

ATTIC ANGEL COMMUNITY

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130 Years Old and Still Playing!

Attic Angel Association Throws Citywide Birthday Party to Mark 130 Years of Caring for Children and Seniors

MADISON, WI – Bucky Badger and members of the UW Band will kick off the 130th birthday party for Attic Angel Association at 1:10 pm on **Sunday, July 28**. The indoor/outdoor party, which runs from **1 to 4 pm**, is themed **LIFE IS A PLAYGROUND!** and will double as a fundraiser to build a playground to benefit children experiencing early trauma, including homelessness. Open to the public and happening across the **Attic Angel campus at the intersection of Old Sauk and Junction Roads**, the party will go on rain or shine.

Madison's most historic philanthropic organization, founded in 1889 and made up of **ALL WOMEN**, helped build the well-being and health care infrastructure of this city. Among the so-called Attic Angels' contributions:

- Started Madison's first children's library (1899) and handed it over to the Madison Public Library
- Raised money to build Madison's first hospital (1903), known today as UnityPoint Health-Meriter
- Funded the salary of Madison's first nurse (1908) in a service now known as SSM Health at Home
- Established a network of well-child clinics (1915) that today are overseen by Public Health-Madison & Dane County
- Pioneered non-government senior care in Madison (1953) and the idea of a full-spectrum retirement community (1975), which is now the nonprofit Attic Angel Community
- Began the city's first top-quality early learning center for disadvantaged children (1969), which today is known as One City Schools.

In addition to the party's opening fanfare, guests from ages 1 to 101 will find accessible fun of all kinds.

Some of the highlights:

- Free Birthday Custard
- Magic Shows
- Zoo and Pet Exhibits
- Remote Control Boating
- Kickboxing and Tai Chi
- Technology Exploration, including Virtual Reality
- Mounted Police, K9 Unit, Fire and EMS
- And so much more, including fun facts about Madison history!

For more information about the event, parking, and the unique playground fundraiser that will benefit children enrolled in **The Playing Field** early learning center, visit www.AtticAngel.org/130.