



2016 Report to Supporters

How your acts of kindness nourished the bodies and spirits of people struggling with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

Dear Friend of Project Angel Food,

We are deeply grateful to call you our friend.

You give to Project Angel Food because you see people who need help and you respond with an act of kindness. Your generosity is transformed into nourishment—not just a delicious meal but also a warm smile, perhaps the only one a client will see all day.

So it gives me great pleasure to share this report with you. The numbers confirm the impact of your support in 2016, but there is another aspect of our success that can only be measured by the heart.

I'm talking about our extraordinary people — those who rely on our meals, and those who prepare and serve them. People like Thelma J. and Stephen Gatta, who are profiled inside. And Elise, a young girl from Pasadena (next to me in the photo), who found out about Project Angel Food while researching nonprofits in LA for her school assignment, and built a tower out of 1400 popsicle sticks to illustrate the number of meals we cook daily for our critically ill clients. Moved by what we do, the 7th grader gave up part of her Bat Mitzvah money to fund one client's meal for a month. Her parents, impressed by Elise's action, fully matched their daughter's contribution.



Elise, Thelma J. and Stephen Gatta are our partners in this life-affirming endeavor.

If you did not receive information from Project Angel Food as you prepare your 2016 tax returns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

I hope you will take this opportunity to renew your support of Project Angel Food for 2017. Your neighbors in need rely on us daily. *Thank you!*

Sincerely,

Richard Ayoub
Executive Director

Tribute to George Michael (1963 – 2016)

Singer George Michael was our top benefactor for many years. He gave quietly: his first gift came in a brown envelope left at our door, with a handwritten note: "Just keep doing what you are doing. Love, George" He supported us every year since.

He also donated his Mercedes-Benz for auction. And, George volunteered in the kitchen and delivered meals as part of his community service time in 1998.

We are deeply grateful to George for providing so much to so many, with dignity. Project Angel Food will have a special ceremony to recognize George Michael on his birthday, June 25, 2017, and we will honor his legacy at the Angel Awards on Saturday, August 19.



2016

ANNUAL SUMMARY



Meals Served

Entrees	381,756
Breakfasts	182,899
Total Meals	564,655

Your gifts helped us serve 1,547 meals per day in 2016. Thank you!

Clients Served

2,078

This is the number of people struggling with life-threatening disease who were touched by your 2016 support.



Volunteers

Volunteers	3,100
Volunteer Hours	34,078

Volunteers are your partners—they help us save cost while you help us cover costs.

Details at angelfood.org

Thankful Clients

Your generosity in 2016 nourished 2,078 people throughout Los Angeles County who are battling critical illness. If they could, each and every one would thank you in person for making a difference in their lives. Thelma J.'s story below is just one example of the many expressions of gratitude we receive from clients all year round.



How does Thelma J. do it? Thelma has been a client of ours for many years living with a long-term debilitating illness. She's also a mother and a grandmother, taking care of her daughter and three grandchildren under the same roof. Already grateful for the free meals and exuberant spirit of her driver, Raul, Project Angel Food's generous spirit during the Christmas season helped her and her family get through difficult times. Thelma thanks staff, volunteers, and donors, and Raul for the three large bags of Christmas toys and gifts, including grocery/retail gift cards and DVDs donated from Sony Pictures.

Your kind and generous support helps alleviate hunger, prevent malnutrition, and return clients like Thelma to health. We are so grateful to know that we can count on you!

A personal thank you from a grateful client ...

You providing food for me was a huge help. It's a very difficult thing to do some of the smallest things to get through the day, like preparing food and eating it.

Thank you for all of your time, effort and kindness! It all really made me feel as though "angels" were taking care of me.

Also, please give a special THANK YOU to Bert, my driver, from me. I loved his kind spirit and smile.

— Cecilia M.

SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

Project Angel Food is 80% volunteer driven. We could not have prepared and delivered more than 10,000 meals per week in 2016 without the 3,100 kind souls who gave generously of their time, energy and skills. We are especially grateful for the many loyal volunteers, like Stephen Gatta profiled below, who have been with us for decades!

Stephen Gatta

A friend dying of AIDS and Marianne Williamson ignited the call to serve for Stephen Gatta. Stephen moved to LA in 1988 and began caring for his friend who was diagnosed with AIDS and had limited time to live. After his friend passed away, he came across Marianne Williamson's *A Course in Miracles* lectures and learned about an organization called Project Angel Food.

Since then, Stephen has been volunteering for Project Angel Food—as one of the original group of volunteers. He was one of the first meal delivery drivers, delivering meals to clients every week for over 20 years.

When we shifted to frozen meal deliveries with staff drivers, Stephen found other ways to be of service. Whether it is volunteering as a bartender at the Hollywood & Highland Wine & Jazz events for years, helping out at the office and interacting with clients when needed, or making deliveries and pick-ups for events, Stephen continues to share his life with us, in memory of his friend.

As a supporter, you and volunteers like Stephen are working in partnership toward one common goal: to provide nutritious and delicious meals to our most vulnerable neighbors. When volunteers deliver compassion and help reduce the terrible isolation that many people living with serious illnesses often experience, you are with them in spirit. Thank you for sharing in our mission.



Stephen, one of our original volunteers, at the grand opening of Hollywood's Shake Shack in 2016.

DAILY AND SPECIAL DELIVERIES



Sample Menu

Chicken Milano with fettucine, broccoli, zucchini, fresh fruit

Sample Special Menu with Variations

Chicken and Apple Stew, egg noodles, fresh fruit

Your gifts touch clients every day, but they are especially grateful when we help them celebrate special occasions. Thank you for making it possible to brighten their days.

- * All clients received a bag of goodies on their birthdays
- * Volunteers delivered 340 special hot Thanksgiving meals to clients
- * 130 children of clients received Holiday Toys and over 400 received Holiday Pies

If anyone you know needs Project Angel Food services, please contact us at (323) 845-1800 or visit angelfood.org.



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The meals served ... the lives touched ... by your compassion and generosity.



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UPCOMING EVENTS: **Angel Art** Spring 2017
Bowling for Angels on Saturday, 5/20 from 1-4pm at PINZ Studio City
Angel Awards on Saturday, 8/19 under the stars at Project Angel Food
Please join us! For more information, email Dina Bartello at dbartello@angelfood.org



My Renewed Support for 2017



YES, I'm pleased to renew my support of Project Angel Food so my neighbors who are battling life-threatening illnesses get the nutrition they deserve, delivered with kindness. Here is my tax-deductible gift of:

\$35 \$50* \$100 \$250 Other \$ _____

**A gift of this amount will provide 10 meals!*

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zipcode _____

My check payable to Project Angel Food is enclosed.
 Please charge my donation to my: VISA MC Amex Discover

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