

2010 Web based Angel Tree and Kettle Tracking information.

For Area Command or DHQ wide implementations; I have created a web based versions of the Angel Tree and Kettle Tracking programs. Two very important reasons for this are:

1. Because it is web-based, it works on any computer with internet access (currently tested on IE 6 SP2). No installation needed. (All of the reports are based on MS Excel so that is needed to view the reports and printing of the Angel Tags is handled by a local copy of MS Access 2000 , 2003 or 2007)
2. Web based makes management and monitoring of activity by the central command possible. This allows for the area command to view and manage activity by accessing cross Corps reports as well as centrally administer how each site is setup.

For the last three years, the Angel website has been used by the Area Commands in Baltimore and Atlanta. Austin TX, Houston TX, Chattanooga TN, and National Capital Area commands started using AngelWeb two years ago. The Maryland and West Virginia Division also used AngelWeb and KettleWeb starting in 2009.

For the last Three years, the Kettle Tracking website has been used by Baltimore AC. Three additional corps used the Kettle Tracking website last year.

The websites can be installed either on your locally managed web server or on a public web server (such as available from Go Daddy or any other hosting company). You would use SSL to secure the access from the web server. The requirement is that it supports ASP pages, so typically this would be a Microsoft Windows based server.

The cost for these websites, is:

Angel Tree: \$595

Kettle Tracking: \$495

Both for: \$995

This includes up to 2 hours of training and configuration assistance. Over 2 hours would be billed at the standard rate – which is \$45.00/hour for 2010.

I'd like you to take a look at the demo sites I setup so that you can look around a bit, and then we can have a conference call to discuss things.

Please see the Angel and Kettle demo sites and URLs below.

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Angel Tree information.

The web-based program is designed to be highly configurable so that it can meet the needs of your location. The setup process is dynamic by allowing each location to change the questions and answers that they want to receive.

There are several reports that you can run and saved to your PC - Head of House alpha :: List by Application number :: many more. It can also print the Angel tags (see info below)

The system also has the ability to check-in bags and large items like bike or big boxes. This is a handy feature that you can use for keeping track of items and organizing your warehouse for pickup day

Once the Angel Applications have been entered, you then download a spreadsheet with the angel data, and import it into the Angel Printing program - which prints the child information onto the pre-printed angel tags (available from Trade or from Liberty Press).

I have a demo site setup that you can use to take a look at how it works.

Start here:

http://www.pwhdev.com/angel/angel_info.html

Click on the 2010 Development Test Site link and then login

Login with the following ID:
testmanager / angel

This demo site is modeled after Baltimore, MD and has zip codes from that vicinity.

Pay attention to the Manage Corp/Unit Setup link as this is where you can change how the application works and what data is collected.

For example, you can choose to collect or not collect financial information and use this as criteria for accepting or rejecting applications.

Atlanta uses a proof of need dropdown listbox (Validation #4 DDLB) for their verification. Baltimore and National Capital use the financial pages. Austin TX uses a formula based on the National poverty income level.

You will also need to setup your appointment times once your site is live.

You can create up to 5 short answer questions (limited to 20 characters) and 3 long answer questions (up to 80 characters) for the Head of Household and each of the 14 angels allowed on the application.

After the data is collected, you then download a spreadsheet file that contains the angel data, and using a local copy of the Angel Printing program (MS Access) to print the angel tags.

You will want to order the pre-printed Angel forms to make the angel tag process much easier. You can order the tags from Trade or from Liberty Press:

<http://www.libertypresstulsa.com/>

--- click on Salvation Army

--- --- click on laser tags and labels.

Scroll down to the bottom and you will see 5 angels listed. Since the reporting program prints by number range, most folks pick LP-71L LP-72L or LP-73L (and not the little boy or girl).

These forms are 3 angels to a page - legal sized paper. The reporting program knows where stuff needs to go so all you need to do is split the three angels once the printing is completed.

Kettle Tracking Information:

The demo site referenced below contains demo data and demo Corps.
The user IDs and passwords are listed at the bottom of the demo login page.

