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Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled.

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2006 Christmas Ornaments Now on Sale

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Hawver Aluminum Foundry, Inc. and their wonderful employees have, once again, come through with this year's 2006 Angel Ornament. Pictured below is this year's design. This ornament is made of polished cast aluminum and is ready to be hung on your Christmas tree. These ornaments have a wide circulation across the world, thanks to our supporters. They have used as gifts, they have been attached them to presents instead of bows and have been sent to our troops in every major conflict since 1990. Each ornament is dated and there are some from previous years available to complete your collection.



Each year we use these funds to supplement our transportation costs. With the rising costs of gas and insurance, this fundraiser is an important one for Angels Unaware. Please order as many ornaments as you can to help supplement these costs. Your friends, neighbors and co-workers would be happy to receive them as gifts or would gladly purchase them from you to help our cause.

ORNAMENT ORDER FORM

Please detach and mail with payment to:
Angels Unaware, Inc.
P.O. Box 270040
Tampa, Florida 33688-0040

NAME: _____

MAILING OR SHIPPING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK PAYABLE TO **ANGELS UNAWARE, INC.** FOR
\$6 DOLLARS FOR EACH ORNAMENT PURCHASED.

TOTAL ORNAMENTS REQUESTED _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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. 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. 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**A Word From Ross**

Ross O'Banion – Executive Director

A politician named Coleman Young once said "When you get into a fight with a bear, don't get tired until the bear gets tired." Florida has now completed the election primary process. It is safe to say that a number of us voters are "tired" **but** the real question is "Is the bear tired?" Voters have completed only the first leg of the process. Now is the time to get to know the candidates; not because of the party they belong to, but what they stand for, or against. Take the time to learn about the candidates because your very future depends on it! Florida is facing many issues tough this year; soaring property insurance and taxes, continued depletion of our natural resources, oil exploration and drilling off our coast, crime, terrorism and growth management. All of these issues require our elected officials to look at what's best for Florida and not what's best for their political party or their reelection.

Also important are the efforts and support that the legislature gives Angels Unaware, Inc. and other Developmental Disability programs. In addition to the issues that I have already mentioned, we have to also consider rising gas prices, an ever declining worker pool and rising employee costs. These issues directly affect Angels Unaware, Inc. and other programs like ours. In 2005, Angels Unaware's income was reduced by 9% over the previous year while our expenses rose 7%. In 2006, our income was reduced another 10.4% while our expenses rose another 13.6%. Recently, the State of Florida has increased some of our income rates by 2.81% to off-set this two-year, 19.4% reduction. It is clear to see why we are desperately looking for leaders that can recognize and commit to addressing these issues regardless of their party.

Angels Unaware, Inc. would like to thank the dedicated staff that have stuck with us and have "**Gone the Distance**" in these difficult times. The list of names and the years of service are only a reflection of time. It would be impossible to list the personal and professional sacrifices that some have made to continue to work for the consumers that we serve. Please join us in congratulating, praising, and praying for our dedicated staff. J. Cook – 40 months, C. Mosley-42 months, C. Dumas – 45 months, D. Harris- **4 years**, D. Robinson – 52 months, A. Ramos- 56 months, D. Moreland- 58 months, A. Washington – 59 months, E. Gorbe- **5 years** 1 month, N. Torres- 5 years 2 months, R. Pharo – 5 years 3 months, N. Sabet - 65 months, J. Pink-67 months, S. Albert- 69 months, C. Saunders- **6 years** 1 month, A. Angrim- 81 months, M. Nguyen-83 months, C. Garza – **7 years** 1 month, X. Akerekoro – 7 years 4 months, G. Villarreal – 90 months, B. Watts – 91 months, C. Cannady - **8 years** 4 months, N. Taylor – **10 years** 6 months, J. Cook – **10 years** 6 months, Y. Madison – **12 years** – 5 months, M. Pflugh **12 years** 8 months, D. Martinez – **16 years** 7 months, J. Epperson- **20 years** 3 months, E. Alexander – **26 years**, S. Epperson- **26 years** 10 months, R. O'Banion – **28 years** 8 months.

Letter From the President—Bob Albano

Our Restaurant Raffle was a great success this year. Thanks to all that participated. Special thanks goes out to the Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club and The Krewe of Tronando for their club participation. Both clubs raised a great deal of money for this fundraiser.

The Krewe of the Caribbean Cowboys held a fundraiser in June and raised over \$1,700 for Angels Unaware. We really appreciate their help and we want to send out a big THANK YOU for their efforts.

The Krewe of Augustina will be holding a fundraiser for Angels at Splitsville at Channelside on January 11th. Please pass this on to your friends and family and make arrangements to attend. Your participation will help make this a successful event.

Our next fundraiser is our Christmas Ornament sales drive. This fundraiser supplements our transportation costs. Please contact our office and order some to sell to your friends, neighbors and coworkers. An order form is located on the front page of this newsletter.

Virgil Fabian of Fabian Enterprises donated much needed office equipment. Thank you Virgil for your generosity.

