



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

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**COME RUN WITH**  
*Tino Martinez*

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The HALO Foundation is holding a 5K race on Sunday, May 3rd at Al Lopez Park in Tampa to benefit Angels Unaware, Inc.

Tino Martinez, 4 time World Champion with the New York Yankees and 2 time MLB All-Star and Tampa native will be our Race Grand Marshall, so come out and run with Tino!

Sign up early and save!

[WWW.THEHALO5K.COM](http://WWW.THEHALO5K.COM)

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## 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.

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## A Word From Ross

From the Desk of Ross O'Banion, Executive Director

As most of you are aware, it is the time of year that our State Legislature and the National Legislature is back in session. This means we all have twice as much to follow, influence, and voice our opinion on the various issues at hand. As citizens and Americans it is our duty and responsibility to hold our representatives accountable for their actions that they should be taking on our behalf. In order to do this it is incumbent upon us to know the issues and to voice our opinions.

Please allow me to encourage you to do this at this time of the year. Below are the issues that are important to Angels Unaware, Inc. please take the time to contact your State Legislature and make them also aware of your support. Call them, write them, and visit them at home to make sure they understand the importance of what we do, and why we do it.

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### ANGELS UNAWARE, INC. 2015 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

A.R.C. of Florida - 2015 Legislative Priorities, Angels Unaware, Inc. supports the entire list, however has chosen to focus on the following two as the most critical. For the complete list please go to their [website](#).

#### **ISSUE #1 – PROVIDER RATE REINSTATEMENT**

**In 2003, the Florida Legislature mandated a provider rate study for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, APD. This is the only validated study that had ever been conducted on APD provider rates by the Legislature. Since 2003, providers have seen their rates decreased over 14%. This decrease has occurred in a 10 year period where minimum wage increased over 54%. Today the state minimum wage is \$7.92 (2014) and now has increased to \$8.05 (2015) but provider rates begin at \$6.72 per hour. In the past 10 years health care, worker's compensation, and property insurance rates, have skyrocketed and inflation has increased over 32%.**

**Solution: Return Provider Rates to the 2003 Level over a 2-Year Period. Increase provider rates by 7% this session and again next year (2016). An investment this year of \$23 million to \$26 million in general revenue funds would allow providers to remain in business and pay minimum wage and over.**

**Companies and the U.S. Military considering Florida locations for installations desire communities where employees can have their family needs met. Offering community based services is an additional enticement for bringing jobs to Florida. Reinstatement of the rates is essential in order to continue Developmental Disabilities Home and Community based waiver services.**

#### **ISSUE #2 – FUND THE WAITING LIST FOR SERVICES**

**Some families have been waiting over 12 years for waiver services.**

**The Legislature and the Governor have worked to fund some of the most crucial needs; however there are still more than 18,000 families without services and many more with reduced services. There are providers with open service positions (group homes with vacant beds, Day Programs with daily vacancies etc.) that could help provide needed services to the citizens and families on the waiting list if the waiting list was fully funded.**

# Angels Auxiliary

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

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and support Angels Unaware, Inc.

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When you order, choose Angels Unaware, Inc as your charity.

Thank you to Lauren Albano and Creative Hand, Inc.  
for creating our run web site. She did a great job with  
the site. We encourage all our supporters to visit her  
web site for great web site ideas and designs.



Thank you for your support!

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### Looking for Gift Ideas?

Concert passes, sporting event tickets,  
movie passes, special event tickets.

These all make great gifts for our residents. Thank you for your support!

Thank you to

**The United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters,  
HVAC and Refrigeration Mechanics  
Local Union 123  
and the  
Mechanical Contractors Association  
of Central Florida's Charity Foundation**

for their continued support for Angels Unaware' Inc.

Their annual golf tournament was held in November of last year and  
Angels Unaware, Inc. was, again, the recipient of their charitable dona-  
tion. Over the years, UA Local 123 & MCA Central Florida Golf  
Tournaments have given \$24,500.00 to Angels Unaware, Inc.

It is because of organizations like this 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 so much!!!!

### **Angels Unaware needs your help!**

Please check with your Tax  
Advisor and consider a dona-  
tion to Angels Unaware, Inc.  
and the Developmentally  
Disabled we serve. Donations  
to Angels Unaware are eligi-  
ble for tax exemption consid-  
eration and benefit subject to  
current tax laws. Our regular  
donors are reminded that  
donations must be post-  
marked by December 31,  
2015 in order to be credited  
to the 2015 tax year.

## H.A.L.O. Update

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

### **Save The Date**

05.03.15

5K run to benefit  
The HALO Foundation  
and Angels Unaware, Inc.  
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