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CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

NOW ON SALE



This beautiful, custom made brass ornament is approximately 4" in diameter, comes in a black gift box and is ready to be hung on your Christmas tree. Thanks to our supporters, Angels Unaware, Inc. ornaments have a wide circulation across the world. They have been used as gifts, attached to presents in place of a bow and have been sent to our troops in every major conflict since 1990. Each ornament is dated and ornaments are available from past years to complete your collection. We use the proceeds from our ornament sales to supplement our transportation costs. With the rising cost of gas and insurance, this fundraiser is an important one for Angels Unaware, Inc. Please order as many ornaments as you can to help us supplement these costs. We believe your friends, neighbors, and co-workers would be happy to receive these Christmas ornaments as gifts or would gladly purchase them from you to help our cause.

[Please click here to order ornaments.](#)

Thank you for your support.

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.

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A Word From Ross

Ross O'Banion, Executive Director

Election Day has come and 'we the people' have spoken. Lets all take a collective sigh of relief as the effect of our vote starts to sink in. No matter what the outcome, remember one important thing, none of us have to listen to another political attack ad for quite a while. Can I get a collective Halleluiah! Now begins the work of holding the winning candidates to the promises that they made by writing them, calling them and supporting them as they represent us. Never letting them forget who they really work for.

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the retirement of my "right hand" administrative assistant and office manager, Mrs. Dixie Martinez. Dixie has given unselfishly to Angels Unaware, Inc. for 20 years. She has put up with my unusual ways, bad spelling and grammar. She has "held down the fort" more times than I can count and has helped grow Angels Unaware, Inc. through some very difficult times. She will be truly missed by all, and it is our hope that this Proverbs 31 woman will fully enjoy every day of her future. God Bless you Dixie and a hearty thank you from all the consumers, parents, and staff of Angels Unaware, Inc. Unofficially, Dixie will be leaving the first of December so please make an effort to call and let her know how much she is appreciated.

In case you have forgotten, Christmas is coming on December 25th again this year. Many of you know that more than 60% of the consumers in our homes do not have living relatives active in their life. This means that Angels Unaware, Inc. takes on the burden of providing Thanksgiving and Christmas for these consumers. Each year we ask businesses, clubs, churches, Sunday school classes, and yes even families to help provide Christmas. We can provide you with basic information and a list of wants and needs. You can do one of two things; a) write a check to help meet that list and we will do the shopping for you, or b) you do the shopping and wrapping, and bring the packages to the main office for delivery on Christmas. Please think about helping Angels Unaware, Inc. with this need for Christmas and Thanksgiving. Please place a memo on any checks "for the scholarship fund."

Don't forget our Christmas Ornaments, these make great gifts for those relatives in far away places that you must send by mail. They are available now on our website. We also have past years' ornaments available for purchase.

Angels Receives New Van

Angels Unaware, Inc. received a new passenger van this year using grant money from the State of Florida. We desperately needed this van and we should all thank Ross and the office staff for putting this grant together. Also, a big thank you to the State of Florida for helping us out.



Angels Auxiliary

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

In honor of James Saenz—Doris Schultz

In Memory of Helen Cray—Jack and Jean Jordan

In Memory of Bill Pooler—C. J. DeAlmeida and Fred and Mary McKewen

In Memory of Ruth Ann Hopkins—Virgil Destefano, Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Lancaster, Wylena McKibben and Mary Lou Surbaugh

Bobalouie's

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N. Tampa Civitan Club

Marks Air

Sufka, Inc.

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GFWC/Land o' Lakes Women's Club

Knights of Columbus

Outback Pro Am

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Innovative Mechanical Contracting

The Talcot Family Foundation

Richard and Laura Raley

Southern Ground Saloon

Temple Terrace Lodge #330 F & AM

Managing a Special Needs Trust A Guide for Trustees

“A Guide for Trustees” (disabilities-Books,2010) is a valuable reference guide for anyone managing a special needs trust for a person with a disability and/or working with their families on future panning. The book explains how special needs trusts relate to the many complicated public health benefit programs that assist people with disabilities.

In clear, understandable language, the book explains how a trustee can use the trust funds for medical;, recreational and transportation needs of a beneficiary with a disability without risking government program benefits, such as SSI, SSDI, Medicaid and Section 8 Housing. It provides many practical examples for readers to follow.

Managing a Special Needs Trust—A Guide for Trustees by Barbara D Jackins, Esq., Richard S. Blank, Esq., Ken W. Shulman, Esq. and Harriet H. Onello, Esq. is for parents, individuals with disabilities, family members and advocates as well as attorneys, financial planners, tax advisors, social workers and educators. This publication is completely revised and updated from an earlier publication. For more information or to purchase the book, go to www.disabilitiesbooks.com/managing_snt/index.html. The ARC receives a portion of sales. When purchasing the book on line, in the “Redeem Coupon” box, enter ARC.

Scholarship Fund

If you have been a reader of our newsletter or a supporter of Angels Unaware, Inc. for any length of time, you are aware that we have a growing number of consumers that no longer have immediate family or relatives alive, or active in their lives due to age or illness. Angels Unaware has established a fund within our organization that helps those consumers without families. Throughout the year we use this fund to help our consumers have and enjoy the same things that others in the group home enjoy. These funds support their birthdays, holidays, vacations, trips to the movies, restaurants, and amusement parks. Because of funding cuts from the State of Florida we occasionally have to use these funds to help repair a wheelchair or help purchase a needed piece of equipment. Sometimes we may have to help with a bill for a consumer.



We do utilize this fund throughout the year but due to the Christmas holidays, our greatest need is towards the end of the year. Perhaps you and your family may consider donating directly to the Scholarship Fund or consider providing Christmas for one of our consumers that no longer has any family alive or active in their life.

Please [click here](#) to learn more or donate to this fund. As always, our guarantee to you is that of every dollar you provide to this fund will be spent directly on the needs of the consumers that we serve.

A copy of Angels Unaware, Inc. official registration and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumer services by calling toll-free 1-800-435-7352 (refer to CH8732) within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.

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, 2010 in order to be credited to the 2010 tax year.



We will miss you Dixie!

Dixie Martinez is retiring after over 20 years with Angels Unaware, Inc. Dixie has touched many lives over the past 20 years in a very special way. We will all miss her very much and wish her the best in her retirement.

Community Service Hours

You can earn community service hours with Angels Unaware, Inc.

Please contact our office for details.

*All of us at Angels Unaware, Inc.
want to wish all of our supporters a very joyous and wonderful holiday season.
We appreciate your generous support throughout the year.
It is because of you that we are able to continue to provide the quality services and care
to the people that we all care so much about.*

Thank you and God bless you.