



The Changemaker Chronicle

Summer 2023



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Welcome to the Summer 2023 Angels for Change ChangeMaker Chronicle

As we head into the summer months, drug shortages continues to rise, impacting patients daily. Angels for Change is here to support patients and hospitals through these crises. Protecting all patients from the harm of drug shortage drives me to build a resilient supply chain to end shortages once and for all.

I want to thank all the Change Makers and Supply Chain Champions who have supported patients and hospitals in ensuring access this quarter. We couldn't be doing this work without you! I am honored patients and their families trust me to support them, hear from just one of our patients in our Spotlight Story on Ryan Dwars.

As you read this newsletter, I hope you feel as proud as I am about the impact we have made since our last newsletter in April. It is your support that helps power this change. I could not do this without you. There is so much more that can be done. Angels for Change can't wait to see what's in store for the next quarter.

I want to personally invite you to partner with us by attending or supporting our [Champions for Change 2023 Gala](#) on September 16th and joining our new fundraiser the [Last Angel In](#). Your support allows us to continue our mission.

Join the race to end drug shortages.
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Laura Bray
Chief Change Maker



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SPOTLIGHT: RYAN DWARS

Ryan Dwars, a 36-year-old father of two young children, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, went through treatment, and had reached one-year cancer-free when he learned the cancer had returned. During this second round of treatment, he was startled to learn that his life-saving medication, Cisplatin, was on shortage and that he wouldn't be able to continue his treatment on time,

CANCER PATIENTS ARE CONFRONTING WIDESPREAD SHORTAGES OF CHEMOTHERAPY DRUGS



The Washington Post published an article on the impact of drug shortages on patient care, and highlighted the experience and work of Chief Change Maker Laura Bray.

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US CANCER DRUG SHORTAGE FORCES DOCTORS TO RATION LIFE-SAVING TREATMENTS



Financial Times covered the effects drug shortages have on doctors and their patients.

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DRUG SHORTAGES NEAR AN ALL-TIME HIGH, LEADING TO RATIONING



The New York Times reported on the drug shortage faced by Angels for Change Warrior, Ryan Dwars, and the work done by Chief Change Maker, Laura Bray, to help resolve his shortage.

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'DOES THIS MEAN I DIE?': A LACK OF KEY DRUGS HAS FAMILIES WORRIED, CONGRESS ON ALERT



National Journal reports on how Congress is taking action to work towards ending drug shortages, featuring Congressional testimony given by founder Laura Bray..

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VALRICO MOM COMMITTED TO MAKING SURE LIFE-SAVING DRUGS ARE EASILY ACCESSIBLE



ABC Action News reporter Jillian Ramos interviews Chief Change Maker Laura Bray to learn more about her efforts to end drug shortages for all.

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CHRIS CUOMO INTERVIEWS ANGELS FOR CHANGE WARRIOR RYAN DWARS



Angels for Change is proud to support drug shortage Warrior, Ryan Dwars, who was interviewed by Chris Cuomo on Nation News.

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WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE CHIEF CHANGE MAKER?



Alison Walters, Chief Operations Officer, Chairwoman of the Angels for Change Board of Directors (a volunteer position).

I spent fourteen days as Interim Chief Change Maker while our founder Laura Bray was out of the country. As a guest writer this is my experience.

I am a founding board member. I've worked very closely with Laura since A4C's inception. I know the patient stories are gut-wrenching. However, the pressure of receiving the patient messages firsthand and being the point person exceeded my expectations. Laura gave me advice before she left saying "Try not to stress. You don't have to know everything. You just have to stand with the patient so they know they are not alone and remind the supply chain that patients deserve more." While that sounded comforting at the time, it was hard to remember in the moment.

I was tasked with handling patient and hospital inquiries, trying to triage them, and connecting them to supply chain members. The requests ranged from: "My wife needs this drug for her chemo treatment, but her treatment

center is having trouble getting it. Please help!" to the utterly dire, "We are aware it is noon on the Friday of a holiday weekend, but we have a child who will not be able to have his scheduled stem cell transplant if we do not have this drug by Monday. Can you help us?"

In playing this role, however briefly, here is what I learned:

- Patients who come to us feel hopeless, misunderstood, and like their situation doesn't matter to the medical community.
- Some hospital systems ask for a few treatment units; some ask for a month's supply. It's hard to figure out what each really needs.
- The media often requests the saddest, most extreme cases. A4C is very protective of our patients and their stories. We will not knowingly assist any media entity that seems exploitative.
- When my news feed brings up the story of patient in shortage, I wonder if I should reach out to that patient or wait for them to contact me. If I reach out, though, how do I find everyone in need?
- Attending a White House meeting on shortages as the A4C representative is one of the most stressful tasks. I felt ill-prepared; I didn't know what I could add to the conversation. So, I tried to remember the amount of progress Angels for Change has made by just being present as the voice of the patient in the conversation.



