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Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled.

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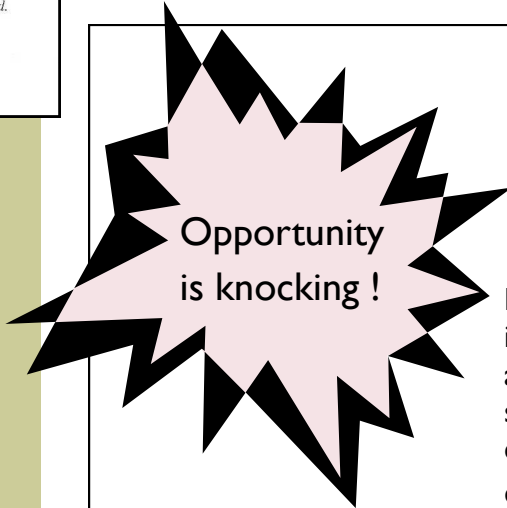
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Opportunity
is knocking !

*Angels Unaware has a unique
marketing opportunity for
your company!!!!*

If your company or organization is looking for way to help the community AND advertise in a positive light, please consider underwriting some or all of the costs of our Angels Unaware's DVD presentation.

Angels Unaware is developing a DVD presentation to use on our web site and in all our marketing, public relations and fund-raising activities. It will be professionally done and will include plenty of publicity for your company or organization. If you are interested, please contact our office at 813-961-1159.

Free In-Home Respite Care

For Children with Developmental Disabilities

It was brought to our attention by Rebecca High at Hillsborough County Department of Children's Services about an In-Home Respite Program for children with Developmental Disabilities. Qualifying families could receive up to 16 hours of respite care per month. Sounds good??? Let us give you more!

1. Services are provided at no cost to eligible children and their families.
2. Parent/Caregivers must be residents of Hillsborough County.
3. Children who receive services are infants through age 18.
4. Eligible children must be identified by a licensed Physician or Psychologist as having one or more of the following significant developmental disabilities:

-Autism	-Spina Bifida	-Intellectual Retardation/Deficiency
-Cerebral Palsy	-Severe Developmental Delay	-Prader-Willi Syndrome

To get additional information and forms, please do the following:

*Call (813)264-3807 ext. 122, Rebecca High. An application can be mailed to your address or sent via e-mail. Or download applications from their website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/childrenservices/programsservices

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.

H.A.L.O.

Update

The H.A.L.O. Foundation supports Angels Unaware, Inc. The foundation has just started a fundraising campaign. They recently sent out a mailer asking for donations to help get things started. Please donate by sending your check to:

The H.A.L.O. Foundation
c/o Angels Unaware
P.O. Box 270040
Tampa, Florida 33688-0040

The foundation is looking for board members. If you are interested in becoming a board member please contact Ross O'Bannion at 813-961-1159.

A Word From Ross

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Ross O'Banion – Executive Director

This year the Legislature and the state Leadership has taken the challenge of Medicaid reform, Growth Management, Terry Schiavo, Education Reform and much more. Personally, I would not like to be a Legislator in Florida this year. We all owe them a debt of thanks for their efforts regardless of their political views.

In the past few weeks there have been several articles across the state and the local area papers detailing the problems of the Developmentally Disabled in Florida. In regard to the Developmentally Disabled in those articles, there were a few items that were absolutely true.

1. **ADP's hirings are cutting services.** A company called Maximus is cutting these services. People with Developmental Disabilities have died while waiting for approval or after the services have been cut.
2. **Has an Angels Unaware consumer suffered cuts?** Yes some have, others certainly will, and some are currently in Chapter 120 Fair Hearings to try and stop their cuts. Will it result in death for some of these consumers, I certainly pray not, but if they did not need the services at a certain level we would not have asked for it. After all, who knows the consumers best – Angels Unaware, Inc. and their families that have served them for extended periods of time or Maximus that does a desk review never meeting the consumer face to face?
3. **There is a growing waiting list.** Florida has remained in the lower rankings on the amount of money spent on the Developmentally Disabled per consumer care, in spite of the millions the Governor has added to the pie. The result is at this rate of growth everyone gets a smaller and smaller piece of the pie year after year.

