

SPRING 2011

Angels IN ACTION



Planet Orange Game Night with Angels on Patrol

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Game Night Out at Planet Orange for the Suns vs. the Celtics was absolutely terrific. We sold all of our tickets and raised \$1207 for Angels on Patrol. The game was spectacular and the Suns gave us a glorious win against the Celtics. This was my first ever, professional basketball game and I was surprised to find that it is so much more than just a game—it is an entertainment experience!

There were cheerleaders, dancers, gorilla acrobatics—the list goes on. It was such a great show! There are some people who deserve special thanks for their efforts beginning with AoP board vice-president, Dustin Ewert. Where do I start? This was his project and it absolutely would not have happened

without his leadership. From flyers to ticket sales, Dustin has mastered the skills of organizing an incredible event and seeing it through to its successful conclusion.

We also would like to thank Allison Ahlgrim, with the Phoenix Suns. She was instrumental in guiding us through the group night experience. She is truly a ray of sunshine in the incredible Suns organization.

So thank you again to all of our friends, fans, and supporters for insuring that we had another successful fundraising and *fun-raising* event—we could not do it without your support.



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The mission of Angels on Patrol is to:

Help children and families in crisis who are identified by law enforcement

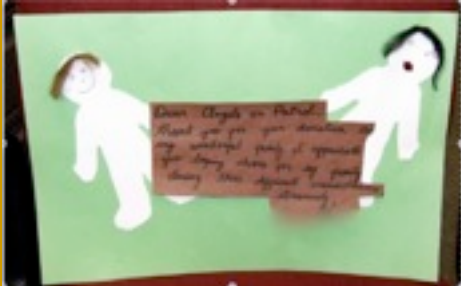
Enhance the public's perception of law enforcement

Help officers become more than a "band-aid" and positively affect families after the initial crisis has passed.

Angels in Action

We would like to let you all know what we have been doing with all of your generous contributions and fundraising dollars. Here are *just a few* of the highlights from the first quarter of 2011:

- AoP is sending a young student to Washington D.C. at the request of his School Resource Officer. This young man has completely turned himself around and has embraced a positive lifestyle. This trip is offered through a school program, will help him grow his leadership skills.
- Three officers have volunteered to assist AoP in completing our family applications:
Officer Joe Trujillo, Sgt Kelly Frizzell, and Officer Doreena Weigert
- Officer **Weigart** is taking a family shopping for shoes.
- We have some children who lost their Mother to a violent crime and then lost their new home when their grandmother's house burned down. **Officer Trujillo** will be taking them to buy shoes and clothes. He went with another family to get a much needed crib.



"Dear Angels on Patrol,

Thank you for your donation to my wonderful family. I appreciate you buying shoes for my family during these difficult circumstances."

Sincerely,
13 year-old boy

Welcome new AoP Board Member,
Jarred Thompson



Jared Thompson is a Quality Control Technician at Cox Communications and has been with the company since 2000. He has lived in Arizona most of his life with the last the last 6 years spent in the East Valley. Jared has been a loving husband for 16 years and is the father of 4 children, two boys and two girls, ages 7 to 15. He loves to be involved in the lives of his kids and spending time with his son's youth football league. He also enjoys activities within the community by supporting Angels on Patrol.

BOWLING BONANZA

Can you believe a whole year has passed since our first Bowling Bonanza? It was so much fun and all of our friends came out in support! We filled the bowling alley with ANGELS! Well, never fear, we are making this event an annual affair and we are pleased to announce that the 2nd Annual Bowling Bonanza will be held Saturday, June 11 from 2-4 pm at Squaw Peak Lanes, 3049 East Indian School Road in Phoenix.

This year we will once again have phenomenal prizes to raffle off and we will have contests for best team theme/costume, best individual costume, best team score and top bowler! If you were not able to join us last summer, check out the [media page](#) at our website and view the pictures from last year's event and see what you missed. We would also like to point out that our incredible board member Jennifer Jones of KPHO will be taking the lead on this project--



carrying on the work of our special angels from last year, Nikki Harris and Angelica Delgado

As much fun as the

event was last year, the lanes will go fast so please make your reservation soon. It is only \$100 for a team of 6. You know that by the time June gets here you will be looking forward to some cool, indoor family fun and Bowling Bonanza is all of that and more. In joining us you will be supporting the work of our organization as we reach out to officers who are looking to do even more than they already do for members of their communities. Officers reaching out to children and families in crisis. Please see the last page of this newsletter for our event flyer and all the details you need to to reserve a lane for your team today.

Some Local Retailers Who Like to Support Angels on Patrol

We like to showcase local retailers who show their support for Angels on Patrol. In this newsletter we are highlighting Pro's Ranch Market. We received a family service application for a single mom with a child who had been the victim of a violent crime. The expense of therapy for her child was overwhelming and when an officer sent us an application on their behalf we chose to help offset the therapeutic expenses by purchasing \$150 worth of groceries. When Pro's found out from Officer Joe Trujillo that we were going to purchase these groceries for this family, they simply gave us the \$150 in groceries. We are extremely grateful for their generosity!



