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# AN ANGELS WING

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## An Angel's Wing 5th Annual Gala

ADDICTION IS ANYTHING BUT BLACK AND WHITE

We are beyond thrilled to be hosting our 5th Annual Gala October 22nd at the Hilton Garden Inn Auburn Riverwatch. Just like our prior Galas, the purpose of this event is to continue our fundraising efforts and continue helping individuals with Substance Use Disorder.

This year, we are beyond grateful for the amazing people at the American Fundraising Foundation and their generous help in setting up not 1... 2... or even 3 trips, but an astounding 8 trips attendees can bid on during our auction. More details on every trip can be found on our [Facebook](#) account where we will continue posting every trip leading up to October 22nd.

More details on the Gala can be found [here](#). Tickets can be purchased using this Square [link](#).



## This issue:

### 5th Annual Gala

We will be holding our 5th Annual Gala at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn, ME.

### Prior Events

Local events and rallies around Maine

### Updated SUD Statistics

New data from the ME Division of Disease

### Our Sponsors

Without the help from our dedicated sponsors, we wouldn't be able to assist the number of individuals we help every year.

# Updated Maine SUD Statistics

The Maine Division of Disease Surveillance updated their Substance Use Disorder statistics this last September. Below are three graphs highlighting the need for more support given to individuals looking for recovery. Figure 1 depicts the different counties of Maine with the highest confirmed drug overdose deaths. Androscoggin county has suffered 372 lost lives since data collection began in 2009. Figure 2 shows similar data, but is separated by age groups. Individuals in all areas of their lives need help and need to understand that recovery is for everyone. Finally, Figure 3 illustrates the need of organizations focused on providing recovery resources to individuals since the curve repeatedly shows how overdose deaths continue to increase overtime. Put plainly, that is why we do the work we do; to ensure people suffering from SUD have the resources to change the trajectory of the curve.

**"The faces of addiction, they can be doctors, lawyers, children, it doesn't matter. It affects everyone"**

DEBRA YORK, FOUNDER

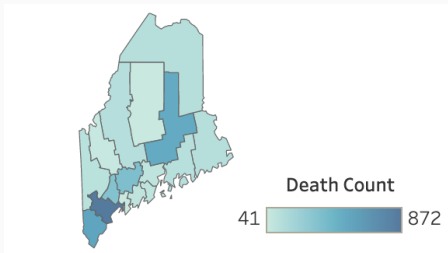


Figure 1

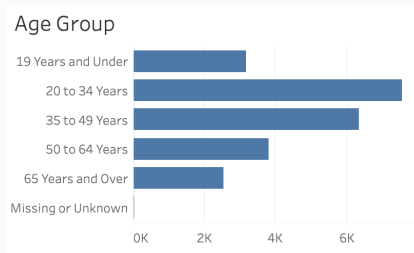


Figure 2

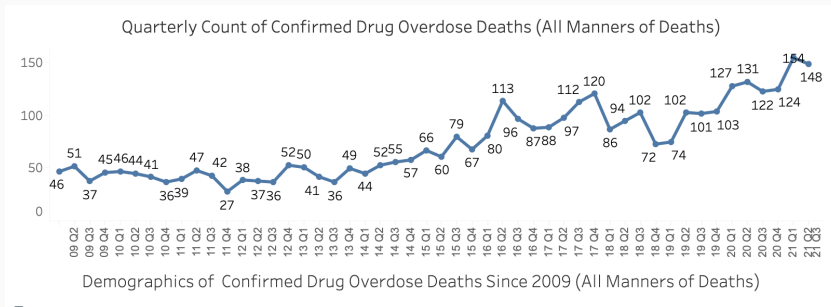


Figure 3

## Spreading the Word

We are constantly holding and participating in SUD focused recovery rallies and events around Maine! Just a few weekends ago, we were at the Oxford Recovery Rally hosted by the Western Maine Addiction Recovery Initiative and the Lewiston Recovery Rally. The week before we held a tent at the Lewiston Balloon Festival! Serving hot dogs, whoopie pies, and snacks all day long. As quoted by our co-founder Josh, "I think I cooked over 300 hot dogs..." Additionally, we have been holding volunteer tables at Bates College and Kennedy Park.

If you would like to volunteer at An Angel's Wing, please contact us at [anangelswing@yahoo.com](mailto:anangelswing@yahoo.com) or at our NEW website [anangelswing.org](http://anangelswing.org)



# Upcoming Giveaways, Deals, and Auction Items

Creating these newsletters are our way of updating the community of all the great things we are doing. Without the support from community members like yourself, we wouldn't have the resources we do now to help individuals and families through the recovery process. With that said, we have some incredibly exciting giveaways and items to give back to YOU!

To kick things off, we are once again selling tickets for our LOTTERY TREE! Our last winner won \$900 in lottery tickets! We decided to up the prize pool and we are giving away \$1000 in lottery tickets and \$1000 in cash. A winner will be chosen at the Gala October 22nd! Stop by either of our retail locations to buy your \$20 ticket or visit our [Facebook](#) for more details!



**An Angel's Wing Inc.**

**Win this tree**  
\$1,000.00 Cash and  
\$1,000.00 worth of  
lottery tickets!

**Drawing will be held at our  
annual gala on October 22nd  
2022**

**\$20.00  
Per Ticket**

If you can't wait for the Lottery Tree, we have daily deals at our retail locations! Follow this [link](#) for a complete overview for the month of October. Some highlights include every Monday Senior & Vets take 50% off their total, \$20 Fill A Bag, 50% Holiday Items, and \$1 Fill a Bag of Toys! Make sure to check the [store calendar](#) for our EVERYDAY DEALS!

For our 5th Annual Gala, we thought it was only right to go all out on our auction items. Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors for the help!

Trips, on trips, on trips, was our game plan this year! We have 8 total trips being auctioned off at our Gala on October 22nd. Vacations in Alaska, Iceland, Key West, Sedona, and so many more spots around the world are up for grab! We have been releasing more information on the trips on via our [Facebook](#) account! Tickets for the Gala can be purchased [here](#).



# Highlighting the People Who Help to Make it Happen

## Thank You to Our Gala Sponsors!

Thank you to the amazing sponsors for this year's Gala! Without you, we would not be able to host this event or help those in the community that need our assistance! They are the rock of the community!

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It's not too late to become a sponsor for our Gala this October 22nd. Please email us at [@anangelswing@yahoo.com](mailto:@anangelswing@yahoo.com) or visit our [Contact](#) page on our website.

We really can't say it enough, but thank you! We continue to grow as an organization because of the businesses and people who support our mission. Without you, we wouldn't be able to make it happen.



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