

Media Release

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Celebrating 30 Years of Angel Squad!

Rejoice! Tomorrow we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our cherished Angel Squad – and this milestone year promises to be more magical than ever!

Founded in 1898 to support young single mothers and their babies, MHC has always been rooted in compassion and community. As we continue to grow our pediatric programming, from ophthalmology to dentistry, we are proud to honour the legacy that brought us here and the bright future ahead.

As always, our host of Angels will adorn the Maryland bridge, dressed in glowing gowns, wings, and halos. Guests can enjoy warm beverages, branded treats, a fire pit, multiple photo-op areas, children’s angel gowns, and more.

On this special Giving Tuesday, what better way to embrace the spirit of the season than by celebrating three decades of tradition, generosity, and community? Come join us and help make our 30th the brightest celebration yet!

Interviews/Photo Opportunities:

- When:** December 2, 2025 – Giving Tuesday!
7-9 a.m., with our special tree lighting ceremony at approximately 7:55 a.m.
- Where:** Misericordia’s Sherbrook Street courtyard
- Why:** Donations made by generous Angels help to strengthen MHC’s ability to provide innovative and compassionate care for Manitobans of all ages
- Who:** Angelic dignitaries celebrating this important campaign with us include:
- Uzoma Asagwara, Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care
 - Lisa Naylor, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
 - Renee Cable, Minister of Advanced Education and Training
 - Carla Compton, MLA for Tuxedo
 - Scott Gillingham, Mayor of Winnipeg
 - Sherri Rollins, Councillor Fort-Rouge East Fort Garry
 - Jane Curtis, Interim CEO, WRHA
 - Caroline Dekeyster, CEO, MHC
 - Kris Erickson, President & CEO, MHCF
 - Lisa Stiver, Angel Squad Ambassador

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Angel Squad runs online until December 31!**How donations make a difference:**

Your gift of \$30 will provide all the supplies necessary for one of the 900 take-home dental kits we prepare for our Pediatric Dental patients! Dental surgery can be extremely stressful on anyone, let alone children. The donor funded take-home kits not only provide the supplies needed to maintain a healthy smile, but also educational and fun items to engage children in this process.

Your gift of \$130 will provide items for MHC's new Pediatric Ophthalmology clinic's waiting room! Easing potential anxiety while our youngest patients and their families wait for critical eye surgery is top of mind for our compassionate care providers. Donations will be used to provide visual and interactive elements to the waiting room.

Your gift of \$250 could quite literally provide the gift of sight! Many underserved youth in our communities don't have access to the necessary follow-up care after an ophthalmology appointment – high prescription lenses with kid-friendly frames can often come with prohibitive price tags. Our collective support will enhance our 'Gift of Sight' fund to ensure these children don't go without critical prescription glasses.

All donations, up to \$30,000, will be matched by our Angelic sponsors until December 31! Together, we will make a tremendous impact on the lives of our youngest Manitobans who walk through Misericordia's doors. **Thank you!**