When Angels for Change was founded, I promised to stand beside Laura, but I never wanted to be Chief Change Maker. It is a testament to Laura's resilience, strength, competence, and determination that our organization has accomplished as much as it has in the past three years. However, we need to hire positions that can create redundancy at A4C, help Laura, and grow the mission. If Laura gets hit by a bus tomorrow, I will not be taking over as Chief Change Maker. The question that haunts me is, who would?

EXAMINING THE ROOT CAUSES OF DRUG SHORTAGES: CHALLENGES IN PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG SUPPLY CHAINS



On May 11th, Angels for Change Founder and Chief Change Maker Laura Bray, along with three other witnesses, gave testimony at the House Committee on Energy and Commerce hearing in Washington D.C.

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CHEMOTHERAPY ON SHORTAGE: CISPLATIN IMPORT

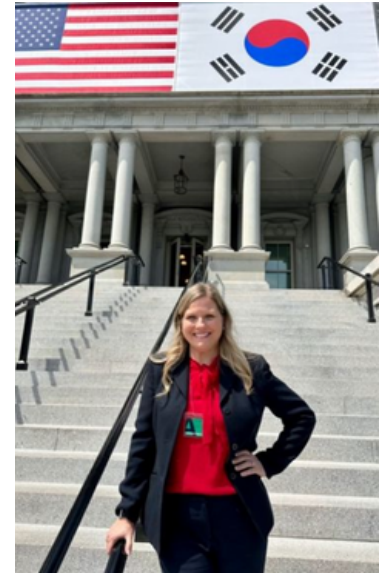
Angels for Change has been working closely with the FDA to communicate updates on the [recently reported chemotherapy shortages](#). We are pleased to announce that the FDA has worked with Qilu Pharmaceuticals and Apotex Corp. to temporarily import cisplatin to help meet patient needs during this current shortage crisis.

According to the FDA, “in this situation, we very carefully assess the overseas product for quality, making sure that its safe for U.S. patients. Please see the entry in our [drug shortages database](#) as well as the [“Dear Health Care Provider” letter](#) regarding this action. We will continue all efforts with the approved manufacturers in addition to any potential importation efforts to meet all patient needs for the oncology drugs impacted by shortages.”

WHITE HOUSE INVITATION

In April 2023, the White House invited Chief Change Maker Laura Bray to speak about her perspective on the drug shortage crisis. Laura was able to advocate for the patients being impacted by drug shortages, and worked with other leaders to create possible solutions to end this national crisis.

"Never underestimate the power of one person standing up for what is right, finding the culture of the willing, and collaborating to do more together than apart," Laura said.



BUILDING A MORE RESILIENT SUPPLY CHAIN: APEC MEDICAL PRODUCT SUPPLY CHAIN DIALOGUE



Angels for Change founder Laura Bray was a panelist at the APEC Medical Product Supply Chain Dialogue, co-sponsored by the [FDA](#) and [US Pharmacopeia](#) to discuss "Identifying vulnerabilities in the upstream supply chain."

Regarding this important gathering of supply chain leaders, Laura said, "We are proud to represent the patient perspective with subject matter experts and global leaders today. It is through dialogue, leading to collaboration, followed by action, that we will end drug shortages."

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IMPROVING PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCY: CAPTIS 23 CONFERENCE

Chief Change Maker Laura Bray was invited as a keynote speaker and panelist at the Captis 2023 Conference hosted in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

This important conference focused on discussions to improve the pharmaceutical supply chain in the US. Laura gave insight on how to strengthen supply chain resiliency from her expertise of navigating the multi-stakeholders of manufacturers, distributors, purchasers, and hospitals.



END DRUG SHORTAGE ALLIANCE UPDATE

The EDSA launched in 2021 with the help of Angels for Change and Laura Bray. In the last 18 months, it has now grown to over 172 members from different organizations and leaders within the supply chain. It is through this type of continual collaboration we will end drug shortages. The next EDSA board meeting will be hosted on July 11th, before the start of SummitONE.

EDSA has four goals, with committees dedicated to each one to achieve the success of this collaborative effort. Those four goals are:

- Transparency and Redundancy
- Quality
- Production of Additional Supply
- Pediatrics and Special Populations



If you are a member of the supply chain and want to join the EDSA, click the button below.

[Join Today](#)

Angels for Change summitONE

Together Ending Life Saving Drug Shortages

Angels for Change is on a mission to end life-saving drug shortages. We created SummitONE to bring supply chain members and health system leaders together and commit to that mission.

Thank you to our presenting partner AmerisourceBergen for hosting SummitONE 2023. We look forward to seeing all who registered on July 11 & 12th, 2023 at the AmerisourceBergen Headquarters in Conshohocken, PA.

[More Information](#)

HOUSE CANCER CAUCUS BRIEFING ON CHEMOTHERAPY SHORTAGES

The Society of Gynecology Oncology and the Foundation of Women's Cancer held a webinar to discuss the shortages impacting chemotherapy drugs. This collaborative effort gathered experts to share ideas, strategies and techniques to help providers communicate with patients about this drug shortage crisis.