Our Community Partners

Angels on Patrol would like to thank our community partners who support us in our mission
The Arizona Foundation for Women

Suns Charities

Cactus Wren Republican Women

National Association of Women Contractors

AIM IT Services

NotMYkid

The John F. Long Foundation

Soroptimist

Squaw Peak Rotary Club

Martha's LEAP Foundation

IAAP - Valley of the Sun Chapter

Wells Fargo

Welcoming this month:

American Association of University Women

Osborn Maledon

Mead and Associates

Jean Roberts Retires from AoP Board



Jean Reed Roberts is a pioneer among women and a pioneer in the state of Arizona . She owned her own business, Jean Reed Roberts P.C., Attorneys at Law. She was a Judge Pro-tem in the Maricopa County Superior Court and a Judge Pro-tem in the Arizona Court of Appeals as well. Jean received a BA in Journalism at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 1966 and a JD Law from the Arizona State University in 1973.

She has been a mentor to our founder Lt. Jacqui MacConnell since high school and she was a founding board member of Angels on Patrol. We will greatly miss Jean's wisdom as she retires from our board but we will always cherish her generous spirit and her involvement with Soroptimist which have generously contributed backpacks to the Child Crimes Unit since our inception. All the best to you Jean--you will always be a part of AoP!

Volunteer Spotlight: Shannon Ewert



Shannon Ewert is the mother of four handsome boys ages 7-15, and the wife of our vice president Dustin Ewert. At our first Bowling Bonanza, she stepped up to volunteer by helping with the event and even sang the national anthem to kick off the festivities! When it came time to deliver Christmas presents she once again showed up to lend her time. Her next scheduled event will be to help represent AoP at the Child Abuse Awareness Kick-off event on the Capitol lawn on April 7. She will sing the national anthem again at our 2nd Annual Bowling Bonanza. Thank you Shannon for being a dedicated volunteer! We couldn't do it without you!

Going forward, AoP will be highlighting a volunteer in each of our quarterly newsletters. Will you be our next star?

Pictured: Glendale police officer Sean Gaston and Adam Turner



A Very Special Story

On March 10, we posted on the AoP Facebook page the following:

So many officers doing great work in our communities yet only the negative makes it to press. Perhaps we can do something about that! If you have a story about a great officer in your community please tell us about them--right here on FB. Let's not let the good remain silent!!

We received this response:

"Without a doubt, Officer Sean Gaston with Glendale Police Department... My husband, Steve, went missing on August 7, 2007 -- very routine day, he went to Walmart for an oil change in his car and just seemed to vanish. I called 911 and Officer Gaston was dispatched to help me. I was scared to death, knowing in my heart that my husband was in trouble and it was a horrible feeling not knowing where he was. While he had to ask me some tough questions (routine, given the circumstances), Officer Gaston knew that I knew my husband, his routines, etc and that I knew, in my heart, he was hurt somewhere. It took me 9 hours to find my husband's body (he'd passed from an aortic dissection in the restroom -- which we checked, but the cleaning staff told us the bathroom was empty so we continued to look elsewhere), and Sean was with me for 6+ of those hours until he was found. We were able to reconnect about 18 months later and it was an honor to tell him how much he'd meant to me that day and to introduce our son to the hero that helped Mommy the day Daddy died. I was surprised to learn he'd spent 18 months wishing he'd done more and what an impact that day had on HIS life. I couldn't have asked for anyone better on the worst day of my life."

Karen Turner
Founder and Executive Director,
[Acts of Simple Kindness](#)

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LETTERS FROM THE BOARD SOCIAL MEDIA, LEAH HEATHCOAT



Gratitude and the Power of the Positive

In 2004, I became an advocate for victims of domestic violence. I understood that often advocates and officers are not always on the same page—mainly because our roles are very different. I also learned that at the end of the day, we were all in the business of serving and protecting the community. Fast forward to 2010 when I became a board member for Angels on Patrol and assumed the responsibilities of social media and discovered that advocates and officers are more alike than I ever

imagined. I had met officers with heart before and I even had my own story of a terrific officer who had quite possibly changed my life. What I didn't fully realize was how daunting it must be to get on the Internet, turn on the TV and listen to the radio every day to hear endless media attention provided to the negative elements within our police departments. Do we need to hear these stories? Sure we do. It is important as citizens that we remain aware of circumstances that affect our community and this includes impropriety within law enforcement but is what we see the exception or the rule? I think most of us know the answer to that. The negative is the exception and every day officers go out there with their hearts and souls because they are *just like me and you*—passionate about their work. They know the people in their communities—often on a first name basis. They see horrible and hopeless things that would keep any sane person up at night. They hear and respond to stories of rape, molestation, child abuse, murder and other acts of extreme cruelty and they also risk their personal safety every single day they are on duty. On the flip side, they mentor kids at our local schools, they help young girls who have been trafficked off the streets and they encourage domestic violence victims to seek safety. They sit on committees, they plan community events and yet they would be hard pressed to find a positive reflection of this in any of our media on any given day.

