



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

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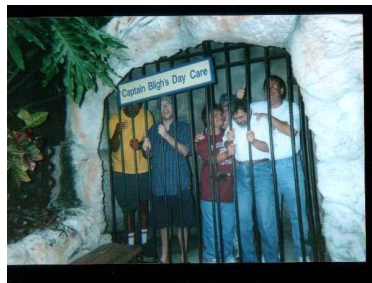
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## Yo Ho Ho... A Pirates Life for me

The gentlemen from house A8 went to Clearwater Beach the week of Halloween for their annual vacation. The hi-light of the week was the three hour cruise on board the Pirate ship of Captain Nemo. The week itself can be summarized by all the restaurants that were visited.

Oh, and then there was the ocean, the pool, the shopping and of course, the 24-hour week long



Monster-Fest on cable TV. It was vacation, no work—no bed times. "Billy the Kid Meets Dracula" can only be enjoyed at 3:30 in the morning with a second helping of pork rinds. For everyone that knows the guys, yes, we did get Mississippi Mud Pie.

## Service Clubs - We Need Your Help!

Some clubs have asked how they could get involved in a more personal way. Angels Unaware, Inc. serves 52 residents and many do not have families, or have families who cannot take them home at Christmas. Angels Unaware, Inc. has always made sure that the residents we serve always have presents to open on Christmas morning just like you and I do. Perhaps you would like to help sponsor one of our resident's Christmas this year. We would provide you with sizes and wants, and the person's name. You bring the presents to us wrapped and ready to go, and on Christmas Eve they will be delivered for you to the home where the individual lives, ready for Christmas morning. Please consider helping Angels Unaware, Inc. and the developmentally disabled we serve this year. The successes of the work we have done over the past 29 years have been a direct result of generous people like you. Thank you again for your help and consideration.



**Openings still  
available for  
additional Board  
Members...**

**Please contact Bob  
Albano  
for additional  
information**

**Angels  
Unaware, Inc.  
Family Picnic  
is just around  
the corner**

**Saturday  
January 18th,  
2003  
Lowry Park  
Shelter #120**

## *Letter from our President—Bob Albano*

Your Board of Directors is working hard on updating our mailing lists. We still need your help building these lists. Please forward us names, addresses and phone numbers of people that you know in the Tampa Bay business world. Our "Friends and Family" list is also growing. For those of you who haven't sent your list in yet, we need them right away. We will be using this list for our Christmas donation drive.

There will be several openings for next years Board of Directors. If you are interested, please call me at 813-695-0236 or e-mail me at [Ralbano@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Ralbano@tampabay.rr.com). We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. We have many projects scheduled for next year, so we will need a full 15 member Board of Directors. Thank you very much.

**Bob Albano  
Board of Directors President  
Angel's Unaware, Inc**

## **OUR 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 for severe and profound developmentally disabled individuals. We currently own and operate nine homes serving fifty-two 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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### **Notices**

Angels Unaware, Inc Newsletter advertising. Angels uses the advertising to defray the cost of production and distribution of the newsletter. We reach over 1,500 homes and businesses with our newsletter. Cost for a business card ad is \$30. Please mail your check and business card to:

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# Words from Ross

**Ross H. O'Banion Jr.—Executive Director**  
**Executive Director/CEO**

With the Holidays quickly approaching and the Election rapidly fading into the past, we are thankfully forgetting all the endless hours of political commercials each of us were subjected to. Commercials that were designed to inform us on the “stand” that each candidate was making that distinguished him or her from their opponent. Now that we as citizens have made our choice, we have one responsibility yet unfinished. Accountability—to account for ones acts is what each of us in now called to do. We are charged with the responsibility of holding these newly elected representatives of the majority—ACCOUNTABLE. Remain “plugged in” to your representatives, and the thousands of topics that they will be considering. Let them hear from you often on what your opinion is on a topic of interest, and then check to see how they voted. Make them accountable for their actions to the citizens that elected them.

