

Faith's Angels was just shy of raising \$20,000 last year. We pulled off a few amazing CHD awareness stunts while continuing some regular annual activities like Faith's Walk and our summer outing to the West MI Whitecaps.

When our (Faith's) family looks at how much has happened with Faith's Angels, the \$120,000 we've raised over the past few years, we are amazing at the outpouring of support you have provided. It means so much that you join us in Faith's memory to change the fate of babies like her.

This year is no different. We just finished our annual Paper Hearts Campaign and our current tally is over \$2,500 with some businesses still collect. Please feel free to stop in at [www.facebook.com/FaithsAngels](http://www.facebook.com/FaithsAngels) and check out some of the locations displays of hearts.

Please visit <http://www.faithsangels.org/Newsletters.html> for our latest updates on some of our wonderful research projects. *Exciting things are happening, dreams/concepts becoming reality....all thanks to your wonderful support!*

## **Saturday May 2 – Faith's Walk**

Our annual fundraiser is approaching fast! Please do download a walker form & donation form from

Our premier fundraising event. In the last 6 years Faith's Walk has generated \$71,000 for CHD Research and awareness! Registration for walkers begins at 8am, walk ceremonies begin at 9am.

Faith's Angels created Faith's Walk as a way to generate awareness for heart defects while also generating much needed funds for research. The two mile walk takes you on a tour through historic downtown Sparta. Eighty percent (over double that of national organizations) of proceeds from Faith's Angels go directly to CHD (congenital heart disease) research!

Faith's Walk is held annually at the Civic Center in Sparta, Michigan on the first Saturday of May. Sparta was chosen because it was Faith's hometown and her family received so much love and support from the Sparta community during Faith's diagnosis, life and death.

Faith's Walk is a dream in the making for Faith's family and other heart families like hers. It is our hope and prayer that future babies with any type of CHD will have a better quality of life due to funds raised by Faith's Walk!

This is a 2 mile walk on a one mile loop (so anyone not feeling well enough may stop half way.) Heart families are present so walkers may ask them what daily life is like and meet their children. ***THIS YEAR we ask CHD survivors join the table near our Messages of Hope table to autograph walker shirts.***

Have a Heart? Change A Child's! Sign up to walk today or be a team leader and recruit more walkers. We ask that each walker raise a minimum of \$100.

Please email [monica@faithsangels.org](mailto:monica@faithsangels.org) with any questions.

See more details or download walker forms at <http://www.faithsangels.org/Walk.html>

Strike the Rock, a local live band, will be playing during our registration hour!

Messages of Hope table - we will have participants create letters/drawings (during breakfast/registration hour) of encouragement for heart families in the hospital!

Please mark your calendars for some important dates coming up, details found below.

## **Saturday May 2 – All you can eat Pancake Breakfast**

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO THIS YUMMY BREAKFAST FOR A VERY WORTHY CAUSE!

**For \$5/person** you can get an all you can eat pancake breakfast! In addition to the wonderfully tasty pancakes there will be beverages, eggs and sausage while supplies last. The Sparta Lions Club graciously cooks this hot and ready breakfast!

All proceeds come directly to Faith's Angels for congenital heart disease awareness and research!

**PLEASE order tickets ahead (by calling 887-5844 or email [monica@faithsangels.org](mailto:monica@faithsangels.org)) so we can plan for the food.**

THIS YEAR - we will have a "encouragement" table set up for adults to write notes of encouragement & children to draw pictures for heart families in the local hospitals.

If you are a walker in Faith's Walk that raises over \$100 this breakfast is free for you! Check out more details for Faith's Walk at <http://www.faithsangels.org/Walk.html> or our Faith's Walk event on facebook.

## **Saturday June 6 – 50/50 raffle at Whitecaps,**

required so we may have our own raffle in July.

As a charity for a 50/50 raffle at Fifth Third ball park we must sell tickets a night prior for the Whitecaps Foundation. We are seeking volunteers to share their heart stories and LOUD voices to sell tickets (both qualifications are not required but one would be great!) I provide you all you need. We pair up while walking through the ball park selling raffle tickets for the Whitecaps Foundation.

This night gets us trained on the machines for our own raffle night in July and gives us a chance to hone our raffle selling technique.

We require a minimum of 14 ADULT volunteers.

## **Friday July 10**

### **Bi-annual 50/50 raffle at Fifth Third for Faith's Angels**

This is the night when we raise awareness and try for BIG research bucks. We are the charity of the night for 50/50 raffle! We are seeking volunteers to share their heart stories and LOUD voices to sell tickets (both qualifications are not required but one would be great!) I provide you all you need. We pair up loud voices with heart family/friends and yell "BUY A RAFFLE TICKET, SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE!" while walking through the ball park (each pair will be assigned an area). Our call gets attention and then we hand interested parties a flyer about Faith's Angels and one of the pair tells their heart story. Last time we did this event we raised over \$3,800, selling over \$7600 in raffle tickets. We want to break that record!

PLEASE INVITE FRIENDS/FAMILY, I can pair you up together. PLEASE EMAIL [monica@faithsangels.org](mailto:monica@faithsangels.org) OR CALL 616-887-5844 to sign up.

## **Wednesday August 5 – Annual Whitecaps Outing**

DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IS JULY 3, 2014!

Join our 8th annual Whitecaps Outing to raise awareness for heart defects and have a fabulous evening out! Tickets are available from May 2nd-July 2nd. ***\$11.50 per ticket or add hot dog and pop for \$15.50/ticket*** (save \$2.50 over purchasing at ball park). You may mix and match (ex: if you want 4 tickets for your family you can buy two with hot dog and pop for kids or parents and two regular tickets and purchase food of your choice at the park). With each ticket you will also receive a 10% off coupon for souvenirs at the ball park, a 4 pack deal to be used anytime this season for another game, an AJ's coupon for Buy 1, Get 1 Mini golf, go karts, bumper boats or Batting tokens and an entry into the group outing raffle (BRING YOUR RAFFLE STUB WITH YOU TO THE GAME TO SEE IF YOU WIN!)

\$2.50 of each ticket comes directly to Faith's Angels, and we ask everyone attending to WEAR YOUR Faith's Angels shirt or a RED SHIRT to really make our section pop (raise more awareness)! We have Faith's Angels CHD awareness shirts available for purchase if you would like, they are \$10 each. Just contact us by phone or email to check size availability.

Fireworks after the game. Family friendly event and kids sitting on a lap under age two are FREE!