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Restaurant Raffle to Benefit Angels Unaware

Angels Unaware is holding a "Dinner for Two" restaurant raffle to benefit Angels Unaware. Bill Maen, our Fundraising Chairman, is heading up this drive. Bill, and the board of directors, have solicited many of Tampa's local restaurants for "Dinner-for-Two" certificates. Here is a list of participating restaurants:

Maggiano's	Bonefish Grill	Blue Martini	Outback Steakhouse
Kahunaville	Lauro Ristorante Italiano	Bella's Italian Café	
Carrabba's Italian Grill	TooJay's Gournet Deli	Valencia Gardens	
Perkins Restaurant	Applebee's	Red Lobster	Steak and Ale
Bamboo Club	LaTerrazza	Caffe Italia Ristorante	The Colonnade
Champps Restaurant and Grill	Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q	Profusion	
Benedetto's Italiane Restorante	Tia's Tex and Mex	The Green Iguana	
Big City Tavern	T.C. Choys		

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find several raffle tickets. It is our hope that you will purchase these tickets and send in the stubs with your donation. It is also our hope that you will call our office and ask for more to sell to your friends, family and co-workers. Please do not forget to utilize your churches, neighborhood kids, businesses or service clubs to assist in selling these tickets. We also currently have counter displays available, while they last. Please feel free to call our office and ask for more. The drawing will be held at our corporate office in the fall and all winners will be notified my mail with your winning certificate.

This fundraiser is very important to Angels because it will fund the purchase of a new home. We want to thank all the participating restaurants for lending their support. It is because of these restaurants that we are able to hold this raffle. We also want to encourage all of our members, families and friends to spend tons of money at these restaurants. Thanks to all for their help.

Bill Maen Joins Angels Unaware's Board of Directors as Fundraising Chairperson.

Every year my good friend Arnie asks me to give to his charity. It just so happens that the charity he supports is responsible for his daughter Samantha and my son Josh's well-being. How can I resist giving to the charity that handled my son's adoption, the agency that gave me the love of my life?

I know that all of you reading this article have other charities that ask for your help and are worthy of your support. I know that you can understand how hard it is to raise a child with diminished capabilities. Can you imagine 24 hours a day on call with little or no time for yourself? You can imagine what it must feel like to know that your loved one is being cared for and that you can start living again? And, what about the mentally disabled people with no families to help?

That's why two months ago I joined Angels Unaware as a member of the board of directors. I realized what an important organization this is to the community. That's why I agreed do work on fundraising and set up this fundraising campaign to raise money to purchase a new house. It was wonderful to see the local restaurants giving so warmly to such a worthy cause. This is an important fundraiser for Angels. I encourage you to buy as many tickets as you can.

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

**Please contact Bob
Albano
for additional
information**

**Angels
Unaware, Inc.
Needs
Auxiliary Board
Members**

**To assist Board
Members in some
of the day-to-day
and special event
functions. Please
contact Nancy at
Angels
for additional
information at 961
-1159**

Letter from our President—Bob Albano

I first want to welcome our new board members, Carolyn Robinson and Bill Maen, to our board of directors. We all appreciate their enthusiasm and willingness to support our organization.

Your board of directors has been busy working on our latest fundraising effort, our "Restaurant Raffle" to benefit Angels Unaware and the relocation of house #4. Your fundraising chairman, Bill Maen, has had great success with this type of fundraiser in the past and we are all excited with the idea. We have been soliciting local restaurants for "dinner for two" certificates. We are now in the process of selling these tickets. We need everyone's participation with the sale of these tickets. **This is an important project and we need your support!** We need to raise enough money for the down payment for a new home to relocate the residents of house #4. Please sell them to your friends, family and fellow workers. You can get as many tickets as you need by calling our office. We will be happy to send you some or you can stop by and pick them up.

