



Media Release

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The angels are coming: Supporting residents' artistic life-enrichment!

The Angel Squad is returning to the **Maryland Bridge of Angels** this week to raise money for residents' artistic programs, including artists at the bedside and iPod music therapy!

The 17th annual Angel Squad will be out in full force from **7:30 to 9 a.m.** **Tuesday Dec. 4, Wednesday Dec. 5** and **Thursday Dec. 6**, encouraging drivers to donate in exchange for a Starbucks beverage, baked treat and a copy of the Winnipeg Free Press.

NEW: Angels will also be collecting donations **Wednesday, Dec. 5** at 201 Portage and Winnipeg Square Starbucks' locations.

Don't forget our **204-22-ANGEL** donation line is always open! And Manitobans can donate online at www.misericordiafoundation.com.

Artistic life-enrichment – in a nutshell

Misericordia recently created a residents' choir. Average age? Over 85! It's quite a hit. That's why we're raising funds to keep our conductor, as well as:

- professional musicians to visit,
- an "artist at the bedside" program,
- ipods for a new music therapy program,
- a holiday choral group,
- and so much more!

PHOTO-OP:

What could be a better photo-op than a bunch of folks – including dignitaries – dressed in full-length angel gowns and halos waving at morning commuters?

Need resident stories?

Want to add a human interest element? We have residents and family members willing to be interviewed who can let you know about their experience at Misericordia. Just let us know in advance and we'll set it up for you.

Joining in the fun

Dignitaries including **Jim Rondeau**, Minister of Healthy Living, Youth & Seniors; **Kerri Irvin-Ross**, Minister of Housing & Community Development; **Rob Altemeyer**, MLA Wolseley; city councillors **Jenny Gerbasi** and **John Orlikow**; **Arlene Wilgosh**, WRHA president & CEO; **Réal Cloutier**, WRHA Chief Operating Officer, VP of Community Care and Chief Allied Health Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Deer Lodge Centre; and others will be joining our volunteer angels.

Students at neighbouring schools – Balmoral Hall, Mulvey School, St. Mary's Academy and Westgate Mennonite Collegiate – will also be donning angel costumes!

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