

Angela's House works with hundreds of extraordinary children and families who have ordinary (everyday), but critical needs. Everyday Wishes utilizes donations and grants to assist families by paying for medical supplies, equipment and other support services that cannot be funded through other means. Check out some of the amazing children and families we have been able to help thanks to **your generosity!** 

Morgan is a 7 year old girl diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy. Morgan has received services from Angela's House for about 5 years. "We are so thankful for Angela's House as they have provided us with many opportunities that we wouldn't have had otherwise. They helped us get a Make-A-Wish trip to Disney world, provided us with a Rifton Chair for our home, and helped with expenses to fly her out to Texas for a life changing surgery." - Jennifer, Morgan's mom



**Jake** is a 16 year old boy with the sweetest smile! "We honestly couldn't imagine life without the support of Angela's House! Not only has Angela's House helped with equipment and supplies that our insurance company wouldn't cover, but through the Care At Home program, they have also helped modify our home to make it completely accessible for Jake! In addition, Jake's case managers have always been there to help us navigate this unplanned world we are a part of and this has been absolutely life changing!! We are eternally grateful to Angela's House and all that they do for us!" - Nicole, Jake's mom

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## Message from the Executive Director Bob Policastro

The medically fragile children have thankfully faired very well through this difficult time. The children that call one of our three houses "home" remain in a semi-quarantine (which started on March 13<sup>th</sup>). This is the safest thing we can do for them at this time, but one of the hardest things I have ever done. It is difficult beyond words for families to physically not be able to see their children. They spent Mother's Day apart, some have celebrated their child's birthday and Father's Day while respecting social distancing. We now have scheduled visitations which follow safety precaution of families wearing masks and only being near their own children as opposed to a group setting.

The children's safety is of utmost concern, and restrictions had to be in place. Despite this new world we live in, it doesn't stop our efforts to bring happiness to the children in other ways. Our staff, the incredible heroes working on the front-line at the homes, are using technology to connect the children with their families. They have stepped up in every way possible; going above and beyond during these unprecedented times.

The team has worked tirelessly to ensure the medical well-being of the children; keeping them out of the hospitals. The special activities that they have created, the extra show of love and acts of kindness are lifting the spirit of everyone that follows Angela's House on social media, not just our children, families and staff. We have been fortunate enough to have families bring food to the homes, to share their appreciation of the work being done around-the-clock to keep the children safe. Some of our supporters have donated food to help keep morale high, and it is so much appreciated! In addition, we are collecting donations to purchase food from some of the restaurants that have been incredibly generous to us in years past; it is our turn to support them and their staff as they navigate these unchartered waters.

In addition, our incredible families that live at home with medically fragile children have been greatly impacted as well. Most of them have been required to pause any aid, nurse, therapies or other services that assist the children they are caring for. This is a big strain on our families. We also know that a large number of our families living in the community have not left their homes since this began, in fear that their child may be exposed to the virus. This is the reality of living with a child that is medically fragile with comorbidities or immunocompromised in your home; the risk is far too great. Some of our parents are also nurses, working on the front-lines, some even have their children living with relatives to ensure their safety through this, so that they do not run the risk of bringing it home to their families. Everyone is sacrificing.

With that in mind, we continue our efforts to fulfill the *Everyday Wishes* of our children and their families by assisting with paying for medical supplies, equipment, services and supports when there are no other resources available to help. We do this to offset the financial burden that would otherwise fall on their shoulders. We have expanded our *Everyday Wishes* Program to lift the spirits of the children and their families to include paying for decorations for birthday parades, graduation parades and cakes to brighten up their day and to show them that they are not alone. You will see photos on the next page. We are accepting monetary donations for these efforts as well. If you would like to assist with these fun activities, please reach out to us!

We ask for your help as our major events and beneficiary fundraisers have been cancelled or put on hold this year. This puts a major strain on our ability to fund and fulfill these *Everyday Wishes*. Please keep our children, families and healthcare heroes in mind and please consider supporting Angela's House so that we can support them.

