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Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled.

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ADOPT A HOUSE PROGRAMS

Angels Unaware is now offering two “Adopt a House” programs. The “Adopt a Home” and “Adopt a House” programs offer an opportunity to directly involve the community in the life of our homes and residents. Over the past few years our operating expenses have risen while our funding from the State of Florida has decreased. These programs improve the lives of our residents and help replace the dollars drained away by inflation and the net decrease in state funding.



This an excellent opportunity for your organization to take an active role in our homes and give something back to the community. We need your help. Please read the information contained in this newsletter and contact our office if you are interested.

Letter From the President— Gary Pailthorp

We finished 2006 with another excellent fund raiser, the annual Christmas Angel Ornament sale. Once again we are extremely grateful to Hawver Aluminum Foundry for their generosity in providing the Angels at their expense so that we can realize 100% of the income of the sales for the benefit of Angels. Jim and Judy Hawver have truly been wonderful friends and supporters of Angels Unaware. I would also like to thank Scott Pailthorp for this years original design. Developing a new design each year has become a real challenge.

Next, let me remind you that at the annual parents meeting Ross mentioned a goal for this year of helping our residents understand that they have rights. One of the rights that we can all help our residents understand is the right to receive mail. If you know one of our residents I would ask that you occasionally send a card. Everyone enjoys receiving a post card with scenery or a Holiday card and it's a pleasant way to remind our residents of one of their important rights.

I would like to thank the Krewe of Agustina de Argon for folding a fundraiser in January to benefit Angels Unaware. They held an auction at Gaspar's Grotto in Ybor City. The event was well attended and everybody had a great time.

I want to welcome our new addition to the Board of Directors. April Weliever has joined our board for 2007 and will be heading up the fundraising committee. I also want to thank last years Board and especially our past president, Bob Albano for all of their hard work. Bob will continue on the Angel's Board and has also accepted a position on the H.A.L.O. board. I know that Bob's enthusiasm and leadership will be of great assistance to the HALO Board and Angel's will continue to benefit from Bob's vision and tireless work ethic. Thank you Bob.

A Word From Ross

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Ross O'Banion – Executive Director

Some of you may have read the article in the Tampa Tribune on 2/23/07 entitled "Florida's Neediest Brace for Change" – Ackerman. Apparently there is talk in Tallahassee of moving the Agency for People with Disabilities (A.P.D.) back under the authority of the problem racked Department of Children and Families (D.C.F.). I know that this action would be a mistake and I took the time to write to each of our State Legislators and Senators to let them know. Dennis Howe once said "Life is a comparison of where we are with where we would rather be. Are we standing, moving or arriving?" Granted, A.P.D. has not yet "arrived" to the point that we and our consumers need the Agency to be but the real question is "Where are we? Are we standing, moving, or arriving?" In the years since A.P.D. and D.C.F. were separated, we have done some "standing" and some "moving". I believe that we should ask "What do we need to do to meet the needs of the consumers we serve within the State of Florida?" Simply stated, the following are my suggestions:

1. We need a unified philosophy of treatment. Currently we have at least two models. The "Medical" model is the one that state and federal government use for funding. The other one is the "Community Inclusion Base" model that the consumers and their families want. Our consumers are disabled, not sick.
2. Once the treatment philosophy conflict is settled, we competent leadership to "steer" the course. We currently have several individuals within our state that have that knowledge.
3. We need a rate structure that is based on fact. We need a rate structure that is fair and is kept current with recognized economic factors in our state. It should be structured to place the providers of service in a sound economic position to allow them to expand and meet the ever growing waiting list problem.
4. We need a fair method of accessing the needs of the consumers that is based on nationally accepted instruments such as the AAMR – Support Intensity Scale. The current utilization review method involves the agency making haphazard decisions on services for consumers that they do not know and have never met. That is a recipe for disaster. It wastes the resources of the consumers and the providers, especially with the constant appeal process that is involved with the current system.

