



# Media Release

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## **Misericordia attempts to break Guinness World Record: Largest Gathering of Angels**

***Celebrating 20 years of Angel Squad***

**#angelsquad #mhc**

Tomorrow's the big day!

Here is a timeline of photo opportunities:

### **7:45 a.m. Getting ready in Misericordia's ANGELTORIUM**

In MHC's "angeltorium" - auditorium, Wolseley West entrance - staff will be transformed into angels by putting on white gowns and wings over winter wear (not an easy task). Halos complete the outfit!

### **8:15 a.m. Angels, angels, everywhere**

Angels from community schools will be flocking to Mulvey School to break the record – flights of angels are coming from Balmoral Hall, Kelvin High School, St. Mary's Academy, Booth College, St. Paul's High School, École Léo-Rémillard, Westgate Collegiate and more.

### **8:15 – 8:45 a.m. By the numbers**

Each Angel is counted on their way into the Mulvey School playground's north entrance. Each group of 50 angels has a steward or "Head Angel" to supervise their flight. Guinness World Records is *very* particular about their guidelines being followed!\*

### **8:45 – 8:55 a.m. Getting into formation**

Welcome and short speeches! Dignitaries attending include Hon. Deanne Crothers, Minister of Healthy Living and Seniors; Mayor Brian Bowman; City Councillor Jenny Gerbasi; Wolseley MLA Rob Altemeyer; Lori Lamont, WRHA Chief Nursing Officer and more!

For an aerial view of breaking the record: take Misericordia's Elevator E (beside the auditorium) to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor, then take the one flight of stairs to the roof of the Wolseley building that overlooks Mulvey's playground.

### **8:55 – 9 a.m. Hold tight to break record – ROOFTOP PHOTOS**

Official timing: angels need to hold for a photo for *five full minutes* to beat the record. Official witnesses include Most Reverend Richard J. Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg, MHC's city

councillor Jenny Gerbasi, and Constable Carolina Knutt of the Winnipeg Police Service.

### **ANGEL SQUAD CONTINUES ...**

Our “traditional” angel squad - with angels lining the Maryland bridge – will take place Wednesday, December 2 and Thursday, December 3.

Drive-by donations are welcome in our Sherbrook loop. Cash, cheque, MasterCard or Visa! Every donation over \$10 is eligible for a tax receipt.

Angels will also be at Starbucks locations 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. at 201 Portage and 360 Main, as well as from 3:30 – 5 p.m. at Seine River Retirement Residence at 1015 St. Anne’s Road on December 2.

Can’t stop and visit? It’s also easy to donate by calling 204.788.8458 or by visiting [misericordiafoundation.com](http://misericordiafoundation.com).

### **\*GUINNESS GUIDELINES**

Did you know setting a Guinness world record is not so simple? We have to submit copious amounts of documentation such as witness statements and need to follow 33 pages of guidelines (or be disqualified without any right of appeal), including:

- All participants must wear a full white coloured outfit including halo and wings
- Attempt must take place in restricted area with entrances and exits clearly marked and controlled
- A loud start and finish signal recognized by all participants must be used
- Two experience timekeepers (e.g. from a local athletics club) must time the attempt with stopwatches accurate to 0.01 seconds
- The witnesses must perform spot checks during the attempt to ensure the rules are adhered to
- **Media articles should be submitted as part of evidence requirements**

### **OTHER WINNIPEG RECORDS:**

- 2015 – “Largest Living Canadian Flag”
- 2008 – “Longest Skating Rink in the World” (river trail – this is a Guinness record)
- Annually – 7-11 names Winnipeg as city with highest Slurpee sales

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