**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

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:

Angels Unaware, Inc.
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Words from Ross

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

EXCITING NEWS - The Legislative Session is over! Angels Unaware, Inc. and other programs like ours are safe for another year. WRONG!!! There are always the special sessions to contend with, and, of course, it takes a while to understand how we really faired in the state budget.

The area of most concern, at the present, is the Developmental Services "System Redesign" for the services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities. This new system will be implemented on July 1, 2003. Incidentally, I am writing this article on July 1, 2003, and as yet we do not know its impact on the consumers we serve, their families, or the organizations across the state. DCF-DS has yet to even distribute the very basic information essential to determining its impact. They have issued a long list of constantly changing and inaccurate information. The proposed effect of this redesign is a uniform rate structure across the state. There is a 50-50 chance that we will fair well under the designed system.. Only time will tell. By the way, the clock started ticking today!!! Parents and family members should pay close attention to any communication coming from your Support Coordinator or from Angels Unaware, Inc. in the days ahead.

Other areas of concern are Workman's Compensation Insurance. Ours rates went up about 18% this year due to the state of Florida rate increase. Health Insurance and the whole medical malpractice issue are still unresolved, even after special session! These are the days when Angels Unaware, Inc., our state, and our nation need your prayers and support.

In spite of the challenges that we face, our commitment to the care of the disabled we serve is still strong. "Adversity causes some men to break; and others to break records" – Ward. With your help and support, Angels Unaware, Inc. will continue to break records for the developmentally disabled.

What is the difference between a \$1 dollar and \$100 dollars?

A \$100 dollar and \$1 dollar were folded together in a wallet. The \$100 dollar bill let out a sigh of exhaustion and said, "Whew! I've been so busy. I just came back into the country. I've traveled across 3 continents in 3 days, played in a casino, and visited a world-renowned spa." The \$1 dollar bill yawned and responded, "I ride public transportation all day long, have been in over 1,000 churches, and recently I helped a homeless person get something to eat." – Adapted from the After-hours Inspirational Stories Web site.

What is the difference between YOUR \$1 and \$100?

Donations

Robert & Eleanor Terrell, Millard & Connie Tatum, NARFE Chapter 109, Ruth Sunday School Class, Tampa Unity Church, Cliff & Jean Placke, Kathy McBee, Marianne Cannizarro, William Cook, Jerry & Maria Gibbs, Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Todd, Melodie Anderson, Clifford & Cynthia May, Donald & Lana Looney, Alvin Anderson, William E. Monfort, Dolan & Rosalyn Buchanan—In Memory of Daniel Hernandez, Talcott Family Foundation, Robert Scott Kennedy, Thomas Murphy, Shirley & Lois Placke, Bill Tetidrick, William Monfort, Tampa Bay Tree Trimmers, In memory of Jean Perretti—Vito & Phyllis Passanante, Richard & Lynn Hyman, Vincent & Barbara Lomonte, Richard & Joan Lipton, Rhona & Elsie Berlin, Myron & Kathleen Ochshorn

"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.**

Angels' Unaware, Inc
PO Box 270040
Tampa, FL 33688-0040
813-961-1159 8 am to 4 pm

*Thank
You*

**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.

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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
Pyrex glass bowls, Tupperware
containers, baking sheets –air
bake
Please contact:
nancy@angelsunaware.com

We're on the web
www.angelsunaware.com

**Angels Unaware Inc.
Tampa Restaurant Raffle**

Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled

For just \$5.00 you may win "Dinner for Two" at a participating local restaurant and help Angels Unaware Inc.

Prize drawing to be announced

Winners will receive tickets via mail to address on raffle ticket stub
Additional Restaurants may be added.

Send \$5 per raffle ticket & with the completed "ticket stub" below
to Angels Unaware – P O Box 270040 – Tampa FL 33688-0040

**Newsletter - Angels Unaware
Tampa Restaurant Raffle Ticket Stub**

Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Return stub to: P O Box 270040
Tampa FL 33688-0040

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