



**ANGELS
UNAWARE, INC.**
Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled.

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**PURCHASE A BRICK
FOR OUR NEW
GROUP HOME**

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Donors can purchase bricks with their names and messages engraved on them. These bricks will be installed on the front walk of our new group home which is scheduled to be completed this spring. Every day, our staff, residences and guests will see your name and messages. This a great way to support Angels Unaware and leave a message that will last for many years. Click on the brick above to order your brick.

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 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.

A Word From Ross

From the Desk of Ross O'Banion, Executive Director

"No one is safe as long as the Legislature is in session " quoted a legislator. So with that warning in mind we must remember that our responsibility is to stay engaged in the process, and be passionate about the issues. The most important issue facing the Developmentally Disabled in Florida is summed up into one word – "FUNDING". This is how it stacks up this year.

Governor Scott is recommending funding to serve all the individuals with "critical needs" on the Agency for Persons with Disabilities waiver waiting list. The total waiting list is currently in excess of 20,000, but this would only be targeted toward a smaller portion of that list. Governor Scott's proposed 2014-15 budget includes \$1.14 billion for APD with \$20 million to serve the waiting list. The funding would be to enroll about 1,400 individuals into the APD Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver so they can pay for services in their local community. This is the second year the Governor has recommended funding to serve the waiting list. The Governor's budget proposal is receiving unanimous praise from disability stakeholders. APD Director Barbara Palmer said, this money will allow APD to serve everyone on the list with 'Critical needs'.

Additionally, there is 1 million to assist people on the waiver waiting list who have indicated that they want to go to work. This money which is the second year of funding will continue to pay for Supported Employment and other related services for about 400 citizens with DD. Also there is \$1.8 million for a new APD data system that will provide service-specific information from providers regarding service delivery dates and progress, as well as better verification that services were delivered at the times and locations that were authorized by APD. It will also include an electronic client central record that will provide the agency with information that can be used to more effectively serve individuals by providing electronic information that will track provider services and client progress.

This is great news for the DD community. Please take the time to write Governor Scott and thank him, and then contact every legislator in your delegation and ask them to support the Governor's budget concerning APD. Remember to encourage them to increase the rates that providers are paid to provide services as most of the rates have not been adjusted upward in excess of 8 to 10 years. With business costs increasing this is a real need that cannot be ignored much longer.

Our new home is almost ready for the consumers at Angels #2. Enclosed in this newsletter is a wish list that you, your church or service club, or your business could do to help us get this replacement home designed for the consumers that we have in wheelchairs, opened and running. Please take the time to review this list and see what you can do. Big or small we would appreciate any assistance you can do.

THE GREAT

MOTHER'S DAY RACE

SUNDAY MAY 11, 2014

7:00 AM REGISTRATION

8:00 AM 5K RACE START

AL LOPEZ PARK - TAMPA, FL



- Chip timing
- Tech T's
- Medals
- Photobooth
- Snacks and drinks
- Awards and prizes
- Music and Fun

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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 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, 2014 in order to be credited to the 2014 tax year.

H.A.L.O. Update

The H.A.L.O. Foundation supports
Angels Unaware, Inc.

Our new group home is now in the finishing stages and should be completed this spring.

The H.A.L.O. Foundation
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