



**ANGELS
UNAWARE, INC.**
Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled.

2007

Board Members

President

Gary Pailthorp

Vice President

Bob Albano

Treasurer

William Monfort

Secretary

Joyce Hatfield

Michelle Benningfield

Ernie Todd

April Weliever

Clifford May

Cynthia May

The Angels Ledger

Volume 6 , Issue 4

November 2007

2007 Annual Family Picnic

Angels Unaware held their annual Family Picnic on September 15th at Lowry Park. The picnic was well attended by consumers, family and staff. The lunch fare was bar-b-que chicken and brat-wurst with all the fixin's. Many families brought deserts.



Lowry Park is always a great place to have our picnic. The park offers great pavilions and many spent the afternoon at the zoo.

Our Restaurant Raffle drawing was held at the picnic. The winners and participating restaurants are listed in this newsletter.

We want to thank John Rodriguez the senior legislative assistant to Representative Michael Scionte for joining us and getting to know about Angels and our residents' needs. Representative Scionte was unable to attend as he is serving in the military in Iraq at the present time. Also, many thanks to all the volunteers, staff and board members that helped out.



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 and supported living services for severe and profound developmentally disabled individuals. We currently own and operate eight homes serving forty nine 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.

Openings are still available for additional Board Members.

Please contact our office to see how you can join our board.

30 Years of Dedication to Angels

Who Makes the Difficult Choices?



At Angels Unaware Inc. that person is our Executive Director, Ross H. O'Banion Jr. This December will be his 30th year of service to the consumers of our organization. When Ross was hired as executive director there was only one group home. Today we have 8 group homes and a supported living program.



There have been many ups and more downs during that time. In any organization there is one person who must make difficult choices but it is these choices that keeps the organization up and running. For the past 18 of these years I have seen Ross agonize over, not only



not being able to give raises to deserving staff but, because of funding cuts, having to cut salaries (including his own) to help make ends meet. What motivates him to hang in there? Well, right now there are 49 reasons, and they are our "Angels". The consumers of Angels Unaware Inc. and their families have a strong advocate, protector and friend in Ross H. O'Banion Jr.

By Dixie Martinez, Office Manager

Letter From the President—Gary Pailthorp

For those of you who were unable to attend, the picnic was a great success. We had to tolerate a little rain, but we managed to get everyone fed and I believe everyone had a good time. I want to thank John Rodriguez the senior legislative assistant to Representative Michael Scionte for joining us and getting to know about Angels and our residents' needs. Representative Scionte was unable to attend as he is serving in the military in Iraq at the present time. While at the picnic, we wrapped up the Restaurant Raffle by drawing the names of the winners. If you haven't received a letter notifying you that you won then you'll want to buy even more tickets next year to increase your chances. Our raffle brought in more than in any of the previous years and for that we can only thank the many folks who help us with this fund raiser.

I want to thank everyone involved in the picnic. The staff and a group of volunteers worked very hard to set-up the serving lines, cook the food and clean-up afterward. Other staff members got the residents ready and transported then to Lowry Park. They escorted them through the Zoo, brought them to the picnic and then back home. The magnitude of the effort required to accomplish this is enormous and it takes a special group of people to turn out on a Saturday to help our residents enjoy a day in the park and a picnic. Thanks to everyone involved.

Angels Auxiliary

These organizations and individuals proudly support Angels Unaware.
God Bless our Donors

Adams, Robert & Jimmie
Atkinson, Kenneth
Barnwell, Theodore & Ada
Chapman, Ted
Clarke, Bruce
Darling, D.C.
Fernandez, Alvaro & Yolanda
Ficarrotta, Ronald
Garden, Kevin
Goforth-Walker, Karen
Holten, Nate & Maria
Jordan, Robert & Melissa
Knights of Columbus
Krewe of Agustina

Levins, Wagnelle & Baugan, Warren
Marti, Don & Norma
North Blvd Assembly of God
Premier Impressions
Ratliff, Barbara
Ratliff, Gary & Carolyn
Redderson, Carl & Patricia
Riggs, Patricia
Ruth Sunday School Class
Tatum, Connie
Velez, Francisco & Ann

IN MEMORY OF HILMA BURKAM
Connie Tatum

IN MEMORY OF PAT TOWNSEL
Jean Jordan

IN MEMORY OF GENE JORDAN
Jean Jordan

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN MATHEWS
Jean Jordan

IN HONOR OF MARC PAILTHORP
Lois Placke

Thank You Bobalouie's Grill & Sports Bar

Bobalouie's Grill and Sports Bar held their annual golf tournament on Saturday November 10th to benefit Angels Unaware. It was well attended and everybody had a great time. Please stop by this restaurant and thank them for their support. They are located at 1913 E Bearss Avenue in Tampa.

Thank You

Thank you to the Idlewild Baptist Church Student High School Choir for lending a helping hand at the Family Picnic. They helped set up, serve the food and helped with the clean-up. Thanks guys for all your help.



Adopt a House Programs

Angels Unaware welcomes **Vizcaya Custom Homes** to our family. Vizcaya is a new auxiliary member and has signed up to sponsor house #5. Vizcaya has already coordinated a bathroom renovation for this house.

Thank you
Vizcaya Custom Homes

A big **Thank You** goes out to **Rick Broom** at **A Print Solution** for helping us out with our newsletter. Angels Unaware's office staff wants to give Rick a big hug next time they see him!

Thank You

Many thanks go out to the Krewe of The Caribbean Cowboys, the West Tampa Breakfast Sertoma Club, the Krewe of Tronando and the Krewe of Agustina de Argon for their participation in our restaurant raffle. The raffle was a big success because of their participation.

