

# The Angels Ledger

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## A Blast was had at San Blas

Even though everyone from Angel's 2 and 6 were awoken in the wee hours of the morning to begin their trip to San Blas the long ride was still riddled with the cries of "Are we there yet?". Mostly by the staff.

Arriving at Rish Park, everyone was greeted by sunshine, the fresh gulf breeze and the sight of an amazing Olympic size pool, but the pool and gulf had to wait until the trailers were unloaded and all 15 beds were made. Once everyone was settled in Elizabeth and Harry went to get something to eat for dinner. They brought back pizza, which was enjoyed by all. The pizza was a huge treat to the group because everyone got to pick from 4 different types of pizza.

The vacation started with walks to the beach by everyone and sitting in the gazebo overlooking the gulf. The days were filled with many hours in the pool and walks on the boardwalk. The nights were spent with good times at the gazebo with music, dancing and cool breezes off the Gulf while hunting for shells and looking for porpoise.

This year there was a special treat of everyone having a turn on a pontoon boat. Joey, Jackie, Kris and Bruce were the first group to go on the boat. John caught the first fish of the day, a shark. Latonya and Andrea went on the boat in the afternoon. Elizabeth, John and Joey enjoyed snorkeling. Elizabeth found many interesting items such as sand dollars, starfish and a conch shell complete with a live visitor inside.

On the third day, everyone went to the beach to enjoy the outdoors and the scenic view of the Gulf of Mexico. Later in the afternoon, the group went swimming in the pool. Dinner that evening was a cookout by the pool, until the mosquitoes took over and everything was moved inside. On the last day, breakfast was served and after packing everything, it was time to head back home. On the way, everyone enjoyed a stop at McDonalds. Upon arriving back in Tampa early evening everyone was greeted by a happy staff and a hot meal. The residents and staff would like to thank everyone who was involved with setting up the vacation, all those who supported us during the vacation, all staff who worked beyond the resident's needs. Thanks for making this vacation a reality.



## 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 that 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. 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 are delivered for you to the home were 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**

**The Family  
Picnic is just  
around the  
corner**

**Saturday  
November  
9th  
Look for  
details com-  
ing soon.**

## *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 that 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:PM. We have many projects scheduled for next year, so we will need a full 15 member Board of Directors.

Thanks,  
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 Corpora-

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## Words from Ross

John Kennedy the 35<sup>th</sup> President once wrote, "In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger." With the tragic events that have temporarily gripped our country over the past year, we must never forget that defending freedom is every citizen's responsibility and duty. One of YOUR first responsibilities is to daily pray for our leadership, and it is YOUR duty to register and vote, not just for a candidate but also for the principals of freedom that we all enjoy and love.

As the primary elections are completed, we now need to move toward the difficult task of casting our ballots in the general election. Many important State Legislative elections from the Tampa Bay area are key to the services that we provide. As you consider the many candidates please consider their history. A wise man once said, "never judge a person by what they say they will do, but judge a person by what they have actually done." Take the time to find out what the candidates have actually done for the Developmentally Disabled in your area. Over the last years, some have taken a leadership role in support of Developmentally Disabled in the legislature, and some have a real history of support of the Developmentally Disabled. Certainly, three individuals in this area have consistently risen to this challenge are, Ms. Sandra Murmon, Ms. Sara Romeo, and Ms. Faye Culp. While these three are not all inclusive of the supporters, these are the ones in the immediate Tampa Bay area with a long history of action and support. There may be others who have the same great history, please take the time to look. Above all, make the time to vote. "Cherish your freedom of choice."

Ross H. O'Banion Jr.—Executive Director

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### Donations

Knights of Columbus—Father O' Reilly Council 8612

Robert Albano

Jean Jordan

Thomas Murphy

Lutz Civic Association

Tampa Unity Church

Ruth Sunday School Class

FoodCoonect—Gregory T. Bunn, President

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 70

Lawrence & Linda Murphy

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Knights of Columbus—St. John Bosco Council 12746

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In Memory of Frances Bonsel

Cases of Steaks & Chicken

Sponsored two residents—San Blas Trip

Sponsored one resident—San Blas Trip

Sponsored one resident—San Blas Trip

In Memory of Ann M. Brooks

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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 an 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 (1-800-435-735) (refer to CH8732) within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state."



We need  
help building  
a  
"Corporate"  
list and a  
"Friends and  
Family" list



## Angel's Wish List:

Money  
Food

**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 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.