



Happy New Year!

I know we are a little late on that one but we've been busy with planning, fundraising and for Monica – physical recovery from a car accident.

2013 Year End Review

Faith's Angels originally designated research funds in 2013 to create a device to insert during heart surgery to measure pressure within the heart. This device would save patients from many complications that arise during multiple heart catheterizations. To our joy and sorrow this project was shortly after fully funded with a HUGE grant! So knowing the project was fully funded and on its way to success we were asked if we would like to put our funds somewhere else. Faith's Angels invested another \$7,500 (totaling \$15,000) towards;

Therapeutic Ultrasound Technology

- Ultrasound has been widely known for diagnostic imaging. The most recent studies suggest that it also has potential to be developed as a non-invasive therapy tool. Ultrasound has the ability to focus energy deep within the human body without damaging the overlying tissue.
- We are working on ways to use ultrasound to modify tissue in the heart. The benefit of this would be to open up walls and potentially valves.

This technology is very close to human trials and we hope it becomes a viable alternative to in utero surgery that can prove risky for mom and baby.

Faith's Angels takes every dollar received and gives eighty percent directly to research! All donations to Faith's Angels are tax deductible and greatly appreciated by our board of directors and the families affected by congenital heart disease (CHD.)

Our Griffins Outing was a wonderful success! Many asked what we were about after seeing this stunt. There were over 7,000 in attendance at the game to witness this:



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Paper Hearts Campaign

Faith's Angels is kicking off our 4th Annual Paper Hearts campaign. Faith's Angels asks local businesses, churches and individuals to participate in our largest "awareness" campaign of the year. From February 1-February 28 each participating location is to ask patrons to purchase a Paper Heart for \$1 to raise awareness for heart defects and funds for research. Hearts with UPC codes can be provided if needed. Each purchased heart is then placed in a prominent area to inform every patron about heart defects.

We have a few new businesses participating this year, for a complete list of locations please visit <http://www.faithsangels.org/PaperHearts>. If you know of a business, have a business or work at a business (or church) that would like to participate please give us the contact person and we will get everything arranged.

6th Annual Faith's Walk

Date: Saturday May 3, 2014 at Roger's Park, Sparta, MI.

Time: Registration begins at 8am, Walk starts at 9am.

Faith's Walk is our major fundraiser to support research for congenital heart disease. Since Faith's Angels was founded we have been able to designate \$75,000 to CHD research! We are setting a goal of \$20,000 this year and going to try a few new things this year. We are going to set up a table so kids & adults alike can write/draw messages to heart families in the hospital! Please do watch your email for more details on some more changes.

You may get involved in our Faith's Walk event in the following ways:

1. Become a **Walker!** Walkers can earn a free Faith's Walk t-shirt and free breakfast with \$100 or more in collected donations. We ask each walker to strive for a minimum of \$100, so more is greatly appreciated. **E-mail me back with WALKER in the subject line**, I will send you tips on how to raise money quickly and easily. I will also attach the needed registration & donation forms. **Please register by April 12 to guarantee a Walk t-shirt in your size!**
2. Have you walked before? Then you are ready to **create a Team** for Faith's Walk. Gather your friends/family/co-workers/neighbors and Faith's Angels will provide all the needed registration and donation forms. Simply **reply with TEAM LEADER in the subject line** & I will respond with all the necessary forms. A team leader is just like a walker but you bring more walkers with you and one more form that lets us know who you recruited.
3. **EAT!** Attend our **\$5 All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast** at the Sparta Civic Center on Saturday, May 4th from 7:30am-10:30am. Please purchase tickets in advance by April 25th. You may **reply with EAT in the subject line** and let me know how many tickets you would like.
4. **Volunteer!** We have a variety of ways you can give your time/talent to raise awareness and research funds for congenital heart disease.

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5. Become a **Sponsor!** Some people prefer or are unable to physically walk a two mile route so we have this option if you are blessed with a means to provide research money! This year we are offering three sponsorship levels for your consideration. You will see listed requested donation amounts with the benefit to you listed below in *italic*.

Supporter - \$100 or greater donation

Your name posted on our website, Faith's Walk t-shirts and Faith's Walk event banner.

Angel - \$250 or greater donation

Your name posted on our website, Faith's Walk t-shirts, Faith's Walk event banner and you will receive a couple Faith's Walk t-shirts.

Guardian Angel - \$500 or greater donation

Your logo (if provided by April 1st) posted on our website, Faith's Walk t-shirts, Faith's Walk event banner and you will receive a couple Faith's Walk t-shirts.

We must receive your donation and high resolution logo (if you qualify) **by April 1st** to be included on our website, event banner and t-shirts. Sponsor checks may be made payable to "Faith's Angels" and mailed to 2633 -11 Mile RD NW, Sparta, MI 49345.

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Date: Saturday May 3, 2014

Where: Sparta Civic Center

Time: 7:30am-10:30am

Cost: \$5/person

Annual Whitecaps Outing:

Our hearts ache for the tragedy that befell Fifth Third Ball Park. We rejoiced in knowing that no one was hurt during the blaze and the ball park will rebuild and live on!

Date is TBA (it will be in August) – Look for the save the date announcement in our next newsletter.

THANK YOU for taking the time to consider the possibility of changing the lives of children and adults with CHD.

You have received this e-letter due to you previously expressing the desire to receive this information. *If you wish to be removed from this e-letter please reply with "REMOVE" in the subject line.*

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