Thank you. Be well, stay safe and we hope to see you soon.











Help make the 2020 Holiday Season brighter for the medically fragile children we work with! Host a toy drive to collect new toys for our kids and their siblings!

Sponsorship opportunities are available, please visit <a href="www.angelashouse.org">www.angelashouse.org</a>
or contact Johanna at <a href="mailto:jrotta@angelashouse.org">jrotta@angelashouse.org</a> for more information.

#### **NY PAUSE**

As mentioned on the cover, Angela's House allocates donations and funds raised at events to our Everyday Wishes Program. When COVID-19's shelter in place requirements were put into place we quickly realized that we had to do something to help our amazing children and families not feel isolated. This Spring we added helping to cover the cost of a cake and/or decorations for birthdays and



graduations. We participated in parades, hand delivered these items to families who had not left their house in months and the impact was greater on our staff than we could ever have imagined. Thank you for your support so that we could make this happen!



In addition, a fundraiser was held to help "Feed the Frontline" at the three Angela's House homes. These monies allowed us to buy lunch for our staff who was/is working tirelessly to keep the children who live there safe. Through this effort we were able to support some of the incredible restaurants who have always shown kindness to us. It was wonderful to be able to give-back to them. We were also fortunate to have a few restaurants cover the cost of the food as a donation, even though they were/are experiencing difficult times. We are fortunate to have a beautiful community of people who care about our special children as much as we do!

#### Thanks To Our Supporters\*

\*Note: Photos were taken pre-COVID-19



Ridgewood Savings Bank paid us a visit and became a walk sponsor!



Fun Stuff Toys in Seaford donated a day's sales to us!



KidsShoes.com sponsored all the children at our homes and bought them personalized holiday gifts!



The Northport Running Club hosted a toy drive and donated them to us for our Holiday Parties!



The Sayville Pilot Club donated an assistive technology device.



Yardi Systems volunteered at our walk and presented us with a check.



The Walt Whitman Wrestling Team paid a visit to our Smithtown home to spread holiday cheer!

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or mailed to:

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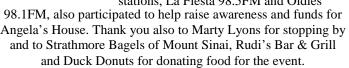




### My Country Cares For Angela's House

My Country 96.1FM, a JVC

Broadcasting Station, held its 9<sup>th</sup> annual day-long Radio-thon fundraiser, which included on-air donations, on-air auctions and an ebay auction for Angela's House. DJs Phathead and Bill Powers interviewed children and parents that visited the studio during the event. JVC Broadcasting owned sister stations, La Fiesta 98.5FM and Oldies







#### **Hoedown for Angela's House**



On Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, My Country 96.1FM held their Hoedown for Angela's House at the newest Village Idiot Pub in Lake Grove. The event included a performance by SouthBound and DJ Deuce. And, let's not forget about the line dancing and raffles!

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## **2020 Fundraisers & Events**

To our incredible friends & supporters,

We hope you and your loved ones are well; that's of the utmost importance. This year has certainly taken a path that no one could have imagined. As a non-profit, like all of our counterparts out there doing amazing work, fundraising has come to a near stop. COVID-19 has required us to cancel all events thus far, and we are left unsure of what we will do in the coming months. We want to make sure to remain vigilant with regards to social distancing and ensuring everyone's safety. With that in mind, we are not publishing any Fall event dates at this time. Please be sure to keep up with us via our emailed newsletter (you can register on our website), our social media pages (listed below) or by checking our website's landing page. All current events will be posted there. We thank you for your continued support of our mission. We'd love nothing more to return to some semblance of normalcy and see you all, but all in due time. Until then, please consider shopping at the Angela's House Home Store (2052 Route 112, Medford) or donating unwanted household items as proceeds of sales will go to helping the special children we work with. For more information visit:

www.angelashouse.org. Thank you and we hope to see you soon! – Johanna Rotta, Director of Development

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