



Quarterly Newsletter

MAY - JULY 2025 EDITION

In this edition, we honor the contributions of those who've shaped our history and the importance of community support.

Agency Events

Financial Literacy workshop sponsored by
STEARNS BANK in **May 2025**

Presenting to the **Morning Optimist Club** in **April 2025**

ZONTA Celebration Social and Annual Meeting and accepting a MINI GRANT in **May 2025**

NORTH RISK PARTNERS Staff Volunteer at Community Angels organizing and tagging donated clothing **April 2025**

Board Meetings

May 13 and July 8 | 6-8pm

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 19th- Juneteenth Celebration tabling at Lake George Municipal Park

The ANGEL PROJECT Presents Community Gardening and Fundraising events June through August 2025

Community Resource Fair June 2025

School Yard Celebration for back to school August 2025



Follow us on social media for all the updated information that's not listed at this time.

COMMUNITY ANGELS TRANSITIONAL LIVING IS OPENING THIS SUMMER!

Serving individuals who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse, as they transition from the community into this beautiful amazing space. Our dedicated team offers a compassionate and supportive environment to help survivors heal, rebuild, and regain control of their lives. This program is based on referrals and receiving calls from the Day One hotline, as well as self referrals. Community Angels Transitional Housing is located in SE St. Cloud in Sherburne County.



OUR BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Ashley Easley

DOB: 7/17/1988

Your horoscope: Cancer

What city and state are you from: Chicago, IL

Family members: 5 brothers 4 sisters

Do you have fur babies: NO

What's your role within Community Angels: Board member, assisting with marketing needs, etc. What are your long term goals: My long term goal is to be a successful entrepreneur and leader. What do you enjoy doing outside of work: I enjoy traveling the world. What's a fun fact most people don't know about you: Most people don't know that I would like to have dual citizenship in Jamaica. What's your dream travel destination and why: Bora Bora is one of my dream travel destinations, I love the scenery and pretty blue water. It just looks so peaceful and relaxing. What's your favorite comfort food: Favorite comfort food is pasta. Do you have a favorite book, podcast, or TV show right now? Favorite motivational artist is Deraj Global. Lastly, what skills are you hoping to grow here: I am hoping to gain networking and operational skills.



April is national child abuse prevention month. Minnesota Governor Tim Walz has declared April as child abuse awareness and prevention month in Minnesota.

MEET OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We're proud to introduce Erica Cole, our passionate Executive Director, domestic violence advocate, and mental health practitioner. With a deep commitment to community care and well-being, Erica Cole has dedicated her career to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Driven by compassion and a strong sense of purpose, she finds joy in giving back and connecting with the community through acts of gratitude and service. Her work is rooted in the belief that everyone deserves support, dignity, and a chance to thrive. As part of her mission, Erica founded a Community Resource Center that provides essential new clothing to children experiencing clothing insecurity—ensuring that every child has access to the basic items they need to feel confident and cared for. Through her leadership and unwavering advocacy, Erica continues to uplift, empower, and bring hope to those who need it most.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

ERICA
June 24

ASHLEY
July 17

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY



Stop by to check out our clothing and hygiene closet, we are **OPEN** to the community every **1st and 3rd FRIDAY from 11-6pm (May 2, 16 and June 6)**. Starting in **JULY** we will be open every **TUESDAY from 11am-6pm** to the community.

Come in and shop and find those fun Angel Treasures at a no cost, low cost price.

COMMUNITY ANGELS RESOURCE CENTER is by appointment only. We provide resources and services in employment, housing, food, transportation, financial literacy, and education.

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS: Accepting new and gently worn clothing donations for children infant through age 18, every first and third Friday from 12pm-5pm. We also are in need of In-kind monetary gifts such as gift cards (Target, Walmart, Kwik Trip for gas, and bus cards for public transportation).

We are also **FUNDRAISING** for summer community projects which will include gardening of fruits and vegetables, a trip to the museum, or zoo, and our financial literacy program for all grades. Your **DONATION** will make a huge impact on those we serve right here in our community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers for our transitional housing and our community resource center. Youth is encouraged to apply for a volunteer position. Please click the volunteer link to learn more about all the positions we need help with.



WE ARE CONNECTED

Your generosity is more than a donation—it's a powerful reminder that we are not alone in our mission. Your contribution—whether you are a private financial donor, in-kind, or through your time and energy—means the world to us and the community we serve. Thank you!



Let's honor the past, celebrate progress, and commit to change.

As we commemorate Juneteenth, we recognize it not only as a historical milestone, but as a call to reflect on our shared history, amplify Black voices, and continue working toward a more just and inclusive future. Whether through learning, dialogue, volunteering, or supporting Black-owned businesses and creators, today is an opportunity for all of us to engage meaningfully. Let's celebrate freedom, and embrace progress. ❤️



OUR VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: **MACIE HOOKER**

I am a full time mother of four children, three young adults ages twenty four, twenty three, twenty one and my youngest baby girl is ten years old. I enjoy working from home full time as a Health Representative as it gives me more work life balance, and more time to spend with my children. I enjoy giving back to the community as it gives me a sense of purpose and meaning by volunteering at Community Angels. I help families that face clothing insecurities by assisting them with shopping for clothing and shoes in their size. I enjoy this work as it strengthens our community ties and seeing smiles on those kids faces when they receive things that they haven't had before, or haven't had in awhile which is new clothes, and new shoes just melts my heart. I really enjoy being a store clerk especially when children find what we call Angel Treasures. To see those smiley faces just reassures me that I am supposed to be here at Community Angels.

I have been a volunteer at Community Angels since the beginning stages in 2023. I helped organize and decorate the space and I also create and decorate the monthly bulletin boards and help with most of the community events. I love it here! ❤️



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THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!

We look forward to connecting with you at upcoming events, and we're grateful for your ongoing support of Community Angels.