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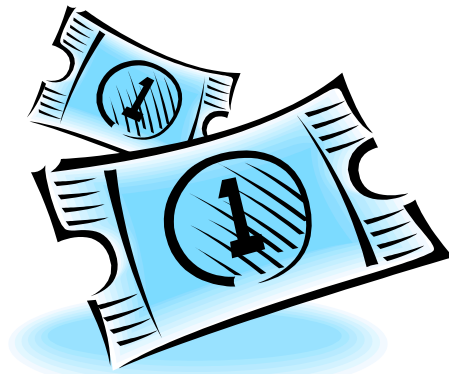
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Angels Unaware is holding their annual “Dinner for Two” restaurant raffle to benefit Angels Unaware. Angels’ board of directors have solicited many of Tampa’s local restaurants for “Dinner-for-Two” certificates.

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. You can also purchase tickets on our web site. Please do not forget to utilize your churches, neighborhood kids, businesses or service clubs to assist in selling these tickets. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund the purchase of a new group home. The drawing will be held at our August board meeting on the 19th and all winners will be notified by mail with their winning certificate.

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.



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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 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 and 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.

A Word From Ross

Ross O' Bannion
Executive Director

Jane Johnson – No longer the leader of A.P.D.

In case you have not heard, once again the **Agency for People with Disabilities** is saying goodbye to their leader, Ms. Johnson. Ms. Johnson took the position on April 15, 2007, and lasted little more than 1 year and 1 month. Last year she was told by Senator Don Gaetz, "This agency can't resolve its cost problems with nips and tucks, and not even with minor or major surgery. I'm afraid it may need organ transplants and partial body transplants."

So far the cuts have been as follows:

1. Five services were cut out completely.
2. Support Coordinators were supposed to become state employees but at the last minute, their lobbying efforts resulted in them keeping their independence, but their rates were cut **16-58%**.
3. All children living in family homes now receive '**limited**' Support Coordination. Group home provider's rates were restructured (political talk for "cut again") and many took steep cuts. Now there is a 4 tier system on the horizon that appears, at this point, will throw the entire system into court. The Advocacy Center is currently in process of filing the court papers and documents for a class action. And still the budget is allegedly not under control. Maybe, instead of cutting the budgets of people that are actually providing the services, like group home and day program providers, it is time to start cutting the bureaucracy both on the state and local level. Perhaps we need to decide if we can 'afford' support coordinators at any cost, whether state employee or private. In short, as we tighten our belts, it is time to put the money where the services are actually delivered.

Our nation is now focused on electing a new President and this is a very important issue, but please do not take your "eye" off the "ball" here in Florida. We need all our supporters to pay close attention to these budget cuts and make our Legislators aware of how we feel about them.

These continuing cuts from the State of Florida remind me of a story that I heard in church a few weeks ago. Please indulge me as I tell the following story:

A young lad was walking down the street one day and noticed a sign in the store window "puppies for sale". Excited, he went inside to inquire and the store owner took him in back to show him the 4 cute puppies moving about for attention. The store owner told the boy that the cost of the puppies started at \$35. At the rear of the litter box was one little puppy that caught the boy's eye. It was huddled away from the others and not really active like the others. The boy asked, "How much for that one?" The store owner responded, "Son you don't want that one, he has a damaged rear leg." The boy insisted this was the puppy he wanted, so finally the store owner, not wishing to take advantage of the boy, told him the puppy was free and he probably would not live long anyway. The boy became very upset and said, "No sir, I will pay you full price for that puppy and not a penny less." The Store owner was shocked. He wondered why did the boy want such a worthless animal.

Finally the boy bent over and pulled up his pant leg revealing a large metal brace attached to his deformed leg and stiff leather shoe. He said to the store owner, "I know first hand what this puppy is worth and I will not take it for free because this puppy, like me sir, has value. I will pay you the full price for this puppy even if it takes the rest of my summer. With that he gingerly took his puppy and out the door he went.

You see the lad knew what the store owner did not. Perhaps it is time that others learn the same lesson. It's a simple one, but foundationally important.

"The Developmentally Disabled do have value to our community and they can not be cared for at no cost."

Angels Auxiliary

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

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Please contact our office for further information.



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Christmas in July! Christmas Tree Ornaments



Angels Unaware has Christmas Tree ornaments from previous years available for sale on our web site. You can also place your order for this years 2008 ornament in advance. 1991—2007 ornaments are "Buy One - Get One Free" while supplies last.

Please visit our web site for details at www.AngelsUnaware.com.

Thank you participating restaurants!

It is because of these restaurants that we are able to hold this important fundraiser. Please stop by these restaurants and thank them for their support.

ABC Pizza	Lee Roy Selmon's
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Carrabba's Italian Grill	Ukulele Brand's
Christo's Restaurant	Rigatoni Tuscan Oven
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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, 2008 in order to be credited to the 2008 tax year.

Letter From the President—Gary Pailthorp

We are well into 2008 and our Board of Directors is hard at work. The board has settled on a design for this year's Christmas tree ornament. They have also been busy soliciting "dinners for two" certificates from local restaurants for this year's raffle. I want to say that I'm very impressed with all the hard work your Board of Directors puts into this organization. This is not a board that just sits back and directs staff; they are hard working and committed to the goals and ideals of this organization. They give their time and effort year around to insure that Angel's Unaware can continue to provide a safe and secure home for our residents now and for years to come. Some members have served since Angel's started and they are still working to keep it going.

The board is also developing a new web site. While looking through the information that will be posted on the site I noticed an interesting bit of information. Angels Unaware's administrative costs only make up 7.24% of our operating budget. The national average for administrative costs for organizations like ours is 25 to 35%. You can thank our hard working staff, executive director and the Board of Directors for such a low number.

We are always looking for dedicated, hard-working people to help us out. We do have openings available on our Board of Directors. If you have time and the desire or you know someone who might be interested in helping as a Board Member please make the contact information available to us by contacting the Angel's Unaware office. If you don't have the time to serve on a year around basis there are many other ways that you can participate. We always need help with our Christmas tree ornament and Restaurant Raffle ticket sales. Or you can volunteer to participate in our spring clean-up. This project involves making exterior improvements to the homes that have not yet been adopted. If you know of any service clubs or a group at school, church or work that may be able to help us in anyway please let us know and we'll contact them. Angel's Unaware needs each of us to assist in any way we can.

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

Grant Writer Needed

The board of directors is looking for an experienced grant writer to help with a few upcoming projects for 2008.

Please contact
Bob Albano at
813-695-0236
if you can help.

Thank You West Coast Roofing Contractors Association

On April 12th, the West Coast Roofing Contractors Association donated their time and materials to help Angels Unaware. They replaced the roof at our offices on Linebaugh Avenue. They had crews from many of the local roofing companies and knocked it out in less than five hours! Many thanks to Steve Kruse with Ramco for coordinating everything. Our thanks go out to Gulf Eagle Supply, Bradco Supply, ABC Supply, Thompson Fabrication, RSG Supply, Polyglass, FRS Supply, GAF, Triangle Fasteners, Phoenix Sales and Pro Prep for supplying materials.



We also want to recognize and thank the following people that participated:

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www.angelsunaware.com**

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