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If you would like to apply for assistance from the Antoinette's Angels fund, please review these criteria to see if you are eligible to apply. You must:

- be a **CURRENT** client receiving counseling from The Umbrella
- be independent from the abuser
- demonstrate a financial need
- complete an application packet

For more information, please contact **your** Umbrella Advocate at

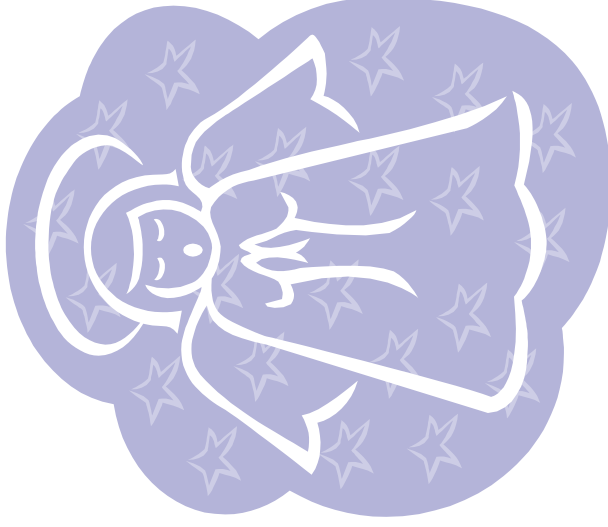
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## About

### *Antoinette's Angels*

“Antoinette’s Angels” is a special fund that was established by Walter Archer in memory of his wife, Antoinette. This fund assists women and children staying with, or receiving services from,

The Umbrella Program.

Both Walter and Antoinette have been dedicated advocates for women and children, working to ensure that women and their children are able to re-establish their lives, free from domestic violence, by providing funds to enable them to escape their abusers, to become self sufficient, and to acquire safe housing and employment.

The Umbrella is thankful for all of the support that Walter & Antoinette Archer have given to The Umbrella and for sharing their gifts with others.

## WHAT GETS FUNDED?

The Antoinette’s Angels Fund provides financial resources for services or needs that are frequently unfunded, including:

- Job Training
- Education
- Daycare/Childcare
- Permanent Housing

## HOW ARE FUNDS GRANTED?

Women receiving services through The Umbrella’s domestic violence shelter are eligible to apply for financial assistance from the Antoinette’s Angels Fund. Interested persons must complete a written application, specifying the need for funds. The application is then reviewed by a team of volunteers and staff who determine the funding awards.



*The inability to access training or education can stall a family’s progress toward safety and independence.*

### **A Woman’s Story:**

Janet is a young mother trying to live independently for the first time in her life. After fleeing an abusive marriage, Janet came to live at the Umbrella. Janet was able to attend job training and secure stable employment that would lead to a new career.

The one problem: Janet was not eligible for assistance for childcare because she worked non-traditional hours. Janet was at risk of losing her job.

With help from the Antoinette’s Angels fund, Janet was able to place her child in a safe, secure childcare facility, keep her job and continue her journey on the path toward a safe, violence free life for herself and her children.

Without this fund, it would not have been possible for Janet to follow through with her dream to start a new life independent of her abusive partner.