



**2020 COMMUNITY  
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### The Angel Tree

For many years, Brookhaven SGA has put together an Angel Tree to donate gifts to children that have been impacted by domestic abuse during the holidays. The Genesis Woman's Shelter provides us with a list of names of children and what types of gifts they would like. The Angel Tree is put on display for a few weeks, and once all the gifts are collected, we take them to the Genesis Woman's Shelter so they can then distribute them to the kids. This year, we collected more gifts than ever before.

## The Set Up

After one of our SGA meetings, we all decided to come together to set up the Angel Tree in S-Building. We put the Angel Tree in the middle of the lobby where it could easily be seen. Some of us cut out the paper angels that had the names of the kids and what they wanted written on them. Some of us helped untangle lights. Our advisor, Brian, placed some of the finishing touches on the tree. It was an amazing bonding experience.





## The Gift Donations

Slowly but surely, the donations started pouring in. Many students, faculty, and professors picked up angels and over time, the gifts started piling up. When the time came to finally give the gifts to the Genesis Woman's Shelter, every single angel had been claimed and every single angel was going to receive a gift.







## The Big Delivery

In the end, we collected over five dozen of gifts. Some of us in SGA that had donated wanted one last picture with the tree and just some of the gifts we collected before we had to haul them away. We had to make a list and check it twice to make sure we had every single gift loaded up.

## The Impact

We donated over five dozen gifts to the Genesis Women's Shelter, which ultimately impacted several dozen families.

We had no idea though that our impact would be so massive. We ended up delivering all the gifts the week before winter break. When we came from winter break, we discovered that Nancy Muniz, our Special Events Coordinator who had been first contacted the Genesis Women's Shelter, received a letter from their CEO, their Sr. Director of Development, and their In Kind Donations Coordinator explaining just how massive our impact was and how much they appreciated all our support. In the end, we were just happy to know that we were able to provide these kids with a better holiday season.



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Ms. Nancy Muniz  
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Dear Nancy,

Many consider the holiday season to be a time for moments spent with loved ones making memories, perhaps with presents under a tree, stockings filled with goods or large feasts with family and friends. For the brave women and children who experience domestic abuse, their holiday season looks a bit different. **Because of your support, so many women and children were able to find safety, warmth and healing over the holidays.** Once filled with anxiety and worry, they are now able to experience moments of peace and comfort, knowing they are not alone.

**On behalf of the women and children here at Genesis, please accept our overflowing appreciation for your support of our Genesis Holiday program.** With your help, more than 1,200 clients felt your love and outpouring of gifts. Thank you for helping us to create true holiday magic for so many this season. Your contribution represents the hope that a safe and happy future is indeed possible.

Whether you adopted a family, hosted a donation drive or bought items for our Angels, know that your gifts have made a huge impact on the lives of many courageous women and children this holiday season. We know **peace on earth begins at home** – thank you for helping our clients become one step closer to hope and healing.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Jan Langbein  
Chief Executive Officer

Amy Norton  
Sr. Director of Development

Mackenzie Duncan  
In-Kind Donations Coordinator

*Jan Thank you!*  
*Amy Norton You all are amazing! Thank you for your support!*  
*Mackenzie Duncan Appreciate you all!*

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