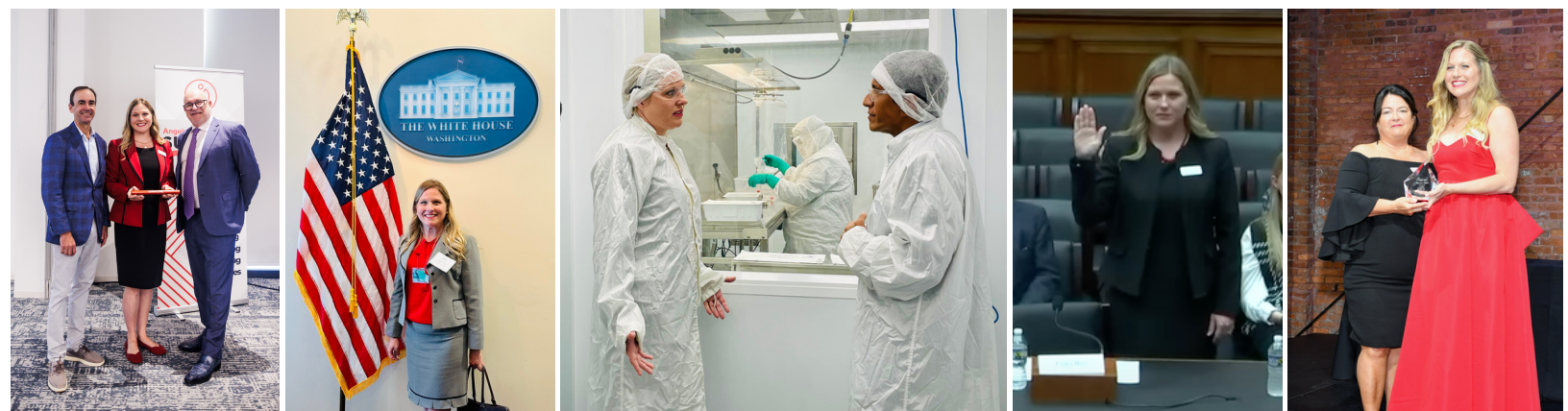




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**Angels for Change Newsletter
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ALL IN for 2024

As 2023 comes to an end, I find myself thinking about how much can change in 12 months.

One year ago, I was submitting my student's grades for the final time while trying to run Angels for Change and prepping for the holidays with family. I simply could not run at the pace needed to be both Chief Change Maker and Adjunct Professor. So, we took a leap of faith that donations would continue and I quit working at my college. We went "ALL IN", replacing my adjunct professor paycheck from funds raised and donated to A4C.

In January when the semester started without me, I admit I truly felt the change. Since 2004 meeting new students and starting new courses had been a consistent through all major life changes; pregnancies, births, moves, illness, hospital stays, and the launch of A4C.

During those early founding days, I spent many office hours chatting with my fellow business department colleagues about the unique economics of this supply chain and sharing our successes and failures as real-life case studies with my students. Yet, to achieve our mission of ending drug shortages, my time and focus could no longer be divided. I had to put a pause on that chapter.

With this change, I found new freedoms to say yes to travel opportunities and collaborations. And travel I did! I am very proud of the amount of awareness, action, and impact our Change Maker work and message has received this year.

12 months ago, I had only traveled to speak and been interviewed a few times, very few policy members knew about drug shortages or our work, and our reach to patients and facilities was fairly small. But with each article published and every speaking engagement more patients learned of our work, reaching out for help, and more Change Makers joined in the race.

The list of achievements of this year sometimes overwhelms me; White House visits, Congressional testimony, policy work, national interviews and profiles, a sold out SummitONE, scaling project PROTECT 4 times, keynote speaker invitations, building our Inventory Sharing Network, and supporting patients nationwide, to name a few.

4 years ago, I just wanted my daughter to live. Now, I spend my days making sure all US citizens live (learn about 4 of them in this issue) and building the supply chain they all deserve. It truly is amazing what can be accomplished in 12 months when you go "ALL IN". Imagine what we will achieve in the next 12 months. Who is "ALL IN" with me?



Laura Bray
Chief Change Maker



SPOTLIGHT: MICHAEL

Every drug shortage has warriors every warrior has a story. Today we share the story of Michael Thompson, a Shortage Warrior from Ankeny, Iowa. Michael had a recurring, minor throat irritation and earache which led to his diagnosis of cancer. When he went in for his second round of induction therapy, he was told his most critical chemotherapy drug for his treatment plan was not available due to a shortage. "I don't need to be a doctor to realize that even the best doctors can't provide me with the best care if they don't have access to the necessary chemotherapy drugs." wrote Michael.

