traditions that participated in providing support to the patients, Project Angel became Angel Interfaith Network. In 2010, Angel Interfaith Network (or AIN) came under the fiscal sponsorship of St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care and moved onto the LAC+USC Medical Center campus in order to be closer to the patients. Currently AIN provides items for newborns, clothing for children and adults, Ensure, diapers, and assistance for rent, food and emergency shelter. Each month, Angel Interfaith Network publishes a newsletter to share stories of how AIN has impacted patients and to communicate particular needs. You can find out more about Angel Interfaith Network at our website: <a href="https://www.AngelInterfaith.net">www.AngelInterfaith.net</a>



#### **Our Future**

Our community is changing: As we continue to consult LAC+USC Chaplains and Social Workers and our community partners, we recognize a shift in the challenges LAC+USC patients are facing. Angel Interfaith Network is getting more requests related to housing insecurity and food insecurity. We would like to grow in our ability to respond to these needs. Rev. Ann Mills hosted the Leadership Council for a strategic retreat in September where we identified key areas of need and began identifying how we can restructure our resources to best be able to support the patients. In light of financial challenges and

changing needs, we are also reviewing the core responsibilities of our 30 hour a week Program Coordinator.

The Leadership Council recognizes that in spite of our fundraising efforts, AIN's expenses continue to outpace our income. This year we have focused on grant writing and increasing the number of individuals who make monthly financial gifts. AIN also cut back the amount of financial support offered to patients. While we have made some progress, more resources are needed.

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# **Angel Interfaith Network**

| RECEIPTS                      | 2018-2019  |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| GRANT INCOME                  | 20,000.00  |
| GRANT EMERG SHELTER           | 500.00     |
| INDIVIDUALS/CHURCH/OTHER      | 10,892.07  |
| GIFT/DONATION-PEDIATRIC       | 1,300.00   |
| Alternative Christmas Markets | 3,924.00   |
| SUSTAINING ANGELS             | 14,502.43  |
| OTHER INCOME                  | 60.00      |
| FUNDRAISING PROCEEDS          | 2,780.00   |
| Total-RECEIPTS                | 53,958.50  |
| EXPENSES                      |            |
| SALARIES-ASST NETWORK COORD   | -35,089.67 |
| BENEFITS (HEALTH/OTHER)       | -8,506.55  |
| MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT         | -343.14    |
| COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE      | -326.39    |
| PROGRAM ASSIST - PEDIATRIC    | -860.74    |
| PROGRAM ASSIST FOOD           | -2,772.00  |
| PROG ASSIT EMERGENCY SHELTER  | -4,475.00  |
| PROGRAM ASSIT FUNERAL         | -250.00    |
| PROG ASSIST UTILITIES         | -2,549.19  |
| STAFF/VOLUNTEER TRAINING      | 500.00     |
| STATIONARY/OFFICE SUPL        | -229.47    |
| MISCELLANEOUS                 | -61.41     |
| CLOTHING                      | -800.00    |
| Total-EXPENSES                | -55,763.56 |
| PRIOR YR BALANCE              | 13,652.67  |
| otal                          | 11,847.61  |

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