

Dear Angels of 97,

We have grown tremendously and touched many lives over the last 20 years. The number of students and families we have helped has been a blessing and in doing so, we have made a lasting legacy out of tragedy.

We learned recently that we are required by law to have a set of By Laws and a Board to keep our 501(c)3 in good standing. This process is very new to us and we are receiving guidance from McIntosh Law Firm to assist us in completing this task. It does not change anything we do on a daily basis. Our events, committee leaders and members, goals, support of the students, etc. will continue to operate as we have in the past. Our organization and its mission remain the same.

In our attempt to move forward to meet this requirement, we realized we have not communicated this change with you and have caused confusion and questions with some of you. This was completely unintentional and we regret for not communicating with you earlier. We are learning as we go, and apologize for any distress that may have been caused.

We realize that open communication is necessary to keep our organization thriving and our goal is to do better going forward. Board meetings will be published and open to all who wish to attend. Meeting minutes, By Laws, and all other items will be available for anyone to view via the Angels of 97 website. This includes the general public.

The Board is currently: Sherry Harkey (President), Charles Guignard (Vice President), Jane Bolton (Secretary), Evelyn Dixon (Financial Secretary), Dave Ripley (Treasurer), Avis Lewis, Cami Meador, Rob Dixon, & Mark Greenhalgh (Members at Large).

According to the By Laws, the Angels of 97 Board will consist of no less than 7 and up to 11 members. With 9 current members we have two more seats available. If anyone would like to be on the board or recommend someone to the board, please submit the nomination form available on the website.

Again, the creation of the board and the By Laws is strictly to meet our legal obligations. Our goals and efforts remain the same. We are making a difference in the lives of students, their families, and our community.

Please reach out to any of us if you have any questions.

It takes a village to make our organization thrive. We, the current board, appreciate each and every one of the volunteers that give of their time and talents to our events. We could not do this without the help of dedicated hard working volunteers. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

With Love,
Jane Bolton (Laura's Mom)

Sherry Harkey (Mandi's Mom)

