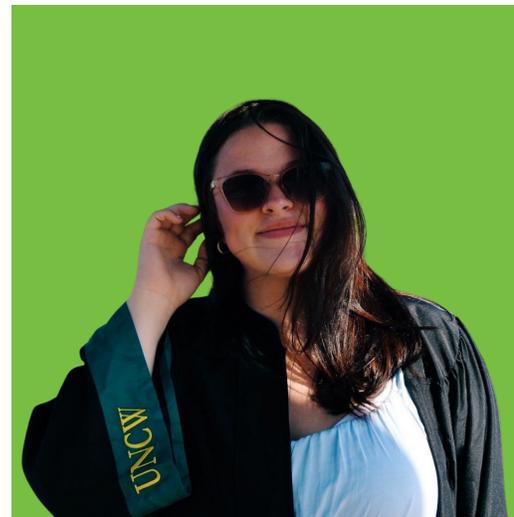
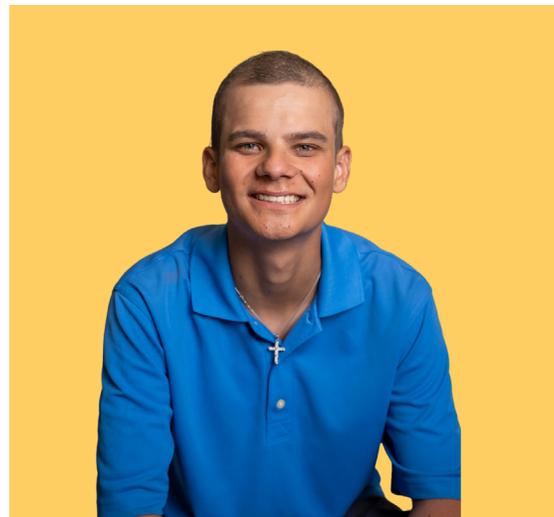




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2024
ANNUAL REPORT





OUR MISSION:

Angels Among Us provides financial and emotional support to pediatric cancer families living in or being treated in Nebraska.

Life seems to stop when a child is diagnosed with cancer, **but expenses don't.**

To keep a sense of normalcy during unprecedented times, Angels Among Us commits to easing the financial and emotional burdens faced by families in our community.

"AAU has been an invaluable support system for our family during this challenging time. Their assistance has alleviated financial stress, enabling us to focus entirely on Maggie's treatment and recovery. We are deeply grateful for the programs they provide, and for their unwavering support and dedication to serving families like ours."

- Maggie's Mom, Meagan



ALL TIME IMPACT

 **800+**
families served

 **\$5,500,000+**
financial assistance given

 **2,100+**
emotional support touchpoints

Letter from the Chair

It is my privilege to present the 2024 Annual Report for Angels Among Us. Serving as Chairman for the last two years has been a rewarding experience. I have had the opportunity to see first-hand the major growth and impact this organization is having on pediatric cancer families in Nebraska and Western Iowa. I continue to be amazed by the community support that allows us to continue to meet the growing needs of families walking through an unimaginable journey. We simply would not be able to do it without the support we receive from the community.

The 2024 fiscal year proved to be another impactful year as Angels Among Us supported 127 pediatric cancer families with over \$700,000 in financial assistance. In addition, Angels Among Us celebrated the one-year anniversary of The Harper Hope Center. More families than ever are becoming connected with each other, building community, and utilizing the Harper Hope Center for support. Nearly 850 touchpoints were made with the families we serve in 2024, which is an all-time high since emotional support programs launched in 2022.

Angels Among Us continues to stay focused on the core values of being mission-driven through a visionary culture, being accountable in the work we do, and serving with compassion.

Our organization has experienced continued growth, and as a board we know these values guide all we do. Angels Among Us staff work hard to meet the needs of these families in meaningful and efficient ways, so families can focus on what truly matters—their sick child.

