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Once again, Angels Unaware, Inc. is participating in the 2012 Tampa Bay Pro/Am ticket sales. All sales proceeds go directly to Angels Unaware, Inc. If you already donate to Angels Unaware, Inc. this is a good way to maintain your donation levels and get something back. The Tampa Bay Pro/Am offers a ticket package that will allow you and many of your friends, business associates or coworkers to participate in the events. Angels Unaware, Inc, it's staff, residents, families and supporters want to thank the great people at The Tampa Bay Pro-Am Foundation for including us in their charity event. Additional information is included in this newsletter.

[Click here](#) for a schedule of events and an order form.

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

Most of you are aware that the budget session started 2 months early this year on 1/10/2012 with the goal to address two very important issues.....reapportionment and the state budget (which is due by 7/1/2012). Some are suggesting that the budget discussions should be delayed until the March revenue estimates are revealed as Florida is facing a \$2 billion shortfall in general revenue. Naturally the House and Senate have different approaches and neither supports the other, but because of the current projections, the budget for individuals with developmental disabilities is, of course, at risk yet again with a projected \$40 million deficit for this fiscal year (2011 - 2012). So far, this fiscal year (2011 - 2012) has seen \$27.5 million statewide cuts with the average cost plan falling from \$37,000 to \$33,000, since the beginning of the fiscal year. Let see that would be about an 11-12% cut to Florida's most vulnerable population, yet again.

At the same time Senator Joe Negron has proposed SB 1516 that would narrow the scope of responsibility for APD in three areas.....health, safety and prevention of institutionalization. Achieving independence will be reduced as a priority and will no longer be a directive for APD. At the present time there is no House companion bill but there could be a committee bill introduced in the House. In short, we would have programs in the community that provide 'three hots and a cot' so the DD individuals would not need to go to institutions but providers would need to seek donations from the community to provided anything else in the way of quality of life, training, meaningful day activities, community inclusion, integration, independence, etc....as Medicaid waiver has now become the 'payee of last resort'. I would bet that most of our day programs will not survive. Brilliant move Senator Negron! You have just moved the DD service delivery system back in time to the 1950-60s.

At this point anyone with any conscience would have to agree that neither of these ghastly proposals can be allowed to pass. The DD Council, ARC, FARF and others are asking the Legislature (House and Senate) for a minimum of \$865 million to the APD budget for current waiver recipients. **The question today is "What will you do to prevent these two proposals from gaining traction in this legislative session?"** Will you call your delegation, visit their offices, write their offices and write the editors of your newspaper and ask them to stop sending our citizens with DD back in time? Will you do it every week? Will you do it every day if necessary? As often quoted "evil triumphs when good men and women do nothing" What will you do?

Contact your local State Senators ([click here](#)) and your local State Representatives ([click here](#)) and the Governor's office ([click here](#)) and tell them (in your own words) what it would mean if you had to give up any of these services. Ask them to find their cuts above the service and provider's level. We can't handle more cuts in funding! [Click here](#) to ask (in your own words) the Senators on the Health Regulation Committee to vote against SB 1516.

Angels Auxiliary

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

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Angels Unaware's Annual Picnic



Angels Unaware, Inc. held their annual picnic in September. The food was awesome and everybody had a great time. **Bracken Engineering** sponsored the picnic this year and helped with the cooking, set-up and clean-up. We all appreciate their hard work and kind support.





Since its inception 24 years ago, Tampa Bay's Champions Tour event has contributed over **\$9** million to local charities. 100% of the money raised from all charity ticket packages sold will go directly to the charity that sold the package. **The Charity Ticket Package Includes:**

- Two (2) One Day Green-Hopper Party Passes
- Four (4) Weekly Badges, tournament admittance entire week.
- Ten (10) One Day Passes, tournament admittance any one day.
- Two (2) preferred parking passes.
- One (1) weekday foursome of golf at TPC Tampa Bay.
(April 30 – Sept. 20, Mon. – Thurs., Cart fee approx \$30)
- One (1) Tampa Bay Pro-Am lapel pin.

Total Cost of Package: \$500 (Retail Value: \$1,000)

Green-Hopper Party Pass This pass grants admission into two hospitality areas, offering VIP golf viewing and spectacular hospitality.

Michelob Ultra Watering Hole: This venue on the 17th green features complimentary Anheuser-Busch drafts, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and light snacks. Premium cash bar and concessions are available. Open Wednesday - Sunday.

11th Green Hospitality: This venue on the 11th green features complimentary Anheuser-Busch drafts, featured drinks, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and light snacks. Open Friday - Sunday.

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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, 2012 in order to be credited to the 2012 tax year.

H.A.L.O. Update

The H.A.L.O. Foundation supports Angels Unaware, Inc. and the Developmental Disabled.

The HALO Foundation, Angels Unaware, Inc. and Florida Home Partnership are working on the finishing touches to the contract with The Office of Affordable Housing for our new group home. This contract is scheduled to be approved at a BOCC meeting in March. Once this is completed, construction should begin soon, thereafter.

Please check our web site and this newsletter for future updates.

www.halo-foundation.com