Angels for Change is grateful to be invited to these important conversations as the only patient advocacy, non-profit in the US mission-driven to end drug shortages.

Why does the Drug Supply Chain Lack Resilience?

Problem #1

Lack of incentives that reward manufacturer investments in supply chain resilience. Drugs in shortage have a median price of <\$9 per dose.* Many are <\$1 per dose.

Problem #2

Providers and purchasers are unable to identify high-quality products with resilient supply chains and select these products.

* FDA Drug Shortage Task Force Report, 2019. <https://www.fda.gov/medical/131130/download>

Adequate tools do not exist today. Developing tools and organizations must be supported.

- Collaborative Organizations:
 - Duke-Margolis Drug Supply Chain Resilience Consortium
 - End Drug Shortages Alliance (EDSA)
- Drug Supply Chain and Quality Measurement Tools:
 - FDA Quality Management Maturity Program (QMM)
 - FDA Risk Management Plans (RMPs)
 - RISC Ratings
 - USP Medicine Supply Map, TraceLink's Product Availability Intelligence, Valisure

[WATCH FULL BRIEFING](#)

**September 16, 2023
7pm-11pm**



**Armature Works
Tampa, FL**

You are invited to join Angels for Change's largest fundraiser of the year to celebrate, dance, buy from our live/silent auction and more!

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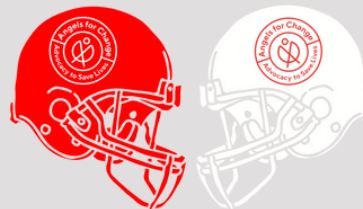
Thank you to all our partners and those who participated in Swim2End Shortages 2023!



Announcing New Fundraiser: Last Angel In

Are **you** a NFL football fan and a Change Maker? Have **you** been looking for a fun and interactive way to support our mission?

Join the **Last Angel In!** A fun competition that benefits Angels for Change and the patients we protect.



\$100 Entry Fee

- o 50% of the fee goes to Angels for Change as donated dollars
- o 50% of the fee goes to Prize Money (minus filing fees for annual 990 form)

Our goal is to have over 500 participants. Share with friends, family or colleagues who will join! The more entries we get, the more patients we can help AND the more YOU can win!

TO REGISTER EMAIL: SIGNUP@LASTANGELIN.ORG

[More Information and Rules](#)

CHANGE MAKER CHALLENGES

Thank you McKesson Health Systems for coordinating the May Change Maker Challenge! We are grateful for your efforts to increase awareness of drug shortages and for raising over \$1,200 through your Helping Hands Charitable Committee Walk/Run 5K.

"It was a pleasure to organize and participate in the Virtual Run/Walk event for Angels for Change! This is such an amazing organization doing tremendous work to end drug shortages for all! We are doing all we can to raise awareness of the great work being done and the need to get involved." - Kelly Hunter, Executive Assistant at McKesson

Change Maker Challenges are designed to raise funds, expand awareness of the A4C mission, bring attention to the issue of life-saving drug shortages, and help reach more families who need help accessing the medication they need to successfully treat life-threatening illness.

Who wants to host our next Change Maker Challenge?



July: open!	August: open!	September: open!
October: open!	November: open!	December: open!

To coordinate your own challenge, send us an email at: communications@angelsforchange.org

MEET OUR TEAM



MICHAEL OTTMAN, COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Michael Ottman is our new Communication and Development Manager. He is originally from Andover, Minnesota. He received his B.A. in Marketing from Benedictine College in Atchison, KS.

Michael and his wife, Betsy, moved to the greater Tampa area in March of 2020 with

their golden doodle named Rory. They are excited to continue to golf, find new adventures and explore Florida! Michael looks forward to working with Angels for Change to generate awareness and end drug shortages.

Welcome to the Team Michael! We are lucky to have you!

TERRI WILSON, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Terri Lyle Wilson leads the pharmacy efforts for Children's Hospital Association (CHA), the voice of more than 220 children's hospitals. Terri is a pharmacist with years of experience in a variety of professional settings including Home Infusion and Hospice, Ambulatory, and Population Health. In her current role, she works with and supports the nation's leading pediatric hospitals and the patients they serve. Terri's passion to end drug shortages has led to some of her most relevant professional achievements: the Pediatric Drug Shortage Project published in conjunction with Vizient, and the most recent Angels for Change/STAQ/CHA drug shortage mitigation pilot focused on concentrated electrolyte supply, which has evolved to become Project Protect.



THANK YOU!

Your partnership with Angels for Change is vital for the success of our mission to end drug shortages. We can't wait to see you at the Gala on September 16th to thank you in person!



Angels for Change's fundraising dollars go 100% to helping patients. Whether it's through grants for Project Protect, expenses for SummitOne, or travel costs for raising awareness, we can guarantee that every dollar we receive from our donors goes to resolving drug shortages, whether reactively or proactively.

Together, we can help end drug shortages. Please continue to support our work, donate to our mission, and spread the news of our work to others.

**SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT**