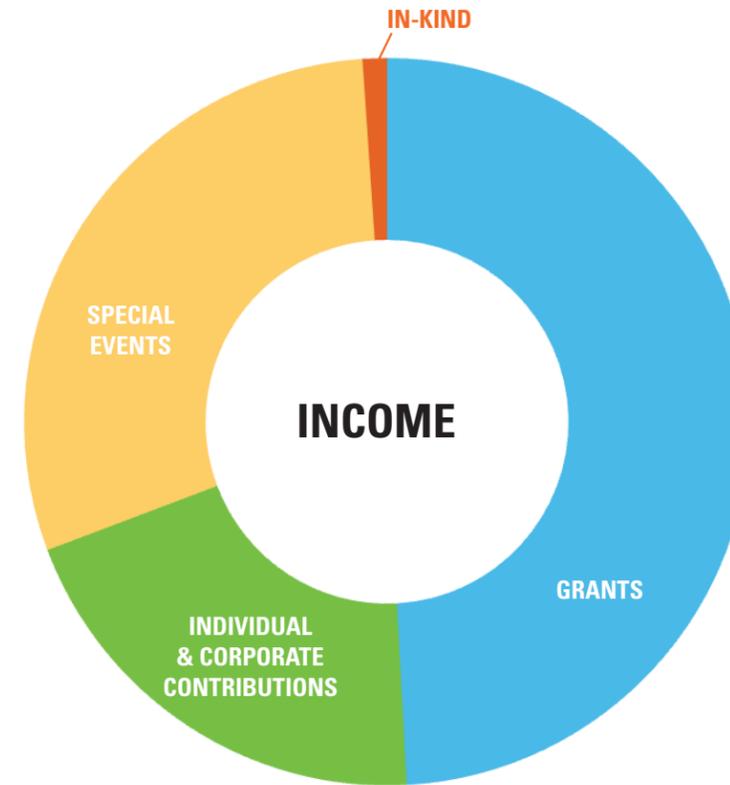
As you read through the following pages, you will learn about some of the families served by Angels Among Us. You will also learn about the strides we are making to better meet the needs of the pediatric cancer community. Over the past six years of my board service, I have been a witness to many of you serving selflessly by giving of your time, treasure and talent to move the mission of Angels Among Us forward. On behalf of the Board and staff of Angels Among Us, we sincerely thank you for your continued commitment and support.

There are angels among us.
Thank you for being one.



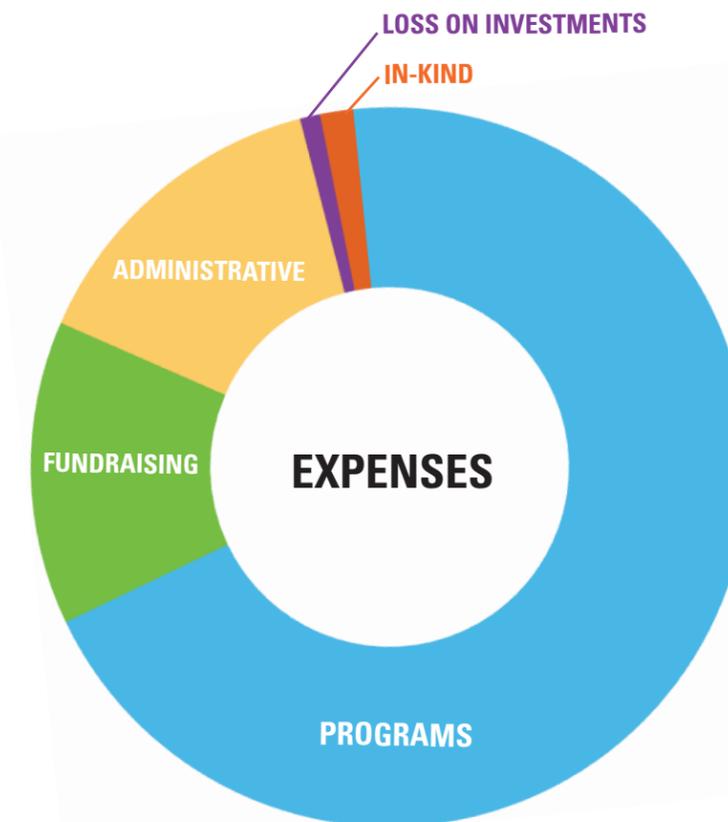
Marlon Lofgren,
Chairman of the Board

2024 INCOME & EXPENSES



2024 SOURCES OF INCOME

Grants	\$1,197,000
Individual & Corporate Contributions	\$490,213
Special Events	\$722,545
In-Kind	\$26,313



