



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

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

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**Angels Unaware, Inc. and The HALO Foundation  
want to wish all of our families and 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.***

## ***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 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

With great anticipation Angels Unaware, Inc. and the HALO Foundation, Inc. move toward their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual [HALO 5K](#) race. This race helps so much to replace a small portion of the funding that has been cut over the last 8 years, and we hope that you will consider participating any way you can. Last year's race was a great success and many dedicated people are working hard to make sure this year's race is even more successful. Consider getting a team at your club, church, family, and/or work place to challenge another local club etc. Perhaps your company or organization would consider becoming a sponsor for this year's race. [Click here for sponsorship information.](#)

For many long term members of the Angels Unaware, Inc. family, it is with great sadness that we announce that Barbara Thacker passed away on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Barbara worked in our very first home as the cook with 12 -15 consumers to please that were very picky eaters. She always did it with grace and love for the consumers and, at the time she retired, she had more years of service than even me. As the first person I met upon becoming Executive Director, she will be missed by me and her family, just as she has been missed since the day she 'laid down' her apron and cooking spoon here at Angels Unaware, Inc. Thank you Barbara and family for sharing a great lady with us.

Many have asked if the Legislature came through with rate increases this session. The short answer is a resounding "NO", even though a great argument was made by the Providers and advocates. So, once again, the State of Florida will remain near the bottom compared to the rest of the 50 states in funding for this rapidly growing population. Our staff, although very well trained and certified in many areas, will remain earning at a minimum wage level while working with some very "difficult to serve" consumers that demand constant care. Please take the time to voice your care and concern to the legislative delegation for not significantly increasing the Residential Habilitation, Transportation, and Supported Living APD Medicaid Waiver rates yet again.

Thank you all once again for the support you show Angels Unaware, Inc. on a daily basis. We work very hard to earn and keep your trust in us and will continue to manage all resources provided wisely. People always ask us what we can use in the homes. With 50 plus consumers to feed, food is always a great choice, especially meats that we can freeze on use over a long period. With Thanksgiving and Christmas on the way, turkeys and hams are always needed. Canned goods and fresh goods are always welcomed at our office so that we can distribute them quickly to the homes and supported living.

Thank you in advance for your efforts and generosity.

# Angels Auxiliary

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

Keith & Alice Pailthorp	Knights of Columbus #8612
The Benevity Community Impact Fund	The Talcott Family Foundation, Inc.
Amvets Post 550 Ladies Auxiliary	American Legion Auxiliary - unit 152
Sons of Amvets Post 550	United Way
UA Local 123 & MCA Central Florida	Michael & Candice Valdes
Michael & Jennifer Blazing	Car Credit, Inc.
Siemens Caring Hands Foundation	Harold Kelly - Mosaic
Fire Rescue Wayne DeMatthews, Jr	Fire Rescue Timmie Fultz
Fire Rescue Kyle Greene	Fire Rescue Daniel Herrero
Fire Rescue Mark Neal	Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club

In Memory of Jane S. Heir from Clifford & Cynthia Heir  
MacDonald Parent Group In Memory of Eleanor Terrell  
Virgil Whitten in Memory of Ellie Terrell  
Marilyn A. Terrell in Memory of Eleanor Terrell

## Attention Service Clubs

The HALO Foundation is looking for service club participation for the HALO 5K race. Volunteers are needed for race day and to help with sponsorship, vendors and runner participation.

Please contact our race director, Ford Smith at (813) 924-8736 if you or your service club can help.

Thank you for your support!



The HALO Foundation is holding the Second Annual HALO 5K race on Saturday, March 5th at Al Lopez Park in Tampa to benefit Angels Unaware, Inc.

Chip timing, awards, prizes! Sign up early and save!

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

[Click here for sponsorship opportunities](#)

Angels Unaware is looking for new board members.

Please contact our office for more information.

## Angels Unaware, Inc. Receives Grant for New Van

Angels Unaware, Inc. has been approved to receive 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.

[iBudget Handbook Link](#)



Purchase through [AmazonSmile.com](http://AmazonSmile.com) and support Angels Unaware, Inc.

When you order, choose Angels Unaware, Inc. as your charity and Amazon will donate 0.05% of any purchase to Angels Unaware, Inc.

Thank you for your support!

### 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!

## Scholarship Fund is Critically Low!

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.



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 to donate to this fund. As always, our guarantee to you is that of every dollar that you provide to this fund will be spent directly on the needs of the consumers that we serve.

### 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, 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

03.05.16

5K run to benefit  
The HALO Foundation  
and Angels Unaware, Inc.  
[THEHALO5K.COM](http://THEHALO5K.COM)

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