Florida is faced with several constitutional amendments that promise to strain a budget in the best of times. The specter of TAX INCREASES is real if each of these is to be fully funded. The reality of cuts in existing programs like Developmental Services is also a real possibility. It will be up to each of us to hold our representative “Accountable” to make sure this does not happen to the services to our most vulnerable citizens. It is a poor reflection on a state as great Florida we can be so concerned over the welfare of pigs that we would enter an amendment into the state constitution, but we can't seem to fully and adequately fund the programs for the Developmentally Disabled. Help us hold your representatives accountable.

As this is our last newsletter for the 2002 year, I wish to thank each of you that through your generosity has assisted Angel's Unaware, Inc. through a very difficult year. Due to the economy and the events that have challenged our nation, financially, we have had a hard year. Please consider placing Angels Unaware, Inc. on your Christmas list this season. Like many other organizations that serve our community, this time of the year presents us with many challenges and needs. May the Holiday season bring you and your family joy, peace, and love in the New Year.

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## Donations

Jon & Brenda Broome, Florida Department of Transportation, Robert Scott Kennedy, Frederick Lane & Cecelia Larson, Karen McMahan, Doris Miller, John W. & Elizabeth Oberding, Ruth Sunday School Class, George Rowland, Tampa Unity Church

## In Memory of...

Jean Jordon in Memory of her husband, Gene Jordan on their 59th wedding anniversary,  
Jean Jordan in Memory of Mary Presting

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## Dear “Friends of Angels”

This year has been a challenge for Angels Unaware, Inc. Like many other charities in the Tampa area, private donations have all but disappeared since 9/11/01. We rely on these donations to help fill in the gap between the inadequate funding we receive from the State of Florida and the actual rising costs that we incur. Donations allow us to do many special things for our residents especially for vacations, birthdays and many of the holidays coming up. This year we are approximately \$10,000.00 short for the Holiday Season. As you know Angels Unaware, Inc. strives to maintain a “family setting” in our homes and Thanksgiving, Christmas and ‘giving to others’ has always been a important part of any family gathering. In response to this shortfall we are asking that you please consider making a tax-deductible donation to Angels Unaware, Inc. We can even help you to place a donation to Angels Unaware, Inc. on your credit card through the corporate office. You may contact the corporate office at 961-1159 for assistance. With your help, this year's holiday season will be a wonderful time for all our residents and staff.

Thank you.

"A copy of the 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) within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state."

**Your Donations are  
graciously accepted  
and appreciated.**

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You*



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**Angels Unaware, Inc. 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 Angles 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, 2002 in order to be credited to the 2002 tax year.



### Angel's Wish List

#### **All Homes**

Towels (bath), Wash Cloths,  
Twin Sheets, Regular Pillow cases,  
twin blankets

#### **Angels 9**

Vacuum Cleaner, Waffle Iron

#### **Angels 6**

Outside of home need painting,  
landscaping in front of home,  
Privacy fence around rear of  
home, Crock pot, Adult bibs for  
consumers, Kitchen aide mixer,  
electric can opener

#### **Angels 3**

Knife set, pots and pans

#### **Angels 1**

Pyres glass bowls, Tupperware  
containers, baking sheets –air  
bake

**We're on the web**  
**[www.angelsunaware.com](http://www.angelsunaware.com)**

## Mailing Lists

Angels Unaware is in the process of updating our mailing lists. We need help building a corporate list and a "Friends and Family" list. We need the names, addresses and phone numbers of contact people in the Tampa Bay Area corporate world that could help Angels with fundraising and public relations. I'm sure that most of you know some people in the corporate world that can direct us to their company's public relation or community service departments. Please do your best by asking your friends and family members for as many contact people as possible.

We are also building a "Friends and Family" list. This list will be comprised of all our residents' friends and family. We need names, addresses and phone numbers of as many family members and close friends as possible. We will use this list for our newsletter and fundraising.

Nancy Taylor is coordinating these lists in our corporate office. This is a big project and we will need as much help as possible. Please forward these names to Nancy's attention at our office.

Thank you for your help.

