

Angels of Action

Fighting Childhood Hunger

On the Shoulders of Our Soldiers: the Miracle Makers

Angels of Action is again teaming up with the Mecosta County Community Foundation (MCCF) to build on our success. MCCF'S "Miracle in Mecosta" fundraising for charities is offering organizations an opportunity to match the funds collected leading up to, and on **Match Day / Veterans Day - November 11th, 2014. The event will be from 11:00 am—6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn of Big Rapids.**

When we ponder how the United States of America became the beacon of individual freedom it is today, we conclude that we owe it all to the courageous souls that preceded us. All of us stand on the shoulders of our soldiers and leaders who fought on behalf of the cause for individual freedom. From the Boston Tea Party, to the Revolutionary War, through both World Wars to our presence in the Middle East today, our soldiers strove to provide unbridled individual freedom never before experienced in the history of mankind. Their efforts truly accomplished nothing short of a miracle. Because our soldiers and veterans placed their lives on the line, we enjoy a rich and fulfilling life where all of us are free to pursue our dreams. Angels of Action wants to follow in their boot tracks, although much more humbly, by providing a helping hand to the impoverished children in our own backyard.

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Angels of Action is a local non –profit organization that provides weekend food bags to Mecosta County K-4 youngsters who do not have enough to eat. Did you know that 60% of the children sitting in classrooms across our community are enrolled in the federally subsidized lunch program? For many of the Mecosta County youngsters, this is their only source of good nutrition. Research indicates there is a direct link between sound nutrition intake and the ability to absorb and retain information that results in positive school performance and a healthy sense of well-being. Angels of Action is attempting to accomplish the daunting feat of making sure no Mecosta County child goes to bed hungry on weekends. We filled 611 weekend backpacks with nutritious, shelf-stable food for Mecosta County students last school year.

Our goal is to fill at least 700 backpacks by the end of the 2014–2015 school year in Mecosta, Big Rapids, Morley-Stanwood and Barryton elementary schools.

You can help us build on the success of our program by indicating whether you would like to donate to our General Fund or to our Endowment Fund. Whichever you choose, up to \$.50 on the dollar will be matched. Leave your legacy and feed the future by helping us echo the actions of our soldiers; they made freedom possible and fought to make our country the best it can be. Angels of Action seeks to embrace that freedom and follow their lead by making our community the best it can be. By feeding Mecosta County's children, Angels of Action is helping the children grow up to realize their potential and be all they can be.

In honor of Veterans Day, we encourage you to donate in the name of a soldier or veteran. We will include his/her name on our website along with their name, and any other information you would like to include.

Here's how you can help

- ★ Mail your donation to Angels of Action P.O. Box 1020 Big Rapids, MI 49346.
- ★ Visit our booth on Match Day at The Holiday Inn in Big Rapids from 11 am to 6 pm.
- ★ You can donate online at angelsfaction.org in one sum or in a monthly giving program through Wings of Hope.

Any amount will help us in our quest to feed youngsters in our own backyard. You can sponsor a child for an entire school year for \$195.00 or \$16.25 a month. Would you help lace up Angels of Action's boots and assist us in accomplishing the miracle of ensuring that no child in Mecosta County goes to bed hungry? To learn more about Angels of Action or to find out about volunteer opportunities, call 734-716-2121 or email joni@angelsfaction.org.



We salute you for your generous support in helping us feed Mecosta County's hungry children one backpack at a time.