

## **What is Angels Among Us? (fka The Melissa Ann Friedges Memorial Fund)**

### **2007 – 2016**

The Melissa Ann Friedges Memorial Fund was founded in 2007. We host an annual softball & bean bag tournament in June to raise money for the development and maintenance of youth baseball fields in south metro communities. Due to field shortages, hundreds of youth are able to utilize these fields. We are a 501(c)(3) corporation, and we give all the proceeds back to surrounding communities. Funds were also used for sports equipment, jerseys, nets, hoops, gym flooring, families in need, Make a Wish Foundation, various schools for sports-related projects and much more. Since 2012, The Fund has given over \$300,000 back to local communities and over \$30,000 in college scholarships to numerous local high school students to be used toward college education.

### **2017 and Beyond**

New in 2018, The “Angels Among Us” Fund will host the same annual softball and bean bag tournament, but the funds will divide proceeds among these four local worthy causes:

1. St. Wenceslaus Catholic School
2. The Development and Maintenance of the Elko New Market Food Shelf
3. College Scholarships and Families in Need/Make a Wish Foundation
4. The Holy Cross Athletic Association

### **Angels Among Us is a 501(c)3 Corporation! Your donations are tax deductible!**

This means that your employer may contribute dollars for every dollar you spend. For example, Thrivent Financial will double and triple members’ donations. To find out more, contact Deneen Stutzka at 612-232-0899. This also means that every dollar you contribute is tax deductible.

### **Pancake Breakfast, Softball & Bean Bag Tournament, Silent and Live Auction**

The Annual Tournament is held the third Saturday in June. This year, it is being held on Saturday, June 16, 2018. Also attached to this is the flyer for this year’s 11th Annual Event. You can register a men’s softball team, a co-ed softball team or a 2-person bean bag team by calling or texting Deneen (Friedges) Stutzka at 612-232-0899 or by sending an email to [dstutzka@gmail.com](mailto:dstutzka@gmail.com).

### **How Can You Help?**

There are numerous ways you can help! You can work concession stands by contacting the Holy Cross Athletic Association or Deneen (Friedges) Stutzka. You can donate a silent or live auction item. You can send monetary donations to Fransen Bank in Lonsdale. You can come to the tournament and watch, eat, drink, play, cheer and bid on the auction items. If you have questions, you can contact Deneen (Friedges) Stutzka. Thank you for your support!