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# Audrey's Angels Angelgram

Audrey's Angels enriches the lives of the elderly by bringing interactive programs into senior group homes.

July, 2011

## A Note From Our Founders Audrey and Bob Alderson

Wow! What a decade! We cannot believe that ten years ago Audrey's Angels was born. We are so grateful for all of the support that we have had over the years. We could not have made it without our many donors who have given time and money.

We also have been blessed with a dedicated staff that has made the dream a reality. Linda, Jeannette and Amy, we thank you. Under the direction of Earl Northcutt, our Board of Directors has grown in wisdom over the years. We stand amazed at the results of their efforts.

We have watched the number of angels grow from five to seventy-five wonderfully talented, compassionate people. With auditions, new talent is being added all the time.

The real reward is seeing lives transformed before our eyes. When we go to hear our angels perform for our residents, we know that the agency is making a difference to the lonely folks we serve. One day we were visiting a home and the residents were already gathering two hours before the angels were to arrive. We invite you to call the office and make a date to come and see for yourself.

We look forward to the annual dinner and auction on Friday, October 14th. Sandi Donley and her dinner committee already are at work to make this an extra-special tenth anniversary event.

Thank you again for your love and support for our vulnerable elderly. We know that the best is yet to come.

## Precious Memories Vince Coppola, Music Angel

How precious are your memories? For the residents I visit each week, the answer to that question is written across their faces! When I enter their homes, they are often quiet and drowsy. It is my purpose to bring energy and life to their day, so I greet them warmly and ask them if they are ready to sing some songs and bring back fun memories.

"Do you know this one?" I ask. I start to strum the chords to "Side By Side". Hands start clapping and the singing begins. Sometimes it's not very loud and not all the words are

the right ones, but the song has triggered a memory! Anna speaks up and says, "I remember singing that song with my husband and children. We sang it in the car traveling on vacation." "I bet that's a wonderful memory, isn't it Anna," I reply.

I continue with "Take Me Out to the Ball Game", and Bob is singing and clapping. "I can tell from your smile that you like that one, Bob". He responds, "I remember me and my boys sang that at Wrigley Field a bunch of times. We were big Cub fans."

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### Upcoming Special Events :

- **October 14**  
10th Anniversary Dinner/Auction Fundraiser Event at Arizona Biltmore
- **December 18**  
Volunteer Holiday Sing Event in the care homes that we serve

## News and Events

### 8th Annual Golf Tournament

We held our 8th Annual Golf Tournament at McCormick Ranch Golf Club on May 1, 2011. It was a great success with 18 foursomes participating in the event. In addition to our dedicated golfers, we thank all those who helped our organization raise over \$14,000 through sponsorships and donations!

### Speakers Bureau

Audrey's Angels values senior citizens and honors their dignity through services that enrich their quality of life. If you are involved in a group that would like to hear more about our organization we would appreciate the opportunity to come visit with you. We will work with your time-frame to customize our presentation. To schedule a presentation please e-mail [audreysangels@cox.net](mailto:audreysangels@cox.net) or call our office at 602-795-2122

### SAVE THE DATE - October 14, 2011

#### Fall Dinner/Auction Event

Our Annual Dinner/Auction event will take place this year in the Gold Room at Arizona Biltmore on Friday, October 14, 2011 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. We will once again have a wonderful array of live and silent auction items to bid on, as well as great music to enhance the evening. Please mark your calendars now and watch for the invitation in the mail. Visit our website for updates and more information on this important and fun event!

#### D-backs Community Clubhouse

Audrey's Angels has been invited to host the Community Clubhouse during the August 6th Diamondbacks baseball game at Chase Field. Come visit us behind section 134 to learn more about our organization while cheering on the home team!

## Volunteer Opportunities

Audrey's Angels offers many ways in which you can volunteer your time helping to serve the elderly in our community. We are always looking for new volunteer music and craft angels to join our talented group of artists. We will hold our annual volunteer Holiday Sing Event in December and we also have positions open on our volunteer Board of Directors. We hold two major fundraisers a year and are currently working on our ten year anniversary dinner/auction event and would welcome any help preparing for this special event. For more information about our volunteer opportunities, please contact Linda by calling 602-795-2122 or e-mail [linda@audreysangels.org](mailto:linda@audreysangels.org).

#### *"Precious Memories" continued from page one...*

Some residents just move their lips or tap their feet, so it's important to keep the interaction going. After the next song I ask, "Did that bring back any memories?" The response may be just a head nod or a smile, but I know the music is working and the memories are there!

On the next song Helen is singing and clapping. "Helen, you knew that one, huh?" "Oh yes," she replies, "I won a talent contest in high school singing that song. Keep playing. This is so much fun!" she adds.

I play some patriotic songs and ask Robert, who is sitting next to me, why he has tears in his eyes. "I was in the Army, and I was remembering some of the great friends I had back then," he says. After

playing a famous hymn, Emma responds, "I sang that hymn in the choir. I love 'Amazing Grace'".

At the end of my visit, I know that we were all blessed today, myself included. As I begin to pack away my guitar, the residents ask, "When are you coming back so we can sing again?"

So how precious are your memories? To bring joy to the residents I play and sing for, I've learned it is often accomplished through tapping into their life memories. How is that done? By learning and singing the songs they know, and by simply asking the question: "Did that song bring back any memories?" Oh yes, it did!

- Music Angel, Vince Coppola

## How to Help

### Please consider making a donation to Audrey's Angels

Thanks to the generous donations we have received through community support, special events, and grant donations we have been able to continue our mission of enriching the lives of the elderly by bringing interactive programs to senior group homes. Audrey's Angels is now in its 10th year of existence! We believe that our community has a social responsibility to care for the frail elderly. If you agree and would like to make a tax deductible donation, please complete and return the form on this page and mail to:

**Audrey's Angels**

**P.O. Box 22029, Phoenix, AZ 85028**

Credit card donations may also be made by calling  
602-795-2122 or by visiting our web site:

[www.audreysangels.org](http://www.audreysangels.org)

### In-kind Auction Items Needed

Audrey's Angels will hold our 10th Annual Fall Dinner/Auction fundraising event on Friday, October 14 at Arizona Biltmore. We are in need of new items for our live and silent auctions which take place at this event. If you have any item(s) you wish to donate, please contact Linda @ 602-795-2122 or e-mail [linda@audreysangels.org](mailto:linda@audreysangels.org)

### Fry's Gift Card Program

If you would like to take part in this program, please contact our office to purchase a \$5 Fry's Gift Card which can then be reloaded for up to \$500 at a time. You can also purchase a variety of gift cards from different merchants at Fry's by using this special gift card which is linked to our organization. Audrey's Angels receives a percentage of funds spent through this program.

To purchase a card, please call Linda @ 602-795-2122

### Albertson's Community Partners

Audrey's Angels has joined the Albertson's Community Partners Program. Simply present your Community Partners Card to the cashier upon checkout to have your purchases linked to our organization. Audrey's Angels receives a percentage of the funds spent through this program.

To obtain a card, please call Linda @ 602-795-2122

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