

# The Angels Ledger

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## Annual Restaurant Raffle

Angels Unaware is holding their annual "Dinner for Two" restaurant raffle to benefit Angels Unaware. Angels' board of directors have solicited many of Tampa's local restaurants for "Dinner-for-Two" certificates. Here is a list of participating restaurants:

Antonio's Pasta Grille	Golden Corral	Lupton's
Perkins	Pink Flamingo Café	Red Lobster
The Olive Garden	Village Inn	Whistle Junction
Rapscallions	Mimis Café	T.G.I. Fridays
Applebee's	Ruby Tuesday	The Colonnade
Valencia Garden Restaurant	Outback Steakhouse	Olive Garden
Ivarone's Steak House	Macaroni Grill	Chili's
Beef 'O' Brady's	Carrabba's Italian Grill	Bonefish Grill
Fleming's Prime Steakhouse	Rigatoni's Tucson Oven	Grillsmith

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 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 their winning certificate.

This fundraiser is very important to Angels because it will help 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 visit these restaurants and thank them for their help.

## Service Clubs We Need Your Help!

We need your help with our Restaurant Raffle. Please contact our office to help sell our raffle tickets.

Many Thanks

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Angels Unaware, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation operating in Hillsborough County, whose express goal is to provide quality professional residential grouphome 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. This year they are setting new and higher goals for 2006. They have been working hard to raise money to support our organization. Please continue to support this organization by sending your check to:

The H.A.L.O. Foundation c/o Angels Unaware P.O. Box270040 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**

Ross O'Banion - Executive Director

Florida is beginning the process of electing a new governor. While most Floridians try to ignore the primary process let me take this opportunity to urge you to get involved. Look at all the candidates from both parties, and ask questions. What is their voting record on disabilities, what are their plans for the disabled within our state? How do they view Providers such as Angels Unaware, Inc. and what do they plan to do to correct the issues of the current administration? Do they plan to keep the "Gate Keeper" organizational structure that takes away the decisions that should be made by professionals that know the consumers we have served intimately for many years and their parents? How do they stand on other key issues of our state? Then vote in the primary elections for the candidate that has the "right answers" for you, your children, and Angels Unaware, Inc.

On another note, I would like to thank our Legislators for their labor during this year's session. The shear number of issues and bills they must consider and vote upon each year is amazing. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their efforts.

Once again we are having our "Dinner for Two" restaurant raffle. Each year some very fine restaurants donate meals to Angels Unaware, Inc. to make this event a success. Enclosed in this newsletter are some tickets, if you choose to participate please complete the stubs include a check and mail them back to the office. You can duplicate the ticket insert as many times as you want if you want more tickets or wish to pass on the opportunity to family and friends.

June marks the beginning of Hurricane season and for Angels Unaware, Inc. the task of getting together our emergency supplies, and reviewing our plan has begun. This year we are trying to convert our emergency food supplies to Meals Ready to Eat (M.R.E's) because they can be stored for very long time (5 to 8 years). They come complete with heaters so our consumers can have hot meals even in the middle of a natural disaster. We have found a company that will custom design these meals around our consumer's dietary limitations. The costs associated with this is listed in our "Wish List" section. Considering the advances in this industry within the last few years this has proven to be the most cost effective way to deal with this need. This will help us eliminate a yearly recurring cost. Please take a moment to consider helping in this area.

Have a great summer, keep safe, and pray for our leaders and country.

Sincerely: Ross O'Banion – Executive Director

#### Letter From the President—Bob Albano

This year's spring clean-up was a great success! We had plenty of volunteer help from the community and our board of directors. Several of our residents also pitched in! Many thanks to all that helped.

Our latest project is this year's Restaurant Raffle. Each year we raise money to put towards the purchase of a new home. The success of this fundraiser will determine how soon that will happen. There is a long waiting list of people in need of our services and we would like to help. Please call our office for tickets to sell.

We are looking for help with our Public Relations committee. We need some help with our mailing lists and brochures. If you know anybody that would be interested in an internship, please give me a call at 813-695-0236.

## A Word From Ross

### Where the Old Folk Roam

On the first weekend in June three of our residents participated in the Special Olympics Senior Games at the Villages of Lady Lake, Florida. Joe Black, Wesley Miller and James (Jimmy) Saenz took part in the Boccie competition. Jimmy and Joe are old hands at the game having 15 years of experience each. This was Wes' first experience with Boccie. The trio has been practicing at the Fortune Bosca Boccie Courts in Ybor City for the past few months. They have handled espresso that was too hot, overcame canollis that were too cold and withstood the morning sun which brought temperatures well into the 90's.

The sport is like a game of marbles played on a 70 foot long lane. Players vie to have their Boccie ball land and remain closer to the target ball (the Pallina) than their opponent's Boccie Ball. The Boccie ball is about the same weight and size as a croquet ball and the pallina is about the same as a pool ball. You can knock your opponent's ball around which is usually greeted with a cry of "Boccie!" and you can knock the target ball around which is celebrated with the cry of "Boccie!" and a toast (we use coffee/soda whatever we fancied that morning). The word 'Boccie' is a form of the Italian word for 'kiss'. With the name of the sport being 'kiss' it's not a cut throat, knock-down-drag-out kind of game. Well, not the way we play the game anyways.

All three of our players earned silver medals at the State Games and represented Angels Unaware well in all respects. Even when other coaches got a little uptight or another athlete took things a little too seriously our guys were infectiously congenial while letting their skill keep them competitive.

Written by James Epperson, Personnel Director/Coach

## 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 Angles Unaware are eligible for tax exemption consideration and benefit subject to current tax laws. Our regular donors are reminded that donations must be postmarked by December 31,2006 in order to be credited to the 2006 tax year.

## **God Bless Our Donors**

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#### SAVE THIS DATE Saturday, November 4th

4th Annual Charity Piping Industry Golf Outing to benefit Angels Unaware.

Please mark your calendars to attend this annual event. Each year the United Assoc. of Plumbers & Pipefitters and the HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics Local Union 123 sponsor this tournament to benefit our Angels Unaware.

More details will follow in our next newsletter.

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