This is where social media has given us the power to change the dominant pattern of negative police publicity. Social media is a powerful outlet where citizens like myself and all of you can tell the other side—the most prevalent and positive side—as did one of our loyal followers on Facebook this month (see her story on page three of the newsletter). We are the citizen alternative to popular media outlets on television, radio and the Internet. I encourage all of you to share your stories with us here at Angels on Patrol and share the stories on FB so that others can see and hear and lend their support. We may highlight your special officer in an upcoming newsletter.

So what is my positive story? It was a dark time in my life slightly over 20 years ago in 1989. My husband at that time was abusive

and battling alcohol addiction among other things. We lived in Colorado. One night he just snapped and beat me up in front of all three of our daughters—all of which were 5 and under. By the time my neighbor had managed to get my children out of the house, I had to walk to a pay phone to call the police because he had ripped our phone from the wall and this was before cell phones were a regular thing—my neighbor being a 19-year old single mother could not afford a phone. When the police showed up they could see how serious the altercation had been because the house had been completely ransacked—furniture overturned, items from the refrigerator had been thrown at me and a screwdriver was lodged in the metal front door of my apartment where my husband had thrown it at my head. Thankfully by the time the police had arrived to see the aftermath, he had passed out in the bedroom. They arrested him and took him away in the police car. I was badly bruised and shaken up and had been kicked in the head at one point during the beating so I needed to go to the hospital. One of the many officers who responded on this night decided it would be a good idea if he rode in the ambulance with me to the hospital. The next thing I remember is waking up in the emergency room (I was just bruised and sore and shaken—no major injuries) and I looked over in the corner and there sat that officer. The room was darkened because the light hurt my eyes but I could see enough of his face to realize that he was as young as I was if not younger. He asked me how I was feeling and I said I had been better. The funny thing is, he wasn't there to get a statement from me as they had already gotten that. He stayed with me because he wanted to tell me that I did not deserve to be treated that way. That I and my children deserved better. I cannot recall every word that he said, in fact there is much about that night that is probably better left unremembered. What I do recall was the compassion of a young officer and his need to share this compassion with me.

Thanks to Lt. MacConnell, I now know the name of this officer and can thank him personally. Those simple words said to me that night quite possibly gave me the strength that I needed to make some tough choices—at the very least it was yet another empowering voice to add to the many supportive voices coming from my family and friends. This was also at a time when domestic violence training for police officers was not prevalent. All I know is that I live in gratitude for that officer and all the others like him who every single day choose to go above and beyond to touch peoples lives—one person at a time. I left my husband within six months of that incident and have a wonderful loving husband in my life now and those three little girls that were witness to that awful night have become three of the most amazing and strong young women I know.

If you have a story about an officer who made a difference in your life, please share it. Even if you don't share it with us, share it with someone and lets keep our officers inspired to continue the work they do by lifting them up.

Peaceful Regards,
Leah Heathcoat
Social Media, Angels on Patrol.

Come Out and

BOWL!

To Benefit



Team Themes Encouraged and Rewarded!
Show us **YOUR** style!

What: Bowling Bonanza!
When: Saturday June 11, 2011
2:00 PM
Where: Squaw Peak Lanes
3049 East Indian School Road
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Registration: \$100 per team (Max 6 Bowlers)

Registration includes: Bowling, shoes, soda and A lot of FUN!!!

PRIZES!

Door Prize, BEST Team Theme, **BEST** Team Score, **TOP** Bowler,
and the **SURPRISE** Prize!

2:00 PM BOWLING	
Registration	1:00 pm
Bowling	2:00 pm
Awards	4:00 pm

Questions: info@angelsonpatrol.com
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ARIZONA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN

Registration Form ... See Next Page ...



Bowling Bonanza to Benefit



Registration Options:

Email: dustin@angelsonpatrol.com

602-565-0100

Fax: 480-545-0656

Mail: Attn: Dustin Ewert, 10205 E. Capri Ave., Mesa, 85208

Payment Options:

Checks or Cash

If paying by check, please make it out to the following- Arizona
Foundation for Women, Memo = Angels on Patrol

..... (one form per team)

Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Team Name: _____ # of Team Donations: _____
(Please do not complete names if you are donating teams)

Bowlers: First Name	Last Name
1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____
4.	_____
5.	_____
6.	_____

Registering for ____# of Team(s) x \$100 = Total Payment of
\$_____ / Circle Payment Method: Check or Cash

Can't man your own team? Donate a team or become an Event Sponsor!

I do not wish to bowl but I would like to donate \$_____ to support
Angels on Patrol.

All sponsors will be recognized on day of the event.

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