



Balloon Angels

Lifting Children's Spirits

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Quarterly Newsletter
For volunteers and contributors

WELCOME...

to the first issue of our quarterly newsletter for our volunteers and our contributors. Our goal is to keep you updated and informed on our goals, accomplishments and upcoming activities. If you have any topics you would like to see featured in our newsletter, please contact Gina McQuillen at (502) 253-0855 or Lisa Lee at (502) 245-1172.



Exciting News!

After months of preparation, Balloon Angels has officially applied for non-profit status with the IRS. We've created the companies Board of Directors, developed the company by-laws, completed statements of revenue and expenses for last year and developed budgets and balance sheets for this year and next year. WOW! We never could have completed all of this without the gracious help of the law office of Ogden, Newell & Welch, PLLC who have gratefully donated their time and resources to help us in turning this wonderful opportunity into reality. Being identified as a fully qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organization brings new and exciting opportunities for Balloon Angels. Many corporate organizations offer programs that will match contributions that their employees make to eligible organizations. I would encourage all of our volunteers to investigate if your employer participates in such programs. This has the potential to greatly impact our fundraising abilities! We should have the approval letter from the IRS within a couple of months – STAY TUNED!

Our Mission

- ✚ Our mission is simple – to deliver helium filled Mylar balloons to pediatric units in local hospitals on a weekly basis.
- ✚ We are currently a group of fifteen volunteers who donate our time to this initiative.
- ✚ We partner with local businesses and individuals to gain contributions of balloons, helium and cash donations – 100% of which are used to buy balloons and helium at wholesale and reduced prices.

Focus on our Volunteers...



Joe Crawford is a perfect example of a Balloon Angle volunteer – yes Balloon Angels can be men! Joe is a school-teacher at Gold Smith Elementary in the Hikes Point area.

He teaches the fifth grade and enjoys working with the kids. He is married to “the beautiful Miss Linda” who is also a teacher and teaches music to 2 year olds at Christ Church Methodist on Brownsboro Rd. Joe has three grown children, Ellie, Joey and Margie and is a proud grandfather of Charlie (11 months) and Lilly (born this July). Joe enjoys golfing, camping and hiking.



Joe was introduced to Balloon Angels at the Northeast Christian Church ministry fair and thought that Balloon Angels “sounded interesting” and that it would be a great thing to do for kids. Since that time (approximately a year and a half ago), Joe has been a reliable and dedicated volunteer, delivering balloons on a monthly basis and helping to coordinate any special activities and events.

Joe says that he gets a “good feeling” from helping others, especially kids and that this is what keeps him motivated to keep coming back. When asked for any final comments, Joe said, “I think that Balloon Angels is really great. I really enjoy getting to see the kids pick out the balloon they want and watching them smile.”



Upcoming Events and Important Dates!

- ✓ **ServeFest** – coming this fall (Sept/Oct). This will be our second year of participating in Northeast Christian Church's community outreach program. Last year Balloon Angels partnered with NECC and 20 church volunteers helped to deliver a balloon to EVERY child at

Kosair Children's Hospital. Almost 200 balloons were delivered that day. This is a great opportunity for Balloon Angels to recruit



regular volunteers as these church volunteers have their first experience of delivering balloons, and smiles, to hospitalized children.

- ✓ **Griffin's Big Balloon Day** – coming this winter (Nov). This will also be our second year of partnering with Middletown United Methodist Church for Griffin's Big Balloon Day at Kosair Children's Hospital. This event is unique because it is the only time that we exclusively



deliver the large, colorful, 28-inch character balloons. This event is motivating to the volunteers because the kids really enjoy the big Spongebob Squarepants, Mickey Mouse and Power Puff Girl balloons. It's quite a site to see almost 200 large character balloons floating throughout the hospital.

- ✓ **Our 2nd Anniversary** – This November marks the 2nd anniversary of Balloon Angels! We've come so far in just a couple of years. From



just a couple of people delivering a few balloons a month to a fully qualified non-profit corporation with over 15 regular volunteers. Be ready to celebrate in November!

The 5th Wave By Rich Tennant



"Does the check writing pen go above the dessert spoon or next to the salad fork?"

If you have any ideas for our newsletter, please contact Gary McQuillen at (502) 253-0855 or at gary@balloonangels.org



PLEDGE CARD – I WANT TO HELP!

I would like to be part of Balloon Angels. I am interested in:

Volunteering – call us at (502) 253-0855 or email us at gary@balloonangels.org or send us your name and telephone number to the address below.

Contributing – We're able to buy balloons at greatly reduced prices. Our average balloon cost is about 50 cents. Please send your tax-deductible donation to the address below.

Helping start a local chapter of Balloon Angels – We're looking to expand Balloon Angels in other cities and we need your help. Call us at (502) 253-0855 or email us at gary@balloonangels.org or send us your name and telephone number to the address below.

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