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Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled.

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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. This is a list of participating restaurants:

Antonio’s Pasta Grille	Roy’s	ABC Pizza
Perkins	Pink Flamingo Café	Selmon’s
Rapsallions	Valencia Gardens	Shula’s
Applebee’s	Ruby Tuesday	The Colonnade
Longhorn Steakhouse	Outback Steakhouse	Papa John’s Pizza
Ivarone’s Steak House	Rigatoni’s Tucson Oven	Beef ‘O’ Brady’
Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse	Carrabba’s Italian Grill	Bonefish Grill

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find 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 annual picnic on September 15th. 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

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 is currently working on three projects. As they progress, the board will be asking for your help. 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'Banion at 813-961-1159.

Thank You Donors

In Memory of David Blumer
Dolan and Rosalyn Buchanan

**In Memory of Millard
"Corky" Tatum**
Dolan and Rosalyn Buchanan
Gary and Karen Ratliff

A Word From Ross

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Ross O'Banion – Executive Director

After much fear and trepidation the State budget is final and we now know at least some of the effects that the budget deficits will have on APD. How did APD get in a deficit? According to APD "The Agency is experiencing a budget deficit due to the variety and increasing costs of providing all the services. As a result it is necessary to reduce the number of services, and limit the use of the remaining waiver services....." Accurately stated in plain English, "*the number of people needing services increased plus, due to deteriorating conditions within the agency, the number of people currently in the system that need increases to their existing services also increased. These increased costs are more than the money that was allotted to APD by the State. So we (APD) are going to eliminate and reduce services in order to control the budget*". To quote Mr. Spock – "that is not logical, Captain".

What services are affected for Angels Unaware, Inc.? According to the latest written communication from APD, Residential Hab. Services (our principal service) will be limited to no more than 8 hours per day (we have at least 11 consumers that currently require more). Additional hours may be authorized for persons who have intensive medical, adaptive, or behavioral needs, until the new/old 4 tier system is put into place. You may ask, "But Angels Unaware, Inc. provides service 24 hours, 7 days a week! Why is APD paying for only 8 hours or less?" That's a good question. Even if you take out the hours that the consumers are in a day program (which is about 6 hours, 5 days a week), you still have about 19.7 hours per day of which we are only paid for 8 of those hours. We still must have staff (that likes to be paid) during those hours to make sure our consumer's needs are met and they are safe, in addition to taking care of the home itself. To get more than the 8 hours will be an uphill battle. The APD's "hatchet organization" Maximus (as usual) will pose the test question of "medical necessity" and all consumers will again come up wanting. This will reductions will remain in effect until the new/old 4 tier system is put into effect. Here are the tiers:

Tier 1 – limited to individual with intensive medical, behavioral, and adaptive needs that can not be met in the other tiers.

Tier 2 – Capped at \$55K per year (this cap includes all services, Support Coordination, Transportation, Day Programs, Res. Hab. Etc etc) for those that need a licensed Residential Facility greater than 5 hours per day, as well as consumers in Supported Living who receive more than 6 hours of in-home supports services.

Tier 3 - Capped at \$35k (again the cap includes all services) Will include all consumers who do not fall in Tier 1 or 2.

Tier 4 - Current FSL waiver with a cap of nearly \$15k. Additional services may be added to this tier after July 1, 2008.

At some point consumers will be placed in these tiers by use of the old Florida Status Tracking Survey (FSTS) and the Individual Cost Guidelines (ICG). Both instruments have problems and neither one is nationally recognized.

Based on the actions of the Legislature and the Governor, is the outlook good or bad for Angels Unaware, Inc.? This is another good question. Based on the information provided to us there is still not an answer. So we will just have keep our fingers crossed and wait to see what the effects of this new application will be.

God Bless our Donors

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 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.

Thank You

The Caribbean Cowboy's "Bead Blast"

Many thanks go out to The Caribbean Cowboys for holding their annual Bead Blast to benefit Angels Unaware.

It was held at The Green Iguana in Ybor City on July 21st. It was well attended and everybody had a great time.

Thanks again to every-

Letter From the President—Gary Pailthorp

I'm sure all of you are aware that the Florida is proposing major property tax cuts. Remember, it is impossible to cut property taxes without reducing or eliminating some services and programs. Government, unlike you and I, can discuss reducing income and defer the discussion of what gets cut until a later time, but cuts will come. Any reduction in funding for our residents will quite possibly be the final straw. Please keep this in mind as we approach the time for this vote. Make sure that your vote accomplishes what you really want and isn't used by government to further reduce funding for these needed programs.

Talking about funding, we are just about ready to begin ticket sales for this year's Restaurant Raffle. This has become an annual fund raiser for us and it is a good opportunity to get our name and our goals out in front of the public. It is important to remember that anyone who wants to become involved can assist in ticket sales. All you need to do is to request tickets from the Angels office (961-1159). Once you have sold the tickets you can send in the completed ticket stubs with the money or have the purchaser mail in the stubs with the money. Be sure that they arrive in the office before the drawing date. It's that simple and the money will be put to good use.



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www.angelsunaware.com**

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Angels 8
Plants for flower garden
Big screen TV

Angels 5
Pots and Pans
New ceiling fans

Angels 3
8 Lowery Park passes
New pots and pans
Dishes
Cupcake pans

Angels 6
6 MOSI passes
6 Aquarium passes
BBQ gas grill

Angels 9
Disney Vacation Cruise
Disney passes
Busch Garden passes

Angels 2
Repair Jacuzzi
6 passes to Busch Gardens
6 passes to the Florida Aquarium
Disney vacation

Supported Living
6 passenger automatic Minivan in good condition & insurable
Sporting Event tickets
Local Attraction tickets
Restaurant Gift Certificates