[READ MICHAEL'S FULL STORY](#)

THE “INDUSTRY’S ACCIDENTAL EXPERT”



NPR and Yuki Noguchi interviewed Laura Bray about how she took on the drug shortage crisis after her daughter faced a drug shortage during her battle with leukemia. Read the article and listen to the on air segment on NPR’s “All Things Considered”...

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STAT NEWS INTERVIEWS CHIEF CHANGE MAKER, LAURA BRAY, IN LATEST DRUG SHORTAGE ARTICLE



Laura shared her insight on the Administration's new actions to strengthen America's supply chains and secure key sectors in this STAT News Article, where she says, “We have spent years fighting about where to start...Where is irrelevant as long as we start and it helps patients.”

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SHORTAGES HIT RECORD HIGH AND LAWMAKERS WARN THAT COULD MEAN “LIFE OR DEATH FOR MILLIONS OF PATIENTS”



The Daily Mail article on the current state of US drug shortages reaching record highs, the latest US Senate drug shortage hearings, and the story of our Chief Change Maker, Laura Bray.

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SPOTLIGHT ON AMERICA INVESTIGATES DRUG SHORTAGE IMPACTS



Spotlight on America and Lisa Fletcher investigated the impact of drug shortages and covered the work our Chief Change Maker, Laura Bray, does to protect America's patients from crisis. Laura said, "Don't let this moment go away. Don't miss this moment...We've got to do the work, and everyone has got to come to the table."

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PHARMACISTS CAN MAKE SHORTAGE DRUGS, BUT AT WHAT COST?



STAT News and John Wilkerson looked into the different pathways pharmacists and compounders take to help mitigate drug shortages. Angels for Change's Project PROTECT was spotlighted for the work we do with our 503B partners to build resilience in the pharmaceutical supply chain.

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MOM CREATES NON-PROFIT TO HELP COMBAT DRUG SHORTAGES AT THE PATIENT LEVEL



Simplemost wrote about our Chief Change Maker, Laura Bray, and how she founded Angels for Change to make a lasting impact on U.S. healthcare.

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CHEMO DRUG SHORTAGE REQUIRES “HOLISTIC SOLUTION”



Cure Today Magazine highlighted Angels for Change and provided the heartbreaking choices physicians around the country are facing. They quoted Dr. Kristen Rice who explained a drug shortage dilemma: “Do you treat the mother with ovarian cancer who has two young children or the grandfather with lung cancer?”

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AMERICA IS EXPERIENCING YET ANOTHER DRUG SHORTAGE. HERE’S WHY IT KEEPS HAPPENING.



The New York Times published Dr. Emily Tucker’s article discussing the causes of America’s persisting drug shortage issues. This piece featured Angels for Change for our work helping patients in dire need secure their life-saving treatments.

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A Week in the Life of Our Chief Change Maker

Monday
 7:45am - Fly to DC
 11:00am - World Quality Week (WQW) Prep call
 12:00pm - ARPA-H Spoke Membership
 2:30pm- Patient VinBlastine Shortage
 3:00pm - TPN Support
 4:00pm - Milken Conf.
 8:00pm - Hotel

Tuesday
 8:00 am - Brookings Breakfast
 10:00am - White House Demo Day
 4:00pm - Patient Doxorubicin Shortage
 6:00pm - Fly to St. Louis
 7:00pm - Event Dinner
 10:00pm - Hotel for Presentation Prep

Wednesday
 7:30am - Attend APIIC Event
 1:45pm - Panel Expert at APIIC Event
 4:30pm - Patient Norditropin Shortage
 6:00pm Patient Dacarbazine Shortage
 8:00pm - Fly to FL
 8:30pm- WCW Presentation Prep
 12:00am-Home

Thursday
 7:30am - WCW Presentation at Xellia
 9:30am - Policy Meeting
 11:00am - Patient Beyfortus Shortage
 11:30am - Fox 13 Interview
 1:00pm - Patient Nefazodone Shortage
 2:30pm- WCW Presentation 2 at Xellia
 4:00pm-Project GOLD

Friday
 9:00am-TB Alliance TB Drug Shortages
 11:30am - EDSA Committee Meeting
 12:30pm - Board Meeting Prep
 2:00pm- A4C Board Meeting
 3:00pm-Patient Vyanse Shortage
 5:00pm-Summit 2024 Kickoff Meeting

2023 FUTURE OF HEALTH SUMMIT

On November 6-8th, Milken Institute hosted the 2023 Future of Health Summit in Washington, DC. This event brought over 750 medical experts, policymakers, patient advocates, healthcare workers, and a community of global leaders together to enact real change.

