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Angels of Hope

"Angels descending, bring from above, Echoes of mercy, whispers of love." Fanny J. Crosby

Do you believe in angels? Do you believe we can be the angels in others' lives?

One organization, angelsforhope.org, definitely does. Their mission - to help people send a message of hope and caring by providing free crocheted angels, butterflies and smiley faces to those in need of hope proves it is true. Below are some of the responses taken from their website, www.angelsforhope.org, that they have received to their tiny messengers of hope.

One of our sons was killed in Iraq in August 2006. Needless to say, the past 6 months has been the most difficult of our lives. A few weeks ago we began receiving angels and butterflies in the mail from the Angels for Hope...I've been collecting angels for a few years now, and my son had given me a few angels to add to my collection before his death. It's occurred to me that maybe he's still sending them to me now through you. They mean more to me than you can possibly know. Thank you for this gift."

"I wanted to thank you for the angel I received today. I am taking chemotherapy for ovarian cancer. My hair had just started to fall out on the day I got your angel in the mail. I started to cry...it was a reminder that God doesn't care if his children have hair or not. That is a hang up we as people have. Suddenly I felt beautiful and loved again. Thank you for all you do to make people feel good in the midst of a storm of life."

"I really want to thank everyone involved with the angels. Hastings was in a coma and they had no hope but he got his angel and woke up."

"I received an angel on October 27, 2006, on the day I came home from hospital from colon cancer surgery. I was so moved by the angel, & the words on the card, that I had to sit down & cry... happy tears, for there are angels out there. I met one when I was in the hospital on the day I was coming home, I did not have enough cash on me to get my medicine filled & he stepped up & paid for it. He was my hospital roommate's dad. And to this day, I do thank him. For all you do, you will truly be blessed. God Bless You."

"My friend Amy requested an Angel for me. I lost my 12 year old son on August 17, 2006 when he was hit by a truck riding his bike. My life has been forever changed and as I am trying to find my way through this agonizing time...it is wonderful to have the support of friends, family and organizations like this. Thank you Amy and thank you Angels for hope, for bringing a smile to my face today when I received this spe-

cial Angel in the mail. Smiles are few and far between these days...but I found a reason to smile today!"

"I just wanted to thank you for sending my grandmother an angel. She is battling a brain tumor and unfortunately was recently given 6 months to live. My aunt put her angel on her lamp shade so she can look at it every day. When she received her angel she was lit up with joy."

"I want to thank you and the people who have made these angels. There are no words to say how I feel about losing my son last week. My world has shattered and all I can do is pray for strength to get through this time....These angels started arriving yesterday and I just sat down and cried. More arrived today and I am still crying."

This organization and it's angels have touched so many lives in their times of need in such a profound way by performing one small act of kindness.

If you would like to become an angel by donating your time and talents to the cause of Angels for Hope, you can become an angel at www.angelsforhope.org. If you would like to send a messenger of hope to someone in need, go to their website and click on the angel at the bottom.

"If we were all like angels, the world would be a heavenly place." Author Unknown