



**ANGELS
UNAWARE, INC.**

Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled.

Newsletter

1994 Ornament Sales Raise Record-Breaking \$8,000+

Although charitable donations across the nation were extremely low in 1994, Angels Unaware's annual angel ornament fundraiser brought in \$8,000, doubling our 1993 total of \$4,000, and breaking our 1992 record of \$6,000.

Angel ornaments are still available from all five years — 1990 through 1994. To order ornaments by mail, send your check or money order (payable to *Angels Unaware, Inc.*) to Angels Unaware, Inc., P.O. Box 270040, Tampa, FL 33688-0040. Mail-order ornaments cost \$6 each (\$5 for the ornament, plus \$1 for shipping and handling). Be sure to list the year(s) of the ornament(s) you want to purchase. If you have any questions, please call Dixie Martinez at Angels Unaware's Corporate Office at 961-1159.

Deepest thanks to all the businesses, organizations and individuals who helped to make our 1994 fund-raiser a huge success.

At the top of our list is, of course, **Hawver Aluminum Foundry, Inc.**, for designing, manufacturing and donating the beautiful angel ornaments for five consecutive years. (Please see the article below.)

Our top fund-raising angels included: **Bay Area Chiropractic Center; Westlake & Westlake** (June Westlake); **Guerra Enterprises** (Vincent & Pam Guerra); **Oak Grove United Methodist Church; Johnston Hallmark Shop; Ellen's Hallmark Shop; Oak Marche Furniture Accessories** (Donna Lucas); **Liquor Depot; Kash n' Karry** (Gunn Highway); **Publix** (Anderson Road); **The Bayside Gourmet & Deli; Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Psychological Access Resources (PAR); Beta Sigma Phi - Chapter Preceptor Zeta Gamma Sorority; Tampa Bay Tree Trimmers; Kristin Smith and the Tampa Prep Key Club; James Wright; Yolie Ferlita; Lori**

Stevens; Regina Dietz; Cindy Marks; Linda Nogues; Tammy and Thomas Hudson. Please patronize these businesses, and thank them for all their support.

(Note: If a top seller's name has been omitted, please call Dixie at 961-1159.) ♥

Tampa Bay Tree Trimmers Raise \$10,000 For Angels

The members of *Tampa Bay Tree Trimmers Ornament Collectors Club* named Angels Unaware as its benefit charity for its *First Annual Flamingo Fling: The Christmas Collectible Event of the Year*. This spectacular March event drew collectors and exhibitors from across the nation, raising a grand total of \$10,000 for Angels Unaware.

If you're interested in collecting Christmas ornaments, we recommend you attend a *Tampa Bay Tree Trimmers Ornament Collectors Club* monthly meeting (the second Thursday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, at Linebaugh and Dale Mabry, behind the gas station). We believe you'll really enjoy meeting this terrific group of people; we certainly did.

To learn more about the *Tampa Bay Tree Trimmers*, call Candy Fierro at 968-1124. ♥

Jim Hawver: The Man Behind Our Angel Ornaments

Since 1990, Jim Hawver, President of Hawver Aluminum Foundry, has been designing, producing and donating angel ornaments to Angels Unaware for our annual fund-raiser.

When Mr. Hawver did some volunteer work with Angels Unaware through a business club, he became hooked on our residents and organization. Although the business club no longer exists, Mr. Hawver's commitment to Angels Unaware remains steadfast. He credits his father for teaching him the importance of helping those less fortunate. "My father used to say, 'The only way to multiply happiness is to divide it.' He was right; it's a privilege to help other people."

Angels Unaware sold 160 ornaments that first year, raising \$800. In 1991, we sold

600 and, in 1992, we doubled our sales (1,200), raising \$6,000. However, sales dipped in 1993 (a bad year nationally for all charitable organizations) — only 800 were sold, raising \$4,000. But this year, we raised \$8,000, selling a record-breaking 1,600 ornaments.

At Angels Unaware's January 1995 Annual General Parents Meeting, the Board of Directors presented Mr. Hawver with a plaque thanking him on behalf of our residents for his dedication, commitment and continuing support.

Hawver Aluminum Foundry, Inc. is located at 9504 North Trask Street in Tampa. Please patronage this wonderful company if you have the opportunity; if not, please drop Mr. Hawver a note, thanking him for his generous support. ♥

Angel III Resident To Compete In World Games

Jimmy, a resident from Angels III, has been selected to represent the United States at the *Special Olympics World Games* this summer.