For me the overriding question is **“Is the quality of care and the quality of life for the developmentally disabled better today than a year ago?”** The answer to that question is “NO”! As providers, we spend more and more time doing more and more paper work in an attempt to justify and document the services that we provide to the consumers we serve. These rates are ever decreasing due to inflation and increasing expenses. We spend more and more time meeting standards that are constantly being changed by new “interpretations” or “policy directives” that circumvent the rule making process and practical common sense. We are constantly battling staffing issues because we have rates that are not adjusted for actual expenses (inflation or rising costs just to name two reasons), and as a result our staff is getting paid less and less and is required to do more and more. Our staff is n being asked to make decisions and observations beyond their skill, training, and legal authority.

If you are planning to move to Florida and you have services elsewhere for your disabled child, sibling, or other family member, **STAY WERE YOU ARE!!!!** Help Florida practice Growth Management.

Letter From the President—Bob Albano

I want to welcome our new board members for 2005. We almost have a full board of directors! There are only two positions left. This is great news because we have plenty of work to do this year and we will need a lot of help. Everybody seems energized and eager to take on new challenges. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact our office.

This year we will have plenty of work to do on the legislative front. Our funding is becoming more complicated and may become a serious problem for our consumers this year. We are going to need your help with letters and phone calls. ***It is very important that you act when you are asked to act!*** We need to become more involved with our legislators this year. Our Political Action Committee will be contacting everybody with news and requests for help.

Enjoy Costa Rican Coffee and Support Angels Unaware

Angels Unaware is starting a new fundraiser this year by offering our friends and families mountain grown Costa Rican Coffee. This gourmet coffee is not available in stores. It is grown in the central mountains to support medical missions there. The bags are 500 grams (which is a little over a pound) and sell for \$10.00 per bag. This coffee tastes great, and we know that you will enjoy it. We will be offering this coffee every quarter in our newsletter.



Angels Unaware Coffee Purchase

Name _____ Day Phone # _____

Address _____ Evening Phone # _____

City/St/Zip _____ Email _____

_____ bags @ \$10.00 each = _____

Please enclose a check made payable to Angels Unaware for the total purchase and mail it with this order form to:

Angels Unaware Coffee Purchase
P.O. Box 270040
Tampa, Florida 33688-0040

Attention Service Clubs

Do you or your service club need public service hours? Angels Unaware needs your help.

Please contact our office for more information.

ARC/Florida 52nd Annual Convention

This year the ARC/Florida Convention is being held in Tampa.

The Dates are:
June 22 – 24, 2005
Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel
725 S. Harbour Island Boulevard
Tampa, FL
Ph. # 813-229-5000

Training sessions include:

How to Win Your Fair Hearing
Preparing for Your Day At The Hearing
Parent Perspectives on What To Expect In A Fair Hearing

For more information visit
www.arcflorida.org

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Friends and families help Angels with Spring Cleaning!

All nine houses needed light landscaping, raking and general yard clean-up. Last month many of our family members, along with a few recruits, helped to get this work completed. Many thanks to those who helped!



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Visit us on the web on the web
www.angelsunaware.com

Wish Lists

Angels 2

Bath towels & wash cloths
Busch Garden passes - Back packs
Lunch pails - Aquarium passes
Rocking chairs - Couch

Angels 3

TV Set - Stereo
Chair and sofa set
Patio table & chairs
Electric BBQ

Angels 4

Wash cloths
Bed linen (twin)

Angels 5

Outdoor furniture

Angels 7

Kitchen towels & bath rugs
Door mats & bath towels
Cookware - Vacuum cleaner
Comforter (twin) & pillows
5 clothes hampers
Kitchen garbage bin
New cushions for couches
Sod

Angels 6

Busch Gardens passes
Aquarium passes
Bath towels
Wash cloths
Twin size sheet sets

Angels 9

Computer desk
Gas BBQ grill

Supported Living

Dining table & chairs - Computer desk
Sofa & chair - Microwave bowls, plates & cups (non-breakable) - Set of flatware
Bedroom table lamp (small)