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ADOPT A HOUSE PROGRAMS



Construction Industry Organizations

This is a great opportunity to get involved
in your community!

Mission Statement

Angels Unaware, Inc. is a non-profit corporation operating in Hillsborough County, whose express goal is to provide quality professional residential group-home care and supported living services for severe and profound developmentally disabled individuals. We currently own and operate eight homes serving forty nine handicapped residents. Each home is highly specialized to serve the individual needs of its residents. Current training utilizes a behavioral management approach designed to meet the needs of each individual. A board of directors, made up of parents, concerned professionals and other concerned citizens from the community, governs the corporation.

Openings are still available for additional board members.

Please contact our office to see how you can join our board.

A Word From Ross

Ross O' Banion
Executive Director

From time to time I find items that in my opinion bear repeating. As these United States are facing a very difficult time economically (including Angels Unaware, Inc.), please bear with me as I encourage myself and hopefully others. Recently, a well know host of a national talk show came up with 9 principals that have helped to make our country truly great. Here they are, simple but true.

1. America is good.
2. I believe in God and He is the Center of my life.
3. I must always try to be a more honest person that I was yesterday.
4. The family is sacred. My spouse and I are the ultimate authority, not the government.
5. If you break the law you pay the penalty. Justice is blind and no one is above it.
6. I have a right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, but there is no guarantee of equal results.
7. I work hard for what I have and I will share it with who I want to. Government cannot force me to be charitable.
8. It is not un-American for me to disagree with authority or to share my personal opinion.
9. The government works for me. I do not answer to them, they answer to me.

Thank You Glenn Beck.

Recently Angels Unaware, Inc. had an audit by the I.R.S. Like most citizens, we were "concerned" that perhaps we had done something inadvertently incorrect, after all the tax code is not what we call user friendly. The good news is that Angels Unaware, Inc., after a detailed review for 3 solid days, was found to have done absolutely nothing incorrect. In fact the auditor stated verbally "This is the best non-profit I have reviewed in my 8 years with the I.R.S." Now that is good news!!! Of course I would like to thank the people that help me make this possible, Marcello Sempe, our CPA, our office staff and management team and especially our consumers that remind me everyday who this is really all about.

God Bless America and thank you for your continued support. Angels Unaware, Inc. is **36 years old** and still counting.

Letter From the President—Gary Pailthorp

Spring Clean-up

Please take this opportunity to contribute to the spring clean-up at each of the Angels homes. If you have time and the inclination, you can volunteer to participate. We will be weeding flowerbeds, trimming bushes, cleaning gutters and downspouts and what ever needs doing outside. We can use, mulch, plants, fencing and other items. If you or your group wish to participate in any way please e-mail me at gpailthorp@verizon.net let me know what you are interested in providing. If it is for a specific home please identify the home. The date for each clean-up has not been set, but I will forward your contact information to the appropriate person and we will make sure you have an opportunity to participate.

Angels Auxiliary

These organizations and individuals proudly support Angels Unaware.
God Bless our Donors.

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Back to the Future?

A Message from Jim Freyvogel, President/CEO
MacDonald Training Center



Interior of dormitory in building at Florida Farm Colony, circa 1915

In 1921, the State of Florida opened the *Florida Farm Colony for the Feeble Minded and Epileptic*. The stated purpose of this institution was to protect people with developmental disabilities by segregating them from society. The idea must have been popular because five other such institutions followed. All six eventually became known as Sunland Centers. By the late 1950's, nearly 10,000 Floridians were confined in these institutions. Their only crime was to have been born with a disability.

Forty years ago, the citizens of Florida realized their mistake and began to close these Centers and return the people to their communities. Now it appears that the Florida Legislature is about to reverse its position on community integration. There is a movement afoot to amend Chapter 393 F.S. which currently limits the number of individuals in a single community residential setting to six. The amendment would allow "gated, planned communities" consisting only of people with developmental disabilities. Once again the stated purpose of these communities is to protect people with developmental disabilities. This movement is buttressed by the state's desire to "do more with less" as it attempts to balance an ever shrinking budget. The formula is as simple now as it was in 1921... protecting people with developmental disabilities + cost efficiencies resulting from the warehousing of people = people being confined and segregated.

To all of you who have supported us and our mission over all of these years, we wish to assure you that MacDonald Training Center is **not** part of this new movement and that we are prepared to meet any challenge and pay any price to remain true to that mission. No matter the circumstances, we will continue to **"empower people with disabilities to lead the lives they choose."**

Angels Unaware needs your help!

Please check with your Tax Advisor and consider a donation to Angels Unaware, Inc. and the Developmentally Disabled we serve. Donations to Angels Unaware, Inc. are eligible for tax exemption consideration and benefit subject to current tax laws. Our regular donors are reminded that donations must be postmarked by December 31, 2009 in order to be credited to the 2009 tax year.

Tampa Connection

The Tampa Connection has chosen Angels Unaware, Inc. for one of their upcoming projects for this year. They are producing a DVD presentation for use on our web site and for marketing and training purposes.

Thank you to The Tampa Connection and Jeff Paul Pesce with Enovacion Multimedia

Restaurant Raffle

The board of directors will be soliciting for this year's Annual Restaurant Raffle soon.

If you care to donate to this year's fundraiser, please send in your "Dinner for Two" gift certificates to our office.

We appreciate your support.

“Adopt a House” Program

The “Adopt a House” program is for those organizations that are familiar with or are equipped for house maintenance and repairs. Construction companies and construction industry associations are best suited for this program. Certain civic and social clubs may have this experience, too. This program involves an organization assuming the responsibility of all house repairs and maintenance for a particular home. Our office maintains a data base of past donors that have helped Angels Unaware, Inc. with house repairs and maintenance. Your organization may want to do the work itself or use our data base to delegate the work. Our goal is to have one organization that we can count on to get the work completed and reduce or eliminate the costs associated with maintaining a house.



Sign-up for one program or both!

Download a brochure from our web site.



“Adopt a Home” Program

The “Adopt a Home” program addresses the personal side of our homes. Adopting a home puts an organization in direct contact with the residents. Our goal is to develop a long-term, personal relationship with your organization and our residents. Each house has specific needs for the holiday season, summer vacations, birthdays and special events. Your group will help meet those needs throughout the year. Birthday parties, holiday gifts and decorations, escorts for special events, picnics, theme parks, church, and community services are a few areas that we need your help. Your group could act as escorts or just provide the financial assistance for these events. If your adopted home participates in Special Olympics, we ask that your group be a supporter or perhaps a “Unified Partner” of the athletes in that home. Your group could choose to help Angels Unaware, Inc. with its annual fund raising efforts or hold your own.

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Angels Auxiliary
Member.**

**Join the many
friends of
Angels Unaware
and lend a
helping hand.**

**Please contact
our office to see
how you can
help.**

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**Visit us on the web at
www.angelsunaware.com**

H.A.L.O.

Update

The H.A.L.O. Foundation supports Angels Unaware, Inc. and the developmentally disabled. The foundation has just seated a new board of directors for 2009.

Bob Albano - President Cliff May - Vice President
Melody Osborne - Secretary Mike Sweeney - Treasurer

Grant Writer Needed

The board of directors is looking for an experienced grant writer to help with a few upcoming projects for 2009.

Contact the H.A.L.O. Foundation

Visit our web site at www.halo-foundation.com or contact us at
info@halo-foundation.com.