What’s Up in the Attic?
Connecting with friends of the Attic Angel Community

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No magic wands in sight here; no rabbits being pulled from hats. But there’s MAGIC in the air! The magic taking place each day in the Attic Angel Community comes straight from the hands and hearts of our volunteers, staff, residents, families and community friends. No matter what your connection to Attic Angel, YOU are a vital part of our daily magic to make a difference for others. By serving, caring, sharing and giving, you impact the lives of others in magical ways, often beyond even your wildest imagination. In this issue we share examples of the Magic of Exceptional Living and Extraordinary Giving here in the Attic Angel Community.

Magic Is All Around Us!

Extraordinary Giving: 2015 Attic Angel Association Halo Awardees

This fall twenty-six active Attic Angel Association members were presented with Halo awards. The awards are based upon years of active service. Marge Davenport received a Sapphire Halo for 50 years of active service. Jane McGinn and Diane Stumpf received Diamond Halos for 40 years of active service. Both Marge and Diane served terms as Association President. All three honorees continue to serve on various committees.

Jane McGinn aptly said, “My 40-year volunteer commitment has enabled me to grow and do something meaningful for both Attic Angel and the Community. This is the best volunteer job ever!”

Angel volunteers make magic every day!
The Magic of Music

The Attic Angel Health Center, our 40-bed skilled nursing facility, is the recipient of a grant from Music and Memory. MUSIC & MEMORY is a nation-wide non-profit organization that brings personalized music into the lives of the elderly through digital music technology to improve quality of life.

The grant will provide training for 3 staff members and iPods for 7 residents, plus a pairing with a local school for intergenerational activities. Residents and students will share favorite types of music and then residents will learn to use their own iPods for music listening. The project helps residents reconnect with the world through music-triggered memories.

The Magic of Lifelong Learning

PLATO is coming to Attic Angel! Beginning in February, Attic Angel will host an 8-week PLATO course entitled “Robert Frost: His Biography and His Poetry,” taught by Ken Hindman. PLATO has nearly 1,000 members in the Greater Madison area, all of whom are approaching or enjoying active retirement. This spring 45 courses will be offered to them at various locations including banks, churches, libraries and senior living residences. Sky’s the limit for course offerings, from politics to poetry, biography, jazz, current issues, literature - and even outings to Madison and Milwaukee cultural venues. Members of PLATO pay a modest annual fee to take courses. For information about PLATO, contact Louise Fowler at 608-262-5823, or email: plato-slp@dcs.wisc.edu. The Attic Angel Community is honored to be a host site for PLATO’s lifelong learning events!

More Magic: Music & Nature & Art....

Coming in springtime, a new alliance with Middleton’s Pheasant Branch Conservancy, featuring intergenerational activities with a “Music in Nature” focus. Imagine concerts performed by young students and Attic Angel residents, and residents creating art with school children and compiling a book of their combined works....Lots of fun and learning ahead in 2016!

Abracadabra!

Attic Angel Sale Magic x 3!

Magic happens when Attic Angel Association’s 560 members plan and host signature events to raise funds for children and the elderly. The 2015 Sales were simply spectacular. The June Attic Sale brought net proceeds of $91,342. The fall clothing and holiday sales will add more revenue to the total. This year, 75% of the net fundraising proceeds will be awarded as grants to extend the provision of reading and home visitation services to children ages 3 to kindergarten. The remaining 25% will go to the Resident Aid Fund to subsidize basic health care needs of residents who have outlived their financial resources.

The Magic of the Attic Angel Touch

Did you know?....During the 2014-15 fiscal year, Attic Angel Association members donated 34,431 hours of their time, with 16,953 of those hours spent in direct contact with Attic Angel residents.
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You Help Make Magic Happen!

During 2015 you’ve shopped at Attic Angel sales and given financial gifts to Attic Angel to support our community grants programs and the Resident Aid Fund. You’ve donated supplies for Falk School and supported our Giving Tree program for area HeadStart children. You’ve visited our senior residences and/or volunteered your time and shared your expertise.

In the process, we hope you’ve found that when you give, you also receive, and that the warmth of your giving stays inside your heart for a long, long time.

When you help.... MAGIC HAPPENS!

Sharing the Magic

Attic Angel Association, has a 126-year tradition of identifying community needs and finding ways to fulfill them. Since 1983, the Association has given over $6.4 million in gifts to the community to benefit children and the elderly. Generations of loyal Attic Angel volunteers and donors, along with the careful work of the Association’s investment advisors, have enabled Attic Angel Association to be generous again and again.

Attic Angel’s magical impact stems from generosity, loyalty and devotion....Many Angels....Mission-Focused....Serving a Great Community!

Happy Holidays from the Attic Angel Community!
May your heart be warmed by holiday magic during this season.

As you make your year-end giving decisions for 2015, please remember that Attic Angel is always a grateful recipient of your generosity.
Gifts of cash or appreciated securities are welcome.
Questions: Contact our Development Office at 608-662-8901

The Attic Angel Association Fund receives unrestricted gifts to be used where most needed. These gifts support the Association’s mission to improve the quality of life within Dane County by meeting health and human service needs for children and the elderly through volunteer and financial support. A major focus is Attic Angel Community, which provides living and health care options for older adults.

The Resident Aid Fund subsidizes the most basic healthcare needs of Attic Angel residents who have outlived their resources. Your gift to Resident Aid will strengthen the fund and provide direct benefits to a resident in need.
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Save the Date:

🎉 The 2016 Attic Sale
Coming in June 2016
Location and Hours to be Announced
For more info, call 608-662-8900, #1

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www.atticangel.org
• Annual Report
• Available Residences
• Special Features, News Stories
• Honors and Awards
• Menus/Calendars/Newsletters
• Continuing Education Program Schedule
(Join us at Attic Angel Place on Monday mornings, September through May, for these stimulating educational programs. The public is welcome!)

Residence Inquiries:
• Call the Sales and Marketing Department at Attic Angel Place - (608) 662-8878

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