In the interim, Jimmy has been busy making local appearances, demonstrating his expertise in the sport he will compete in — bocce (a form of lawn bowling). We're really proud of you, Jimmy! Congratulations, and good luck! ♥

Bless Our Donors

A-A OK Trailer Rental & Leasing, American Legion Unit 152, Ataly Graphics, The Beta Sigma Phi - Chapter Preceptor Zeta Gamma Sorority, Crafters of Palm Hill North Recreation Club, Delta Airlines Fairshare, Express Press, First Baptist Church, Florida Dept. of Transportation, Golden Circle Sunday School Class, GTE Telephone Operations, Hawver Aluminum Foundry, Inc., Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, Hunter's Green, Keystone Methodist Women, Lutz/Land O'Lakes Women's Club, Oak Grove United Methodist Women, Peace Community Church, Ranch Hands Sertoma Club, Ruth Sunday School Class, Ruth Circle Sunshine Fund, SHARE Tampa Bay Staff, Sherife Association, Southprint Corporation, St. Paul's Catholic Church, Tampa Civitan Club, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Tampa Bay Tree Trimmers, Tampa Fire Fighters and Paramedics of Local 754, Tampa International Airport, Target's North Dale Mabry Store, The Body Shop, The Drug Shop, World Triathlon Corporation, Xi Delta Delta, Beatrice Albano, Mr. & Mrs. Andy Anderson, Melodie Anderson, Steve Backhaus, Jeanette Banks, Jack Barnes, Elaine Bispo, Winifred Blanford, Joyce Brooks, Jon & Brenda Broome, Dolan & Rosalyn Buchanan, Mark Cannella, Marianne Cannizaro, Delmar & Barbara Core, Tom Daniel, Richard Emerson, Jerome Falk, Margaret Ferlita, Evelyn Fernandez, Patricia Ferraiuolo, James & Vickie Feutz, Ralph & Dorothy Franklin, Jerry & Marie Gibbs, William & Jill Gideon, Dr. James P. Gillis, Gail Grodi, Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Groene, Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Hansen, Jim Hawver, Ruth Ann Hopkins, Georgie Hunt, Richard Jackson, Alan Jones, Jean Jordan, Maude Joyner, Lenora Lake-Guidry, Amy Lofley, Lana Looney, Susan Mathews, Joseph McConnell, Iris Mitchell, William (Ed) & Bessie Monfort, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Murphy, Gary Ratliff, Ruth Reily, Amy Reily, Mr. & Mrs. M.E. Riley, Salud Saenz, Violet Schiro, Philip & Judy Schwanz, Ruth Shepard, Paul & Betty Sils, Trevor Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Stracke, Millard & Connie Tatum, Richard Tatum, Major & Mrs. Robert Terrell, Anne Timmerman, Willie & Helen Walker, and Charlotte June Westlake ♥

Special Remembrances

Donations Made In Memory/Honor Of: Charles Brooks (by J.R. & Jean Black); Duane Brown (by Jean Jordan); Peter Cimino (by J.R. and Jean Black); Catherine Dishaw (by Robert & Ellie Terrell); Fay & Tim Flores (by Tom S. Flores); Frank Gonzalez (by Evelyn Fernandez); Hilda Jeffrey (by Jean Jordan); Gene Jordan (by Jean Jordan); Katherine Kershiner (by Jean Jordan); Philip Lowe (by GTE Telops OD Group); Jean Moore (by GTE Organization Development); Vicki Pollyea & Archie Giannella (by Mary Goldman); Margaret Provenzano (by Margaret & Tony Ferlita; Dolan & Rosalyn Buchanan); Katie Steel (by Jean Jordan); and Mr. & Mrs. R. James Robbins (by Mary Baker Robbins) ♥

Donations Made To The Scholarship Fund By: Preceptor Alpha Nu - Xp, Marian Credit, William Martin, Millard & Connie Tatum, and Germaine Taylor ♥

Hunter's Green Benefit Raises \$6,800

The Hunter's Green Second Annual Charities Golf Classic on Oct. 10, 1994, selected Angels Unaware as its benefit charity. The weather was agreeable, making it a perfect day for golf; of course, there's an old Scottish saying that *every day is a perfect day for golf!* Some of our residents also came out to enjoy the day's festivities, including the awards banquet. Everyone had a great time. Sincere thanks to all the special folks at Hunter's Green for raising \$6,800 for Angels Unaware. ♥

Residents' Scholarship Fund Needs Donations

Angels Unaware's scholarship fund helps our residents when their personal savings accounts are low. The fund prevents our residents from missing out on special activities or going without needed medical care or personal items. Sadly, the State of Florida does not cover many medications, health care needs and general supplies, so these items must be purchased with money from the residents' SSI accounts and their income from employment at sheltered workshops.