During the supply chain panel, "Transforming the Health-Care Supply Chain for the Future," Kirk Kaminsky, President of McKesson said, "Angels for Change led by Laura Bray is something McKesson is thrilled to be a part of."



We are thankful to attend this important healthcare event and proud to partner with the McKesson Corporation to ensure patient access.

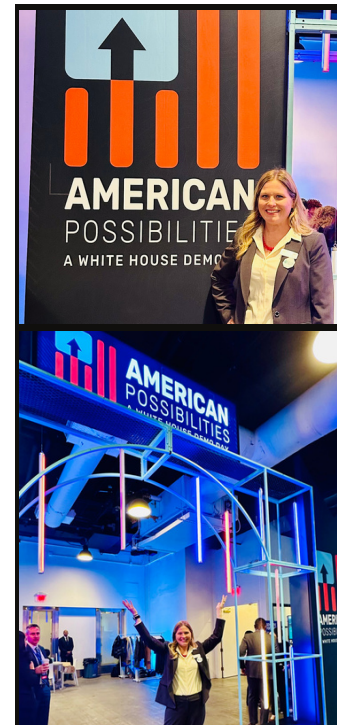
To watch the clip from Kirk Kaminsky, click [here](#).
To learn more and watch the full panel discussion click [here](#).

WHITE HOUSE DEMO DAY

While in DC our Chief Change Maker, Laura Bray, was invited to attend the 2023 White House Demo Day. This event showcases over 40 top entrepreneurs and innovators who are making strides for the advancement of American lives.

"When I look back on this week, I want to remember that I shook the hand of two veterans with robotic arms and saw a paralyzed veteran walk at the American Possibilities White House event. There are so many amazing people working on so many important world problems. This is how the world is changed by people envisioning a world without the problem and then building the innovation that will end them for all." - Laura Bray

For more information on the purpose and start of The White House Demo Day, visit <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/demo-day>



CHANGE MAKER CHALLENGES

If you or your organization are looking for a great way to partner with us in 2024, host a Change Maker Challenge!

For more information contact: communications@angelsforchange.org



Host an Event
5K, Luncheon,
Bake Sale, etc..



Build awareness
of the drug
shortages crisis



Share our A4C
mission to
bring change



Help raise
funds to fuel
our cause

2023 WARRIOR STORY VIDEO

Every drug shortage has patient Warriors fighting for their lives. Every Warrior has a story. Hear just 3 of them here.



This year was a dire year for drug shortages. Patients throughout the country were impacted. Angels for Change is the only patient advocacy organization in the country that takes calls from patients, physicians, and pharmacists and connects them to supply during shortage. We answered every call, walked beside every patient, and activated our Inventory Sharing Network hundreds of times to get patients back on protocol with a 98% success rate. Hear from 3 of those warriors share, in their own words, what it is like to be in a drug shortage and the hope they found in A4C fighting for them. Patients are the reason we fight to end drug shortages. Patients deserve better.

The knowledge that for every patient who finds us, countless face this battle alone because they do not know we exist keeps us up at night. As a 501c3 charitable organization we rely on contributions to help patients and families impacted by drug shortages. We need your support to help more patients in crisis!

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API INNOVATION CENTER'S PLENARY EVENT:

On November 8th, API Innovation Center held a Plenary Event, "Pathway to Build Supply Chain Resilience for Critical Drugs." The event was in response to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) report, [BOLD GOALS FOR U.S. BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOMANUFACTURING](#).

Laura Bray spoke as a panelist along with other subject matter experts, strategic partners, and consortium members, that will turn discussions into actionable recommendations for the White House OSTP. These attainable solutions will be turned into White Papers that will hopefully help shape the future of the pharmaceutical industry.



CENCORA INNOVATION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE FORUM:

Cencora, previously AmerisourceBergen, invited our Chief Change Maker Laura Bray as a guest speaker during their Innovation Community of Practice Forum on October 19th. This internal company event works to inform, inspire, and team up with colleagues from across the organization. Laura spoke on why she views herself as a social entrepreneur, the way she used the principles of Entrepreneurship to build Angels for Change, and how she uses those principles every day to support patients in need and bringing actionable change to end drug shortages.

THE “INDUSTRY’S ACCIDENTAL EXPERT”

“Continued from page 2” The article dives into the fact that 90% of the majority of medications Americans take are generics. These generics should never be in shortage, especially when patients' lives are at stake.