Bobalouie's Grill and Sports Bar, located at 1913 E. Bearss avenue, held a gold tournament to benefit Angels Unaware on November 11th. Please stop by the restaurant and thank them for their support.

The Faith of the Saints

Chapter 393 of Florida Statutes guarantees certain rights to people with mental retardation. One of those rights is "the right to religious freedom and practice". Some of our residents exercise this right each Sunday as they attend Sunday School and Church services. Some even go beyond just attending and participate as much as anyone else does in the service.

Jimmy is one of those residents. He has opened his Sunday School class by leading the class in the Lord's Prayer. Jimmy is a person who, at one time, attended the 'Deaf and Dumb' program at the MacDonald Training Center. In conversation he speaks just above a whisper, but in front of his class his oration of the Holy Scriptures is loud enough to be heard in the back of the class.

Wesley is another resident and is probably the only Church usher adorned with Gasparilla Beads. He wears them as he collects the Sunday morning offering because they are one of his most prized possessions and he insists on presenting his best and most treasured in God's house. No one enters the Church without Wes holding the door for them and, once seated, they are quickly supplied with a Hymnal and a Bible.

Kendal closes each Sunday morning service by leading the congregation in the singing of the Doxology. Even though his everyday speech consists of hurried simple phrases he proceeds through this song calling for God's Blessing in a clear, strong voice that reaches to all corners of the Church.

Faith is not a matter of IQ or fair speech. The faith of these three people in their chosen Church and the faith of others like them are a treasure in any congregation. Their prayers may not be understood by those around them, if they use words at all. But they are faithful in prayer. They are men and women of Faith.

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 post-marked by December 31, 2006 in order to be credited to the 2006 tax year.

Service Clubs We Need Your Help!

We need your help with our ornament sales. Please contact our office to see how you can help.

Many Thanks

Thank You

United Assoc. of Plumbers & Pipefitters, HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics Local Union 123 and The Mechanical Contractors Association of Central Florida

The 4th Annual Charity Piping Industry Golf Outing was held on Saturday, November 4th at the Eagles to benefit Angels Unaware. It was a great success and we thank everybody for their participation and sponsorships.

2006 Restaurant Raffle Winners

Antonio's Pasta Grill	Mike Comber	Red Lobster	Bill Paz
Applebee's	Chris Brown	Ruby Tuesday	Rick Cagno
Beef 'O' Brady's	Gary Simons	T.G.I. Fridays	Fred Bergmann
Chili's	R. Zukosky	The Colonnade	Mike Schreuk
Golden Corral	Michael Macaluso	Valencia Garden Restaurant	Teresa Kane
Ivarone's Steak House	Tom Wadley	Village Inn	Helen Walker
Lupton's Restaurant	HAMEROFF INSURANCE	Village Inn	Kevin Gardon
Lupton's Restaurant	Kevon Gardon	Village Inn	Jerry Barker
Lupton's Restaurant	Thomas McInners	Whistle Junction	Michelle Highnote
Lupton's Restaurant	HAMEROFF INSURANCE	Fleming's Prime Steakhouse	Fred Bergmann
Macaroni Grill	David Cray	Grillsmith	Sandra Mitchell
Mimis Café	Jerry L. Gibbs	Outback Steakhouse	Danielle Mattioli
Olive Garden	Dicecuu, R	Bonefish Grill	Todd Scime
Olive Garden	E.G. Grodi	Carrabba's Italian Grill	Tamara Impson
Out Back Steak House	Fred Bergmann	Carrabba's Italian Grill	Jean Black
Perkins Restaurant	Dave Haros	Rigatoni's	Frances Cusmano
Perkins Restaurant	Tiffany Bell	Outback Steakhouse	Brenda Broome
Pink Flamingo Café	Suzann Janvrin	Harry's Seafood Bar Grille	Mr. T. J. Murphy
Rapscallions	Cara Seeberger		

Thanks to all that participated.

We hope that you enjoy your dinners and please stop by the participating restaurants to thank them for their support.



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

Wish Lists

Angels 2

Gas grill
Theme park passes
Tent or awning for shade in the yard

Angels 9

6 Passenger automatic Minivan
in good condition & insurable
Blender
4 slice toaster
Washing machine

Angels 6

New furniture cushions

Angels 5

Desk for office staff
Microwave
Leaf blower
New furniture
cushions

Angels 8

Exercise bike
Lazy Boy chair
New upholstery for
furniture

Angels 1

Computer
Games
Pool table
DVD movies
Theme park passes
Bath rugs

Angels 3

BBQ (gas) Grill
Movie passes
Pictures for the walls
Passes for Theme Parks
Coffee table

Angels 7

Blender
Bath rugs
Treadmill
8 Busch Garden Passes

All Homes

A total of \$3,000 dollars to outfit our homes with Hurricane Emergency food. This would provide the required 3 days of Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) that fit our consumer's dietary restrictions. These meals will last 5-8 years. Cost for these specially produced MREs are about \$20 per day per consumer or \$60 dollars for the 3 days.

Supported Living

27" color television. Theme park passes, Dinner certificates, New curtains