



## **ANGELS NEEDED!**

Are you interested in helping someone out that suffers from drug or alcohol addiction? Would you be willing to donate a little of your time to have a direct impact on someone's path to recovery? There is a program called **Hope Not Handcuffs**, which was created by a non-profit organization called Families Against Narcotics (FAN). With this program, someone suffering from addiction can respond to one of the many participating police agencies, typically any time of day, and ask for help.

The on-duty Officer makes contact with a program coordinator, who then contacts a volunteer "Angel" who lives in the area. The Angel then responds to the police station and provides support to the person in need. The Angel assists with filling out necessary paperwork and other various details, but most importantly provides support and compassion. While the Angel is helping at the police station, another coordinator is on the phone working diligently to find a treatment facility that can take this person in immediately or as soon as possible. **Timing is critical at this stage.** If we can not get this person into treatment quickly the power of addiction can be too strong. When the right treatment facility is found, the Angel and coordinator assist with finding a safe means of transportation to get there.

The South Lyon Police Department has agreed to participate in this program and they need volunteer "Angels". It is also possible that other police departments in the same area will soon be in need of Angels as well.

If you live in the South Lyon area (within a 20 or 30 minute drive) and are interested in becoming an Angel, please email Pam Blair at [pblaircv89@comcast.net](mailto:pblaircv89@comcast.net). Pam is a Director of the Southwest Oakland/Livingston County FAN Board. We look forward to hearing from you. For more information: <http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/hopenothandcuffs>.

**ARE YOU WILLING TO DONATE YOUR TIME TO HELP SOMEONE'S PATH TO RECOVERY?**