The following enhancements to the Kettle Tracking site have recently been completed:

* You can now add new workers directly from the daily kettle income screen.

Click on the button to show/hide the existing worker dropdown or new worker entry fields.

Note: To rebuild the worker dropdown and include the newly added worker, all you need to do is return to the main menu once - then it will be automatically added to the dropdown.

* You now see a running total of 'today's income. Each time you enter income for a Corps / date, you will see the current running total after updating that screen.

* Add location for super user now allows you to select a Corps.

* Add worker for super user now allows you to select a Corps.

* If you are Corps Manager or Super User, you have the ability to DELETE a kettle record from the edit kettle screen.

This is kinda cool...

* There is now a way to enter and track a budget total for daily net income. New screens to manage this as well as a graph and spread sheet report to display how a Corps is doing actual to budget for net income.

This produces a line graph as well as a spread-sheet type screen that tracks Net income to budget.

I've setup this Multi-Corps demo web site with User / Corps Manager, and Super User logins. Please feel free to explore the site:

1. Open my website at: <http://www.pwhdev.com/>

2. Click on the Kettle Tracking Website (demo) Link:
<http://www.pwhdev.com/kettle/login.html>

3. The User / Corps Manager / and Super User logins are listed on that page so you can login at the various levels for each Corps to see how the system works.

Kettle Volunteer information.

There is now a 'Public Facing' portion of the website that can be used as a tool to attract volunteers to help stand kettles. This page can be linked to send potential Volunteers to the site and allow them to enter contact information as well as see Kettle Locations in their neighborhood.

1. Open my website at: <http://www.pwhdev.com/>
2. Open the [Kettle Volunteer Signup example Website NEW](#) (Link) to display the page.
3. Click on the drop-down and select one of the zip codes. Click on SEARCH.
4. Select one of the MAP links to see where this Kettle Location is.
5. Select one of the address links to fill out a volunteer form and send an email to the kettle coordinator. If you enter your home address, the CC email that you receive will have a link to give you street directions from your house to the kettle location.

Preliminary Website setup.

The first question is if you are going to host the sites on your own internal server or at a hosting site. Typically, the Angel Tree and the Kettle Tracking site are on the same physical server, just in a separate directory.

The next section is information you may use to purchase and configure a public hosting site.

You will need to reserve a domain name (website address) and also select a hosting company for your website. I happen to use the <http://www.godaddy.com/> folks, but there are lots of them out there. The price goes down if you purchase a year or longer. Many sites have special promotions if you poke around the web.

The requirements are a windows server that supports Classic ASP and MS Access as the Database with the potential of using MSSQL as well. I think these are all included in the GoDaddy package, but there are lots of hosting packages out there.

If you already have a windows based website, then you don't even need to do anything else. We would just create a directory for the Angel Tree programs and go from there.

If you don't, then you will need to pick a new domain name and purchase that as well as the hosting company.

Once you have a website name and hosting company, they will send you instruction on how to FTP the files to the website. Let me have this information, and I'll copy the Angel Tree files to your site so you can begin to get familiar with it. We can reset the data later and remove all of the test names.

You will need to purchase an SSL certificate for your site if you want to secure the information with SSL :: http vs https.

We can build a welcome page that gives links to both Angel and Kettle -- and the links will initiate the SSL connection. Each of the subsequent link and page requests will stay on SSL.

What is needed to configure a site?

1. A name and a two character code for each Corps.
2. Start thinking about how to setup appointment times for each Corps. What we will need to do is estimate the approximate number of families each corps will serve, then divide that out across the pickup date(s) and times. We can discuss this further.
3. We need to create at least one Corps manager for each site and a password that they can change later. I suggest one each Corps Officer. They can login and add additional users for their Corps. The SuperUser accounts can setup users for any Corps, but this is typically limited to someone at DHQ or Area Command.
4. I need a list (spreadsheet) for each Corp that shows the zip codes that they serve. This is used to exclude clients that are not in the area that each Corps serves. It should have 4 columns:
Zip Code / County / City / State code