To contribute to the scholarship fund, please mail your check (payable to *Angels Unaware Scholarship Fund*) to:

**Angels Unaware
P.O. Box 270040
Tampa, FL 33688-0040**

To learn more about the scholarship fund, call Ross O'Banion, Angels Unaware Executive Director, or Dixie Martinez at 961-1159. ♥

Sharing Their Concern ...

Special thanks to these businesses, organizations and individuals for their continued support:

- ☑ **GTE Federal Credit Union**, for handling our residents' personal accounts and waiving the service fees.
- ☑ **The Oak Grove United Methodist Church**, for allowing Angels Unaware to use its classrooms for our staff training sessions and Board meetings.
- ☑ **Ruth Epsky, Tampa Tribune North Tampa "Neighbors" Columnist**, for publicizing our events and fund-raisers.
- ☑ **The Beta Sigma Phi - Chapter Preceptor Zeta Gamma Sorority**, for purchasing \$1,200 worth of our Angels Christmas ornaments.
- ☑ **Cindy O'Banion**, wife of Angels Unaware's Executive Director, for keeping the inventory and tracking the sales of our Christmas ornaments this year.
- ☑ **Southprint Corporation**, for underwriting production costs for this newsletter.

A Special Treat From Our Annual General Parents Meeting In January

Strawberry Lovers Pie

From the kitchen of Ellie Terrell; makes 6 - 8 servings

- 3 (1-oz. ea.) semisweet chocolate squares divided
- 1 Tbsp. butter/margarine
- 1 9-in. pie shell, baked
- 2 pkgs. (3-oz. ea.) softened cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 teasp. vanilla extract
- 3 to 4 cups fresh hulled strawberries
- 1/3 cup strawberry jam, melted

In a saucepan, melt 2 ounces chocolate and a tablespoon of butter over low heat, stirring constantly; spread or brush over the bottom and up the sides of the baked pie shell. Chill.

Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Spread over chocolate layer; cover and chill for 2 hours. Arrange strawberries tip end up, atop the filling. Brush jam over strawberries. Melt the remaining chocolate and drizzle over all.

Meet Angels Unaware's Board of Directors

The officers of the 1995 Board of Directors for Angels Unaware are:

- President:** Millard Tatum
- Vice President:** Jerry Gibbs
- Secretary:** William Cook
- Treasurer:** William Monfort
- Chaplain:** Rev. Roger Watts (*Honorary Member*)

General Board Members are: Beatrice Albano, Jon and Brenda Broome, Dolan and Rosalyn Buchanan, Richard Emerson, Gail Grodi, Joyce Hatfield, Joseph McConnell, Connie Tatum and Francisco Velez.

Special Committees for 1995 are:

- ♥ **Fund-Raising Committee:** Frank Velez, Connie Tatum, Joe McConnell, Dick Emerson and Bea Albano
- ♥ **Newsletter Committee:** Rosalyn Buchanan and Joyce Hatfield
- ♥ **Anniversary Committee:** Frank Velez, Jerry Gibbs, Bea Albano, Dick Emerson and Ross O'Banion (Executive Director of Angels Unaware)

Tentative dates for General Board Meetings for the remainder of the 1995 calendar year are: June 15, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16. Mark your calendars for the Annual General Parents Meeting (a covered-dish event) tentatively scheduled for Jan. 18, 1996. All meetings are open; however, visitors do not have voting privileges. For more information about these meetings, please contact Executive Director Ross O'Banion at 961-1159. ♥

Some Words To Think About ...

"There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting someone else up."

Source: "Don't Wait For Your Ship To Come In ... Swim Out To Meet It!" by Honor Books

In Memoriam Cathy, Angels III Resident 1959 - 1995

The Angels residents and staff caregivers were Cathy's extended family; together we cared for her and her special needs.

We all share in the loss of our little girl ... Cathy's sweet face, expressive eyes and playful personality. Although her roommate Rossie cannot express herself in words, she has felt the empty space in the room they shared.

We miss Cathy so much. Yet, we know we were blessed to have been able to love and be loved by this precious angel. Now God is looking out for her, while we hold our memories of her close to our hearts.

The Angels III Staff and Residents

Our Residents Count On Your Continued Support...

If you haven't renewed your 1995 membership yet, please do it today. Angels Unaware counts on your continued support. Remember: a membership in Angels Unaware also makes a perfect gift. Mail your check (payable to *Angels Unaware, Inc.*) to:

Angels Unaware, Inc.
P.O. Box 270040
Tampa, FL 33688-0040

Designate on the check whether it is for a membership or a donation (and the type of donation). Angels Unaware is a 501(C)(3) non-profit charitable organization; donations are tax-deductible.

