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ANNUAL RESTAURANT RAFFLE

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**Welcome
New Board Member
Robin Girard**



Angels Unaware is holding their annual “Dinner for Two” restaurant raffle to benefit Angels Unaware. Angels’ board of directors have solicited many of Tampa’s local restaurants for “Dinner-for-Two” certificates. This year the tickets are only \$2.00 each!

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a list of prizes and raffle tickets. It is our hope that you will purchase these tickets and send in the stubs with your donation. It is also our hope that you will call our office and ask for more to sell to your friends, family and co-workers. You can also purchase tickets on our web site by [clicking here](#). Please do not forget to utilize your churches, neighborhood kids, businesses or service clubs to assist in selling these tickets. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the construction of our new group home that is already in the design phases! The drawing will be held at our October board meeting on the 18th and all winners will be notified by mail with their winning certificate.

We want to thank all the participating restaurants for lending their support. We also want to encourage all of our members, families and friends to visit these restaurants and thank them for their help.



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 and concerned citizens from the community, governs the corporation.

A copy of Angels Unaware's 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). Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the State of Florida.

A Word From Ross

From the Desk of Ross O'Banion, Executive Director

Several families have been asking what is next as Florida tries to cope with a growing waiting list in excess of 20,000 citizens that are waiting for services from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). Several projects are currently underway with APD and other agencies with in state government. None seem to focus on much other than to provide care for less. And when that becomes impossible, cut the level of care or totally eliminate the service.

We are now starting to go through the implementation of the I-Budget on the heels of the implementation of the Tiers System of funding. Both of these efforts are focused on one thing, to reduce the rates and services that the DD population receives. It is apparent that the service delivery system for DD in Florida will be moved to managed care in the very near future. The end result will be a service delivery system that will look much like the elderly system which is based on a medical model.

Just a few years ago the State of Florida was focused on consumer choice, quality of care, quality of life and building a service delivery system that would be an example for the rest of the nation. Consumers in Florida had day programs five days a week. They had the necessary equipment that they needed and they had choices. Now those words are replaced with medically necessary definitions that change to meet the agency's financial budget limitations, appeals and hearings. Families have to fight to save what limited services they now have (forget what they need). The focus is now on survival as consumer choices fade away.

Florida's DD community desperately need to realize that, unless action and pressure is applied rapidly, continuously and radically to the Governor and the legislature, the DD system in Florida will not be what any will recognize in the near future. **WAKE UP FAMILY MEMBERS, PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS! DEMAND BETTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED POPULATION OF OUR STATE!**

On a sad note, Angels Unaware, Inc., the State of Florida and the entire DD community of Florida has lost a strong champion, advocate, friend and father. Mr. **Trevor Smith** passed away on September 4th and will be missed by all that he served with. He was a faithful board member and a personal friend, advisor, and confidant. We owe a huge debt of gratitude for the life he lived, the legacy and example he left for all of us to follow. Please keep his family in your prayers as they adjust to this loss.

On a positive note Angels Unaware, Inc. and The HALO Foundation will be moving forward with a ground breaking soon for our new wheelchair home in the Lutz area. The drawings are completed and soon the permits will be issued to allow us to begin construction. This home will replace our Angels #2 home that is our oldest and smallest home. It currently is home for 6 consumers. Needless to say we are really excited about this project.

Angels Auxiliary

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

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Frances & John Maples
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In Memory of Ragan Gibson

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L.T. White
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Letter from The President - Gary Pailthorp

It has been a troubling year for Angel's Unaware and for all agencies providing services to the Developmentally Disabled. Earlier this year the State of Florida proposed taking away any money our residents receive from Social Security that is in excess of room and board. That money is now used for clothing, personal care items and any extra needs that always pop-up. For some of our residents who need doctor prescribed over the counter medications and supplements these are not extras, but are essential and are not covered by Medicaid. Due to fast action in contacting our representatives, and threats of law suits, the State of Florida has backed off and is no longer looking at Federal funds provided for our disabled citizens as a source of revenue for the State of Florida.

It is clear to me that there will be further attempts to reduce costs by the State of Florida. It's essential that you keep yourself informed and ready to join other parents and concerned citizens in contacting our representatives when they propose or attempt to impose further cuts. This does work. If you call they will listen. Thank you in advance for standing with us to insure that Angels will be able to continue to provide quality residential care for our residents.

Thank you participating restaurants!

It is because of these restaurants that we are able to hold this important fundraiser. Please stop by and thank them for their support.

RESTAURANT CERTIFICATES

ABC Pizza
 Bonefish Grill
 Carrabba's Italian Grill
 Champps Americana
 The Colonnade
 Cracker Barrel
 Fleming's Prime Steakhouse
 Kon Tiki Restaurant @ Tahitian Inn
 Maggiano's Little Italy
 Mimi's Cafe
 Mitchell's Fish Market
 Outback Steakhouse
 Panera Bread
 Pannaro Pizzeria Napoletana
 Pizza Villa Restaurant
 Red Lobster
 Roy's
 Square One Burgers & Bar
 Tijuana Flats



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 are eligible for tax exemption consideration and benefit subject to current tax laws. Our regular donors are reminded that donations must be post-marked by December 31, 2012 in order to be credited to the 2012 tax year.

Restaurant Raffle Ticket Stubs **\$2.00 each**

Order on line by [clicking here](#) or
 or use these ticket stubs.

Newsletter - Angels Unaware Tampa Restaurant Raffle Ticket Stub

Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Return stub to: P O Box 270040
 Tampa FL 33688-0040

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Attention Service Clubs

Please help Angels Unaware with this year's Restaurant Raffle. We have printed ticket packages available at our office for your service club to sell. A large percentage of last year's ticket sales were from service clubs and we are looking for your help again.

Please contact our office at 813-961-1159 to order ticket packages.

Thank you for your support!



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The H.A.L.O. Foundation supports
Angels Unaware, Inc. and the Developmentally Disabled of Tampa

Please welcome our new Executive Director, Malena Smith.
We also want to welcome our new board member, Ford Smith.
We want to thank them for their hard work and support.

We are all excited about our new group home that is scheduled to begin construction within the next two months. It will be located on Crystal Lake Road in Lutz. It will replace Angels #6 home which is their oldest and smallest home. This home currently has six consumers that use wheelchairs. This new home will be DDA compliant and will give our consumers much more space and easier access. The property is located on Crystal Lake and will offer our consumers a quiet and peaceful view from the living area and back porch.

This project was made possible through grants from the Hillsborough County Office of Affordable Housing written by Angels Unaware, Inc. and Florida Home Partnership, which will be the contractor for the project. We want to thank everybody for their hard work and support.

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**Angels Unaware, Inc.
received 3 new
commuter vans from
a FDOT grant!**

Stay informed on Legislative Issues

Please visit our web site and continue to check out new postings on our [Legislative Information](#) page. It's important to stay up-to-date and to contact your elected officials to discuss issues important to Angels Unaware and the Developmentally Disabled.