

What is Operation Little Angel?

In February 2001, the Junior Vice Commandant of the Marine Corps League, Helen F. Hicks came into our Auxiliary meeting room at the National Mid-Winter Conference and addressed the body. She gave us the inspiration we needed to start our own national program to help our little angels.

After this discussion, the National President, Barbara J. Nobile got with several auxiliary members, and they put their hearts and minds together and that is how the *Operation Little Angel*© (OLA) program was formed. President Nobile proceeded to appoint the OLA committee and its first chairman was Tracey Killinger, who was viewed as one of the reasons for its success today.

At the beginning of this program, National President Nobile's husband, Philip J. Nobile, was a New Jersey police officer, and he was the main force in having the donated stuffed bears and other items placed in the police car's trunks to give to frightened children.

And here we are today, donating items such as Rugs for Classrooms, Clothes Dryer, Heavy Duty Rubber Mat Flooring, Nordic Track Treadmill, and Indoor Cycling bike (stationery), and also the basic needs such as bedding and personal care items.

The approximate amount of OLA donations given out at the Mid-Winter Conferences and National Conventions from 2002 until the present is over \$71,000. This doesn't include all the Departments and Units across the United States that participate in this program.

How to Participate and Fundraising Ideas

Search on-line for Child Protective Services, Children's Homes, Family or Abuse Shelters or your local police department to find agencies needing your assistance.

Here are some ideas you may use for raising funds to support this program. Unit could sponsor an Ice Cream Social, Paint Night, or Food Theme Night (such as Spaghetti).

Your Unit may also just have a social gathering for your members to bring items that are needed by a certain agency. Some of these agencies have a Wish List that they are more than willing to share.

When visiting an organization that needs assistance, use the blank spaces below to list the items the organization needs for their "*little angels*".

If you want a brochure(s) and can't print it off of the National Webpage, (www.nationalmcla.org), contact the MCLA National Secretary at the address/phone number on the back of this brochure.

Should anyone have any questions about the OLA program, contact the Committee Chairman at email operationlittleangel@nationalmcla.org.

National Operational Little Angel Event Information

Two events are held yearly. One is in February/March time frame at the MCLA/MCL Midwinter Conference and the other one is held in August at the National Convention. The organization/agency that will be receiving our "gifts" at these events are chosen by the Operation Little Angel Committee. If possible, most shopping is done in that community to help support the economy of that neighborhood.

There are several ways to contribute to the OLA program and ways to raise funds.

1. Bring new items that are contributed by individual members, and some Units choose to hold events locally and give their gifts at one of the National events.
2. Gift cards to local chain stores, such as Target™, Wal-Mart™ or McDonalds™ may be presented to the OLA Chairman during the Conference or convention or sent to her prior to the event. If you wish her to shop with the gift card, be certain to specify that when presenting the card.
3. Checks should be payable to the MCLA with "OLA" written on the Memo line and then sent to the MCLA National Secretary at the address on back of brochure. Checks will be deposited into the MCLA-OLA account so that shopping may be done prior to the national event.
4. Cash given directly to the Committee Chairman will be deposited into the account. No cash is ever given out to recipients.
5. Fundraisers are on-going at all events to help with the program. These fundraisers help supplement giving and allow more to be given at each event.



Below are the areas where the OLA program gave their “gifts” since the program was formed at the 2001 National Convention in Dearborn Michigan.

The Mid-Winter Conference held in the months of February/March also has an OLA event.

National Conventions

2002 – Harrisburg, PA
2003 – Spokane, WA
2004 – Irving, TX
2005 – Cleveland, OH
2006 – Quincy, MA
2007 – Albuquerque, NM
2008 – Orlando, FL
2009 – Rochester, MN
2010 – Greensboro, NC
2011 – Boise, ID
2012 – Mobile, AL
2013 – Grand Rapids, MI
2014 – Charleston, WVA
2015 – Scottsdale, AZ
2016 – Tulsa, OK
2017 – Overland Park, KS
2018 – Buffalo, NY
2019 – Billings, MT
2021 – Springfield, IL
2022 – Daytona, FL
2023 – Oklahoma City, OK
2024 – Palm Springs, CA
2025 – Grapevine, TX
2026 – Indianapolis, IN

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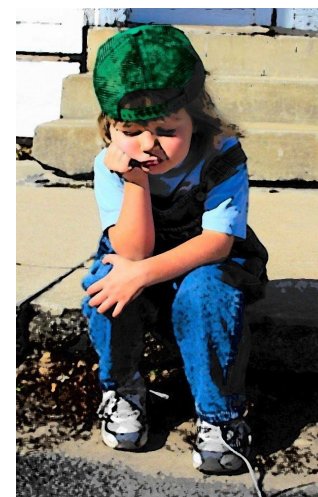


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One Angel at a Time!

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