For more information on memberships and donations, please call Ross O'Banion, Executive Director of Angels Unaware, at 961-1159. ♥

Annual Memberships

- Individual General Membership \$10
- Family General Membership \$25
- Corporate Membership \$100
- Bronze Angel \$250
- Silver Angel \$500
- Golden Angel \$1,000
- Platinum Angel \$5,000

Donations

- Donation in Loving Memory of:

- Donation in Honor of:

Please send a notification letter about this donation to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

- A General Donation (to be used for the residents as needed).
- A Donation for the Residents' Scholarship Fund.

Enclosed is my check (payable to: *Angels Unaware, Inc.*) for \$ _____

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

On The Home Front Angels I

by Sandra Bulmer, Facility Director

Time has sped by these past few months. As usual, the holidays kept us very busy with shopping and other preparations and, of course, celebrating. The Pilot Club of Ybor City and the Jefferson High School Anchor Club continued their tradition of many years with a Christmas party and presents for everyone. Caroling and laughing all the way, we enjoyed a tour in our comfortable vans to see the holiday lights and decorations.

We've been busy going to dances, participating in scout activities (camping and cookie sales), and personal shopping. (Some of us are learning to carry our own money.) When Barry was hospitalized, we visited him as often as we could.

This summer, we plan to visit the Florida Aquarium and the Museum of Science and Industry for the Star Trek Exhibit.

Angels II

by Elizabeth Alexander, Facility Director

Thanks to our staff, the residents had another memorable holiday. We began our Christmas Day with the traditional gift opening, while holiday music played in the background. The gifts were opened in one hour (the same gifts it took Santa *five* hours to wrap); however, the happy faces made everything worthwhile. Our Christmas dinner was ham with *all* the trimmings and endless desserts.

As Facility Director, I'd like to thank the staff who left their own families to work on Christmas. They made Christmas a heartfelt, enjoyable day for all the residents who think of them as their family.

Angels III

by James Epperson, Facility Director

After being named the *State Agency of the Year* by Special Olympics, what do you do for an encore? Go for the world! This summer, Jimmy will represent the U.S.A. in bocce ball at the *Special Olympics World Games*. (Please see the cover story.) The rest of the gang won't be outdone, as we prepare to defend our area volleyball title. However, we aren't just sports-minded. We also spent a week at Disney World, where there was enough diversity at the different parks to offer a vacation to suit all our tastes.

Angels IV

by Sandra Bulmer, Facility Director

Our homemaking keeps us busy, but we still have time for fun. We really enjoy going to the dances and seeing our friends. We often go out to a movie or rent a video to go with our popcorn. Some of us have been playing volleyball with the Angels III team to get ready for *Special Olympics*.

Many of us also enjoy scouting, especially camp-outs. Recently, the Ruth Circle gave us a picnic and a new gas barbecue grill, so now we can have lots of good times (and food). We're looking forward to summer fun, swimming and vacation.

Angels V

by James Epperson, Facility Director

The first Christmas at our new home was a time to start traditions and make new memories: decorating (special thanks to Mr. McCrae), a "family" portrait sitting, and, of course, a party with a special visitor ... actually two visitors - Santa and Tom, our pharmacist. I'm not sure whom the ladies were more

excited about seeing. We also got to see our own Dixie in a Christmas Cantata.

The new year finds us out in the community more than ever, developing our social skills. The ladies are eager; the staff is in place; and the whole world out there reminds us why this is the best job ever! ♥

Annual Spring Picnic A Big Success!!

This year's Annual Spring Picnic was held April Fool's Day at Wilderness Park on Trout Creek. The residents had a great time, munching down on fresh cooked fish, chicken, hush puppies, corn on the cob, and a multitude of home-cooked covered dishes and desserts lovingly prepared by staff and family members. Special thanks to:

♥ Ross O'Banion, Frank Velez, Neil Lawrence and Mark Pflugh for slaving over hot coals to make the picnic a delicious success.

♥ Millard Tatum for giving our residents delightfully lazy boat rides up and down the river.

♥ Valerie Steuart, owner of Steuart's Photography, for capturing the day's memories on film.

A Closing Thought ...

"I hope my achievements in life shall be these—that I will have fought for what was right and fair, that I will have risked for that which mattered, that I will have given help to those who were in need ... that I will have left the earth a better place for what I've done and who I've been."

—C. Hoppe



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