

## Angels in Flight marks 20 years of flying patients

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For all their patients in need over the past 20 years the Angels in Flight have been simply making it happen.

“Who would have thought that we would make it past year one?” said founder and president Gail Courneyea at the For the Love of Greece fundraising event last night at the Shish-Kabob Hut on King Street.

Does Courneyea feel a great sense of accomplishment as her agency turns 20?

“Today is no different than yesterday,” she said. “Every day brings new challenges.”

The motto of Angels in Flight, which was founded in Peterborough but has since spread

its wings to grace every continent in the world, Courneyea said could very well be, “If we couldn’t do it. No one could.”

With that spirit Angels in Flight has connected the sick with the help they require since 1988. “It took 20 years of

developing connections and networking,” Courneyea said.

Last night was more than a fundraiser or the acknowledgement of success; it was a celebration of life complete with the traditional Greek break-a-plate event.

Courneyea, surrounded by two of her 20-year colleagues Lynn Curtis and Elaine Hartwell, and husband John Courneyea, smashed the first dishes with a chorus of “Opa.”

The event attracted 50 members of the community at \$50 a ticket. The Greek inspired celebration also included a silent auction. All the money raised goes directly to the Angels in Flight parent charitable organization Global Angel Charity.



It was a celebration of life and 20 years of work for the crew of Angels in Flight last night at the Shish-Kabob Hut on King Street. Founder and president Gail Courneyea (right) with two 20-year colleagues Lynn Curtis and Elaine Hartwell, and husband...

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