5th Annual Charity Piping Industry Golf Outing

The United Assoc. of Plumbers & Pipefitters and the HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics Local Union 123 and the Mechanical Contractors Association of Central Florida held a golf tournament on October 27th to benefit Angels Unaware. These guys always put together a great tournament. Your Angels Team actually won a "Closest to the Pin" award! Thanks to everybody that participated. It was a bunch of fun!!



THE MATASSINI
LAW FIRM, P.A.

Nicholas M. Matassini
Personal Injury/Wrongful Death

www.matassinilaw.com

2811 West Kennedy Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33609
Toll Free (888) 377-0011
Phone (813) 879-6227
Fax (813) 873-2209



(813) 908-4005



www.RivieraPools.com

Angels Unaware, Inc newsletter advertising. Angels uses the advertising proceeds to defray the cost of production and distribution of this newsletter. We reach over 5,000 homes and businesses with our newsletter. Please contact our office for further information.

Wish List

All Homes

1. Turkeys for Thanksgiving and hams for Christmas. We need approximately 27—30 birds (fresh or frozen) and 10 hams (10—15 lbs). Also, lots of stuffing, canned sweet potatoes and canned cranberries.
2. Passes to Lowery Park, Busch Gardens, Florida Aquarium, Disney or MOSI.
3. Restaurant Gift Certificates.
4. Sponsors for consumers without families for Christmas.

Specific Home Needs

Angels 2 – Therapy Jacuzzi repair

Angels 6 - Gas Grill

Angels 8 – Plants for Garden Beds out front and a big screen T.V. to watch the BUCS play!

2007 Restaurant Raffle Winners

This year's raffle drawing was held at our Annual Family Picnic on September 15th, 2007. The event was held at Lowry Park. Ross O'Banion picked the names (with some help) and read the names out loud after everybody had eaten their fill of bar-b-que chicken and bratwurst. Angels Unaware raised over \$4,000 that will be put towards the purchase of a new home in the future. Below is a list of participating restaurants and winners. Be sure to visit these restaurants and thank them for their participation.



Restaurant Name

The Colonnade
Pink Flamingo Café
Antonio's Pasta Grille
The Colonnade
Perkins Restaurant
Valencia Garden
Ruby Tuesday
Rigatoni Tuscan Oven
Iavarone's Steakhouse & Italian Grill
Rapscallions
ABC Pizza
ABC Pizza
Lee Roy Selmon's
Beef O Brady's
LongHorn Steakhouse
Shula's Steak House
Papa John's Pizza
Outback Steakhouse
Fleming's Prime Steakhouse
Outback Steakhouse
Bonefish Grill
Roy's
Carrabas

Winner

Stan McIntosh
Robert Faller
Robert Faller
Joe Costa
Joe Costa
Cara Seeberger
Mary R.
Kim Hall
Kenda Byers
Joyce Rathe
Gregg Thomas
Visann Friscia
Jake MacNerara
Sandra Mitchell
David Cray
Sarah Edge
Duke
M. Southers
Marilyn Essert
Lana Keast
John Flynn
Diana Butinski
Lisa Weber

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 post-marked by December 31, 2007 in order to be credited to the 2007 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



We are looking for help managing our mailing lists. We do offer Public Relation Internships. Please contact our office for further information.

2007 Christmas Ornaments Now on Sale

Hawver Aluminum Foundry, Inc. and their wonderful employees have, once again, come through with this year's 2007 Angel Ornament. 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. **Please fill out the order form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to our office with your check or money order.** Your order will be mailed to you.

Scholarship Fund

If you have been a reader of our newsletter or a supporter of Angels Unaware, Inc. for any length of time, you are aware that we have a growing number of consumers that no longer have immediate family or relatives alive, or active in their lives due to age or illness. One of the commitments that I made as the Executive Director is to establish a fund within our organization that would help those consumers without families throughout the year to have and enjoy the same things that others in the group home enjoy. Examples are birthdays, holiday such as Christmas and Thanksgiving, and vacations and trips to the movies, restaurants, and amusement parks. Because of funding cuts from the State of Florida we occasionally have to use these funds to help repair a wheelchair or help purchase a needed piece of equipment. Sometimes we may have to help with a bill for a consumer.

Our greatest need is between now and the end of the year due to the holidays. As of 10/1/07 our Scholarship Fund has less than \$75 dollars. Perhaps you and your family may consider donating directly to the Scholarship Fund or consider providing Christmas for one of our consumers that no longer has any family alive or active in their life.

It is easy as writing a check and making a notation on the memo line of the check – "For the Scholarship Fund". As always, our guarantee to you is that of every dollar you provide to this fund will be spent directly on the needs of the consumers we serve.

H.A.L.O. Update

The H.A.L.O. Foundation supports Angels Unaware, Inc. and 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.

**Become an
Angels Auxiliary
Member.**

**Join the many
friends of
Angels Unaware
and lend a
helping hand.**

**Please contact
our office to see
how you can
help.**

Contact us

Angels Unaware, Inc.
P.O. Box 270040
Tampa, Florida
33688-0040
813-961-1159
www.angelsunaware.com



**ANGELS
UNAWARE, INC.**

Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled.

**P.O. Box 270040
Tampa, Florida 33688-0040
813-961-1159**

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
TAMPA, FL
PERMIT NO. 03508



**ANGELS
UNAWARE, INC.**

Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled.

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.

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

2007 Christmas Ornaments Now on Sale

Order Yours Now

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 _____