

A Message from Tori's Angels Foundation

As we come to the end of 2025, we reflect on the highs and lows of the last 12 months. Many of our Tori's Angels families faced adversity and overcame seemingly impossible odds. We cheered with – and for – them. Some of our families went through the unbearable pain of watching their children become heavenly angels. We cried, comforted and prayed for them.

Through it all, those of you who are friends of Tori's Angels and follow our Facebook page have been there with us – writing notes of encouragement to our kids, recognizing birthdays and other milestones, and most importantly, sending prayers. Here's an update on a few of our kids.

Alex Embraces Life



Alex became part of Tori's Angels Foundation in 2022. He has end-stage renal disease, secondary to a kidney disease that has no known cause or cure. The condition causes irreversible damage to the filters in Alex's kidneys.

Since that time, Alex has received a new kidney – from his mom – and they are both doing well. Alex enjoys show choir and other activities as an active 16-year-old. His family appreciated the support they received from Tori's Angels while they were in the hospital, and the ongoing support to help with Alex's medications. They have spoken at several Tori's Angels events, expressing their gratefulness for the help they've received. In addition, they started the annual "Wheelin' for Healin' Bike Ride" to benefit Tori's Angels in 2024.

Grace's Incredible Journey

Grace is a young girl whose family became part of Tori's Angels in May, 2025. The 19-month-old was on the list to get a new liver and her surgery was going to be performed in Kansas City, so the family needed help with housing. Not only did their daughter need surgery, but Mom was expecting another baby any day. On a Tuesday in August, Grace's dad called and Tori's Angels was able to tell him that we would cover nearly all their costs for an Airbnb while they were in Kansas City. The next morning, Grace's mom gave birth to a healthy baby boy. They had enough time to take their new baby to another wing of the hospital, so Grace could meet her new baby brother before she went into surgery.



The surgery went well, and they settled into their Airbnb, which was big enough for Mom and Dad, as well as Grace, her new brother, and two other siblings. Thankfully, the family is now back home, and Grace completed her chemotherapy last month.

Regularly Offering Assistance to More Families

Each family's story is unique **and we have 189 stories**, because that's how many families Tori's Angels has helped since the foundation began in 2011.

Until November of this year, the organization was run completely by volunteers. Now, an administrative assistant helps us meet the needs of our families and donors more efficiently and effectively, while keeping overhead expenses at a minimum.

None of what we do would be possible without your support, and we are so grateful. Please consider making a year-end gift to Tori's Angels Foundation to help us continue our mission of assisting Iowa families who have children with life-threatening conditions.

The need is great, especially as we expand to assist more families. Remember, EVERY PENNY of your donation for this drive goes to help our families! This is possible because overhead costs (including those associated with our administrative assistant) are covered by sponsors and grants.

Please visit www.torisangels.org to make a contribution, and thank you for your support! We wish you the best of the holiday season and good health and happiness in the New Year.

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