All Things Considered

At Angels for Change, we know there is a path forward. That is why it is not our mission to simply help the crisis, but instill a permanent systemic change to end drug shortages. "In the four years that she has been doing this, now even big players in pharmaceuticals agree: Bray is the industry's accidental expert. She's the go-to person in the country for patients facing dire drug needs." - Yuki Noguchi

To listen to the “All Things Considered” segment, click [here](#)
To read the full article, click [here](#)



STAT IN DC: POLICIES TO EASE MEDICINE’S PAIN

On November 28th, STAT News hosted STAT in DC: Policies to Ease Medicine's Pain. This event was a response to current work on Capitol Hill that will impact how patients receive and pay for health care.

A4C Chief Change Maker, Laura Bray, provided the patient perspective during the event’s Interstitial. This event brought together policymakers, patient advocates, and industry experts to dive into the biggest issues in health policy and ensure policy decisions make life better for patients.

To watch Laura’s interstitial, click play on the video.



STAT News: Policies to Ease Medicine's Pain
November 28, 2023

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John Ducker
President, Region U.S.
Fresenius Kabi

We are excited to announce our 2024 SummitONE Keynote speaker, John Ducker, President, Region U.S. of Fresenius Kabi!

Join us at our 6th summit as we bring together our nation's key healthcare supply chain decision-makers to collaborate, problem-solve, share patient shortage stories and go "**ALL IN**" to ending drug shortages.

SummitONE 2024 will be hosted at Fresenius Kabi Headquarters in Lake Zurich, Illinois. To become a **Sponsor** or **Presenter** at the only non-profit, patient-focused supply chain event on ending drug shortages, email: Communications@AngelsForChange.org

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 PARTNERS



Thank you to our annual partners for leading the charge in the Change Maker Movement in 2023! This momentous year has been powered by you championing our mission to end drug shortages.

Angels for Change to propel the mission forward to protect hospitals, physicians, and most importantly patients in need of life-saving medicines. Join us in the race to end drug shortages as a 2024 Partner today!

2024 PARTNER INFORMATION

Angels for Change 2024 Events

Save the date and add our 2024 events to your calendar by clicking on the image(s) below!



FROM OUR CHANGE MAKER FAMILY TO YOURS



Happy Holidays!

ENDING DRUG SHORTAGES, TOGETHER



Angels for Change wishes you a Happy Holidays! Thank you to all our Change Makers, volunteers, and champions for being a part of the race to end drug shortages in 2023! This has been our biggest achievements in advocacy, awareness, policy, and supply chain resilience to date, and we would like to share a few of those highlights to recap the year.

Our policy advocacy work intensified this year. Whether it be through [Congressional expert testimony](#), participating in the White House Task Force to end drug shortages, advocating for patients on proposed legislation, or bringing awareness to the drug shortage crisis, Angels for Change was there.

Our patient advocacy led to providing access to over 750,000 life-saving shortage treatments for patients, physicians, and hospitals in need. We received national recognition as a [2023 CNN Champion of Change](#) and a Platinum Award Winning Hermes for an interview on [VerifiedRX Podcast, "No Patient Left Behind: the Race to End Drug Shortages."](#)

Our efforts to spread awareness of the shortage crisis were spotlighted on CNN, Fox News, National Journal, NPR, The New York Times, STAT News, The Wall Street Journal, and many others throughout the year. Lastly, we added seven new essential medicines to our [project PROTECT](#) for a total of nine protected medicines ready to support patients during a shortage.

We could not end drug shortages without you! Angels for Change invites you to jump into the new year by joining us as we go ALL IN on ending drug shortages in 2024!

[DONATE NOW TO OUR END OF YEAR FUNDRAISER](#)

MEET OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM



AUSTIN SIMON BOARD DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

As the Campaign Development Director for Light the Night, Austin has significant expertise in fundraising, donor cultivation, strategic planning, revenue development, staff and volunteer management and marketing.

Austin is far too familiar with cancer, as her grandmother passed away from Multiple Myeloma and her mother-in-law was recently diagnosed with a blood cancer.

Austin received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Florida and her Master of Science from Florida State University. When she's not fueling philanthropic giving, she enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, reading, watching Gator football, and listening to true-crime podcasts.

BRITTNEY KRALICK, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Brittany Kralick is the Director of the Pediatric Hospital Service Line at Cencora, formerly known as AmerisourceBergen, and is Chair of the Women's Impact Network. Brittany leads a unified team supporting standalone children's health systems and identifies synergies to create targeted collaboration and innovation for unique pediatric population needs. She focuses on conceptualizing and proposing market-research studies that serve as valuable tools for the industry. Brittany also proactively partners on process improvement and strategy development within Cencora.

Brittany has been with Cencora for six years, where she has supported health systems across the United States with product access and collaborated on initiatives to help them reach their organizational goals.

