

Our History

In 1998, a local fundraising event was held for a sick child. Recognizing the ongoing need to support families and children dealing with serious illness, Angels on Assignment was formed in 1999.



Sometimes you just need help...

There are times when dealing with a family member's illness can leave you feeling alone and searching for a solution.

Are you or a loved one facing a serious illness? Angels on Assignment is a creative group of volunteers who can help in almost any situation involving a family member's illness.

Help us to help others by becoming an "Angel".

Angels on Assignment meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Crete Township Hall, 1367 Wood Street, Crete



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Angels on Assignment, Inc. is dedicated to assisting the seriously ill and their families with a focus on children.

Cheryl Albrecht	President
Sheila Einhorn	Vice President
Susan Peters	Treasurer
Lenore DeAntoni	Secretary

The Halo

Those we helped in 2025

A 53-year-old mother of two, a nurse with breast cancer. She was laid off from work at the same time she was enduring chemo. Angels helped pay her mortgage payments and utilities for 3 months.

A 33-year-old mother of three with a traumatic brain injury. We paid for her dog to be trained as a therapy dog that will react to her seizures.

A mother/grandmother with stage 4 cancer. Angels helped pay her extra expenses during treatment to help her family get by during this time.

A dad had his arm amputated during a terrible car accident. Angels paid for gas cards and parking to get him back and forth to Chicago for doctor appointments and surgeries.

A 58-year-old husband with terrible side effects from MS. Angels paid for his co-pays and medical bills that his family could not afford.

We are proud that 99% of the donations we receive go to our Angel applicants.

Letter From the President:

Greetings!

Angels on Assignment began in 1999 after a group of Crete business people and residents held a large fundraising event for a local newspaper editor's granddaughter who was battling cancer. The event did so well that they decided to keep doing fundraisers to help families in the Crete area and Angels on Assignment was formed on October 26, 1999.

So why did I first join AOA? On Christmas morning in 1997, my son Joey lost his 3-1/2 year battle with a rare pediatric cancer. Our family survived this 3-1/2-year battle because of the wonderful people in the Crete area. They brought us meals, sent cards and sent Joey on adventures when he was feeling up to it, and so much more. All of this kept our heads up, hoping for a cure.

After Joey passed away, I wanted to give back to the people who made my little boy smile during a terrible time in our lives, therefore I decided to join Angels so I could help other families the way Crete residents helped us. I joined in 1999 and I'm still here trying to give families a glimmer of hope when they don't know if they can keep going.

Angels is made up of all volunteers. We are a 501©3 organization that raises funds for families in the area and donate 100% back to them. We are looking for volunteers, so please join us in 2026! We meet the first Wednesday of each month at the Crete Township Hall at 6:00. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Angel Blessings to You,

Cheryl Albrecht, President Angels on Assignment

Angels on Assignment is a 501(c)(3) volunteer-operated, charitable organization dedicated to providing assistance to seriously ill residents of local communities. The primary focus of this organization is on children.

We help find solutions by:

- Assisting with health, medical, and/or hospital travel expenses
- Providing emotional support with “fun days” away from the illness, creating family memories
- Working with other local charities, hospitals, and schools to identify needs



Fundraisers play a big role within our organization, as it helps us to continue to assist families. Angels on Assignment hosts an annual Spaghetti dinner fundraiser every October. This event is a fun and delicious experience for everyone that attends, including some of our past recipients. The night includes raffle baskets, a cakewalk, bake sale, and of course spaghetti!

Luke and Paula Pascale, long-time Angel members and owners of Aurelio’s in Crete graciously donate the spaghetti. We look forward to seeing you in 2026.



For the last three years, Angels on Assignment has hosted the Queen of Hearts raffle. Not only did we raise money, so that we can continue to help those in need, but we have gained new members and made some very loyal friends. Angels on Assignment would like to thank Vince and Sara Scrementi of Smokey Jo’s for opening their doors to us every Thursday.

Angels on Assignment has partnered with Crete Township to host a Toy Drive for local families. With the generous donations made by so many individuals, and other local organizations, we were able to provide “Christmas” to several families. Some of our past partners include:

- Crete Bulldogs Youth Football & Cheerleading
- Crete Public Library – mitten & hat tree
- Crete Country Christmas Santa Sleigh
- Crete Township Fire Departments
- Gateway Classic Cars
- Cheryl Albrecht of Country Financial
- Main Street Exchange Pizza and Bar



Our next Toy Drive will be Sunday, December 14th at the Crete Township Community Center. We are looking forward to serving our local communities and mostly the children.



Referral Procedures

1. Obtain and fill out referral form and deliver it to our selection committee.
2. Selection committee then sends out an application to candidate.
3. An interview is scheduled after application is received back in our office.
4. Recommendation is then made by the selection committee to the rest of the Angels for approval.

Procedure takes about 45+ days.

Area of Coverage

East Illinois-Indiana State Line
 West Route 45
 South Will/Kankakee County Line
 North I-80, including Tinley Park