



Media Release

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The angels are coming: Building a unique rooftop garden at Misericordia

The Angel Squad is returning to the Maryland Bridge again with a new mission: our angels are raising money to build a special rooftop garden and solarium to benefit Misericordia's long-term care residents.

Celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, the Angel Squad will be along the Maryland Bridge from **7:30 to 9 a.m. Tuesday Dec. 7 to Thursday Dec. 9**, encouraging drivers to donate in exchange for a Starbucks beverage, baked treat and a copy of the Winnipeg Free Press.

Dressed as angels in gowns, wings and halos, volunteers will be smiling, waving and hailing Winnipeggers to make a quick stop to donate at MHC as they cross the bridge.

Solarium and garden for long-term care residents

The Misericordia Health Centre Foundation is raising money for a unique rooftop garden and solarium for the use of our long-term care residents. This garden is an essential part of Misericordia's redevelopment plan because many of our long-term care residents are unable to leave the health centre grounds.

For residents who want to enjoy green space, fresh air and a place to entertain their loved ones, this rooftop garden will be a delight!

PHOTO-OP:

Media are invited to visit the rooftop space on the Cornish building that will house the future garden. The view is spectacular! Get a treetop view of the angels on the bridge!

Angels, angels everywhere!

In addition to our usual Maryland Bridge location, the Angel Squad will be at Winnipeg Square **8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday Dec. 8.** and at the River & Osborne Safeway from **4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday Dec. 9,** collecting donations and handing out coffee.

Joining in the fun

Dignitaries including **Jim Rondeau**, Minister of Healthy Living, Youth & Seniors; **Kerri Irvin-Ross**, Minister of Housing and Community Development; **Hugh McFadyen**, Leader of the Official Opposition, Progressive Conservatives; **Rob Altemeyer**, Wolseley NDP MLA; **Arlene Wilgosh**, WRHA President & CEO and others will be joining our volunteer angels to help raise money for the rooftop garden.

Students at neighbouring schools – St. Mary's Academy, Westgate Mennonite Collegiate and Balmoral Hall – will also be donning angel costumes!

How to donate

Drivers can make donations to the Angel Squad in cash, Visa, MasterCard or cheque. Any size of donation is welcome, and every donation over \$10 is eligible for a tax receipt.

Call 22-ANGEL to donate by phone...

...or donate online at www.misericordia.mb.ca/foundation

Need patient stories?

Want to add a human interest element? We have residents and family members willing to be interviewed who can let you know about their experience at Misericordia. Just let us know in advance and we'll set it up for you.

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