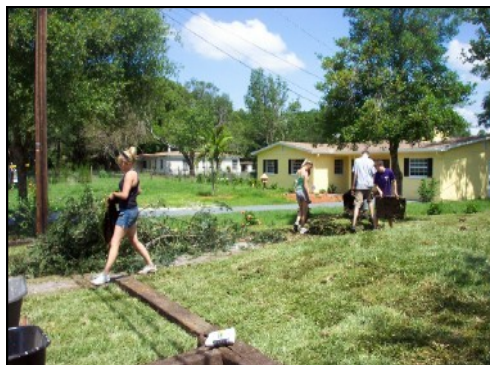
Do we need to go back under D.C.F.? I do not think so. I believe we need to fix A.P.D. where it is, moving problems around never solves them. Now is the time to let your representatives know. Please call them, write them, sit down with them, and let them know what you need, want, and desire. I am sure that you join me in the desire to move from just "Standing" to "Arriving".

God Bless our Donors

Albano, Beatrice	Moore, Jean & Steven Rubin
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Broome, Jon & Brenda	Peace Community Church
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Monfort, William	Williams, James P

“Adopt a House” Program

The “Adopt a House” program is for those organizations that are familiar with or are equipped for house maintenance and repairs. Construction companies and construction industry associations are best suited for this program. Certain civic and social clubs may have this experience, too. This program involves an organization assuming the responsibility of all house repairs and maintenance for a particular home. Our office maintains a data base of past donors that have helped Angels Unaware with house repairs and maintenance. Your organization may want to do the work itself or use our data base to delegate the work. Our goal is to have one organization that we can count on to get the work completed and reduce or eliminate the costs associated with maintaining a house.



“Adopt a Home” Program

The “Adopt a Home” program addresses the personal side of our homes. Adopting a home puts an organization in direct contact with the residents. Our goal is to develop a long-term, personal relationship with your organization and our residents. Each house has specific needs for the holiday season, summer vacations, birthdays and special events. Your group will help meet those needs throughout the year. Birthday parties, holiday gifts and decorations, escorts for special events, picnics, theme parks, church and community services are a few areas that we need your help. Your group could act as escorts or just provide the financial assistance for these events. If your adopted home participates in Special Olympics, we ask that your group be a supporter or perhaps a “Unified Partner” of the athletes in that home. Your group could choose to help Angels Unaware with its annual fund raising efforts or hold your own.



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 Angels 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, 2007 in order to be credited to the 2007 tax year.

H.A.L.O.

Update

The H.A.L.O. Foundation supports the developmentally disabled and Angels Unaware, Inc. This year they are setting new and higher goals for 2007. 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 welcomes three new board members, Mike Sweeney, Bob Albano and Max Oligario.

2007 Board of Directors
Trevor Smith
Bob Albano

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In Honor of Marc Pailthorp
Eleanor Pailthorp
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In Memory of Maude Joyner
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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 eight homes serving forty-six handicapped residents and four residents in Supported Living. 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.



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A copy of Angels Unaware's 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.

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www.angelsunaware.com**

Wish Lists

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.

Angels 2

Repair Jacuzzi
Six passes to Busch Gardens
Six passes to the Florida Aquarium

Please contact Elicia at elicia@angelsunaware.com

Supported Living

6 Passenger automatic Minivan
in good condition & insurable
Restaurant gift certificates
VCR player
DVD player
Tickets to sporting events

Angels 3

Movie passes
Passes for theme parks

Angels 7

Computer
Bath rugs
Simple board games
Treadmill
8 Busch Garden Passes
Movie passes

Angels 1

Computer
Simple board games
DVD movies
Theme park passes
Movie passes

Angels 8

Swing for the Back Yard

Angels 6

BBQ gas grill
27" color TV
Florida Aquarium Passes

Angels 5

Restaurant Gift Certificates
Theme Park Passes

Angels 9

Restaurant Gift Certificates
Big screen TV
New stereo