

Why I became a Guardian Angel with Vickies Angel Foundation:

I've been a volunteer for the Vickies Angels Valentines dance for over a decade now. I've been exposed to everything that takes place at VAF, before, during and after a fund raising event. It's quite incredible to see how efficiently they operate and how much work is done by their many hard working volunteers. Vickies Angel Foundation does it "the hard way." There are few charitable entities that are as careful, or as frugal, when it comes to the use of their financial resources. This view solidified my ongoing support.

5 years ago, I had an unexpected and unwelcome vantage point of the work performed by Vickies Angel Foundation staff, when my close friend was diagnosed with cancer. We reached out to Vickies Angel Foundation. There was a simple form to fill out. A few days later, there was a financial bridge. This part of Vickies Angels is probably familiar to most of us. The rest of this story illuminates what is less obvious and only truly visible if you are directly witnessing it, as I was.

Hope and relief was provided via compassion, guidance, answers, support and immediate action. It all lasted consistently for 18 months and through the Vickies Angel Foundation support system, these ties of emotional support remain close by for this family, to this day.

Time and hope was granted to a father who found himself in a terrible situation. Instead of fighting to make ends meet or handle creditors who could not be paid due to lost employment, this father was granted time to spend with his wife and children, thanks to Vickies Angel Foundation. Like most families, relationships were not perfect when my friend began his fight, but my friend could now work for healing of his relationships with his wife and children. You see, it's not just the financial support. It's HOPE, LOVE, DIRECTION and **TIME**. We stole the time he would use to keep the family house and GAVE IT BACK. From my vantage point, the staff of Vickies Angel Foundation then doubled the value of their financial support with their compassionate guidance, experience and consistent emotional support.

Sadly, in this case, my friend became an Angel. Before that day, much was accomplished because of the TIME we stole back for him. That's right, WE STOLE IT BACK FROM CANCER.

HEY CANCER, %^*\$ YOU!

His family are the recipients of a legacy of the deep emotional healing which would otherwise not have been possible without the operations of Vickies Angel Foundation. I believe that this is the part that ripples the most intensely and infinitely. Time to think about what's important, to say what needs said, to do what needs done. Time to replace hurt with love. Time to heal and say hello again, or in this sad case, goodbye for now.

I'm a witness. Ive seen this powerful story playing out in the lives of this family many years later. It is profound. It would not have been and would not be without the operations of Vickies Angel Foundation.

That is why I became a Guardian Angel.

Sincerely,

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