



Funding

The Young Heroes program is funded through voluntary contributions. Donations may be made to the program through the Central Macomb Community Credit Union at Selfridge ANGB. For more information or to make a referral contact: 127WG/Young Heroes Program, 29423 George Ave, Selfridge ANGB, MI 48045.

I AM INTERESTED IN:

More information

- Referring a child's name
- Making a contribution

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone#: _____

MAIL TO:

127WG/Young Heroes Program

29423 George Ave Selfridge ANGB, MI 48045

Young Heroes Medal of Honor

The Young Heroes program recognizes the war that these youth wage. It understands that fighting a life threatening illness is a lot like fighting a war—it takes you away from home and there is pain, fewer, and loneliness to overcome. Program volunteers know that brave soldiers wear a lot of different uniforms, and one of these can be bed clothes.

The remarkable thing about these special children is that they seek no sympathy, just understanding. The Young Heroes program responds with a medal to convey feelings of respect and admiration for the bravery these children show.

Many Young Heroes children are happy success stories, having overcome their illness or injury. For those who lost their valiant battle, the medal serves as a reminder of the dignity and valor of an extremely courageous child.

Until there are cures for enemies like childhood cancer, cystic fibrosis, leukemia, and heart disease, the greatest weapon in the arsenal of these remarkable children will continue to be *COURAGE*...the kind of courage that deserves a hero's medal.

Not All Brave Soldiers Wear a Uniform





The Young Heroes Program

The Young Heroes is a non-profit organization sponsored by the 127th Wing, Michigan Air National Guard. Through Young Heroes, military members present medals for heroism to youth. These children range in age from 2 to 17 demonstrate exceptional courage during treatment for life threatening illness or injury.

Objectives

The objective of the Young Heroes program is to pay tribute to the courage and dignity of real life young heroes whose battle against disease or injury might otherwise go unrecognized.



Identifying Recipients

Referrals come from various sources:

- Family members
- Friends
- Hospital social workers
- Support groups
- Nurses
- Teachers

The Presentation

- As in a military ceremony, a citation is read to accompany the medal.
- A certificate, signed by the governor of the State of Michigan and the commander of the 127th Wing, is presented.
- A formal salute conveys the great respect the military members have for these youth who fight unseen enemies.



Ceremony Location

Ceremonies are conducted at Selfridge Air National Guard Base or a location chosen by the family. They have been held in:

- Hospital rooms
- Homes
- Churches
- School assemblies