2024 EXPENSES

Programs	\$1,224,002
Fundraising	\$240,533
Administrative	\$253,946
Loss on Investments	(\$15,942)
In-Kind	\$26,313

WHERE YOUR GIFTS HELPED IN 2024

NEBRASKA

Adams – 2	Dixon – 1	Lancaster – 18	Sarpy – 9
Box Butte – 1	Dodge – 1	Madison – 1	Saunders – 1
Buffalo – 5	Douglas – 32	Merrick – 1	Sherman – 1
Cass – 4	Hall – 4	Otoe – 1	Thayer – 1
Clay – 1	Hamilton – 2	Platte – 3	Washington – 3
Colfax – 1	Howard – 1	Red Willow – 1	
Custer – 1	Kearney – 1	Saline – 3	
Dawson – 4	Keith – 1		

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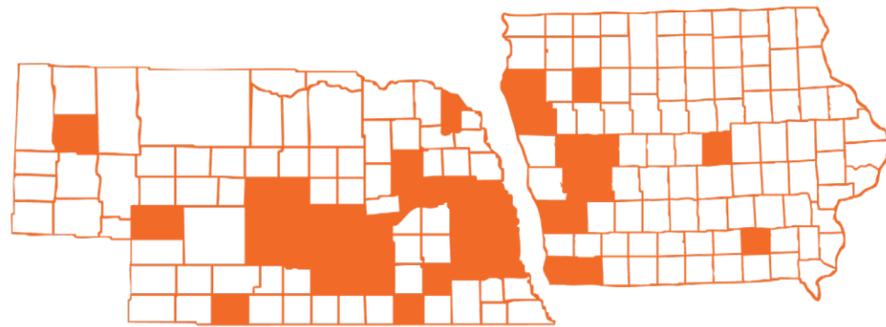
Audubon – 1	Plymouth – 1
Buena Vista – 2	Pottawattamie – 7
Carroll – 1	Shelby – 1
Crawford – 2	Wapello – 1
Fremont – 2	Woodbury – 2
Page – 2	

KANSAS

Marshall – 1

TENNESSEE

McMinn – 1



HOW YOUR GIFTS HELPED IN 2024

127 families served	\$719,835 financial assistance given	1,337 total payments made	586 mortgage & rent payments made	353 utility payments made	398 other payments made
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“Angels Among us came right when we were at the bottom of the barrel... it was the first good news we had had, and it felt like everything was going to be okay.”

– Jayden’s Mom, Kristina

WHO WE SERVE



70-90 newly diagnosed kids a year in Nebraska



83% of families with a child with cancer will experience some level of financial hardship



On average, **5 families onboarded each month**



63% of households AAU serves are single income due to a child’s cancer diagnosis



\$50,000 is the average household income of families AAU serves



14 months is the average length of support



80% of bills paid are rent/mortgage



“You already have the emotional toll of your child being sick, you just want to be able to bring him home.”

– Krew’s Mom, Stephanie

HOW WE STEWARD YOUR GIFTS

We ensure that your donations go to families with the most need.

Bills are paid directly to the creditor identified by the family so you can be sure your gifts are used responsibly.

Critical bills we pay may include rent, mortgage, auto payments, utilities, medical bills, etc.

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Supporting Families in Their Toughest Battles



874

emotional support touchpoints

413

volunteer hours



CALEB'S COFFEE

With the chaos of a cancer diagnosis, sometimes families need one thing to keep themselves in a routine: a morning cup of coffee. Caleb's Coffee is a program for in-patient families at Children's Nebraska to receive a daily free cup of coffee from Scooter's Nebraska.

1,796 cups of coffee served in 2024



HEALING HEARTS

Healing Hearts is a program that encompasses mental health support for the entire family at any stage of their journey. This program includes in-patient meals at Children's Nebraska, caregiver and patient support groups, and a bereavement group in partnership with Collective for Hope for families who lost their child to pediatric cancer. These services allow families to build community with those experiencing similar journeys.



FAMILY EVENTS

Several family events are held throughout the year to provide a sense of normalcy away from the hospital and treatment. Events are free and available for every member of the pediatric cancer family. The larger annual events include Angel Flix, AAU Family Picnic, Family Overnight at Lied Lodge, holiday festivities, and so much more.



WOMEN'S RECHARGE

Women's Recharge is a monthly event for any female primary caregiver to pediatric cancer fighters, survivors, and angels.



KIDS LINK

AAU provides monthly activities for pediatric cancer fighters, survivors, and siblings. These activities allow for time away from treatment or the hospital to simply be kids.

PROGRAM SPONSORS:



Jim & Mindy Young

Friends of AAU



"Charlotte came home one day with a bump on her head from daycare, the 'ol I bumped my head on the slide story and life moved on. After a month, the bump never went down or away so, we got her to the doctor to have it checked out. Nothing to fear, just a hematoma that will work itself out. Then, a swollen lymph node behind the ear, a couple doctors' appointments later, and biopsy complete, we found out our sweet child had B-lymphoblastic Lymphoma. To say things moved fast is an understatement. Angels Among Us wasted no time in contacting us and helping us with financial assistance to help ease the burden of a costly and stressful battle to come. They have checked in, sent cards for her birthday and always make sure to host events and sessions for family and patients. The help they have given and continue to give us is described just as the organization's name "Angels Among Us."

– Charlotte (Kearney, NE)

"The impact is vast that Angels Among Us has had on every member of our family. They were instrumental in getting us through Keely's fight to survive cancer and now helping us through post treatment by providing social emotional support with events for our whole family which in turn connects us to other childhood cancer families who understand."

– Keely (Arcadia, NE)



"Elias was diagnosed with stage four Wilms Tumor on January 1, 2023, at the age of four. Angels Among Us helped pay our car loan during Elias's cancer treatments allowing us to focus on him. The financial stress lifted off us during that time so we could focus on him. It wasn't a stressor for us which means it wasn't a stressor for him, and he could focus on getting better. In December 2024, Elias' cancer relapsed, and he has begun his fight again while in great spirits."

– Elias (Plattsmouth, NE)

EVENTS



Birds & Beer

The 5th annual Birds & Beer event was a great success! The 300 attendees indulged in local craft beer and chicken cuisine from local restaurants all in the spirit of AAU's mission to support pediatric cancer families. The event raised a record amount of over \$35,000! Thank you to our Premier Sponsors Patriot Nation, Fusion, Faith Technologies, and Interstates, as well as the food vendors and breweries for making this event a success.



Bland Cares Golf Outing

The 15th annual Bland Cares Golf Outing was another huge success, raising over \$68,000! Special thanks to our signature sponsors for their support: Truck Center Companies, Anchor Roofing & Landscaping, Elkhorn Marketing Group, and Fusion. Thank you to the Bland Cares committee for helping plan the event and the dedicated foursomes that continue to make this sold-out event possible!



Birdie Battle

The inaugural Birdie Battle at Indian Creek brought serious golfers together in the spirit of competition and peer to peer fundraising for AAU. In their first year, 24 golfers raised over \$60,000! Thank you to our captains, Brian Duensing and Jeremy Vokt, as well as all who participated in this fun first-time event! The inaugural winners of Birdie Battle, in both fundraising and golf, were Brian Duensing and Andy Hauptman (pictured above).



An Evening Among Angels: Black Tie Affair

An Evening Among Angels: Black Tie Affair was an elegant evening to remember: an unprecedented 600 guests united to raise over \$510,000 for AAU's mission. Attendees enjoyed a night of luxurious views, a decadent dinner experience provided by Salted Edge, and palpable generosity in the room. Thank you to our honorary chairs, Jeremy and Renee Vokt, for their relentless support, as well as our signature sponsors: Aflac, Fusion, KLC Logistics, Truck Center Companies, Renaissance Financial, and Tavern on Q.



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