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*All of us at Angels Unaware, Inc.
want to wish all of our supporters a very joyous
and wonderful holiday season. We appreciate your
generous support throughout the year.
It's because of you we are able to continue to
provide quality services to the developmentally
disabled that we all care so much about.*

Thank you and God bless you.

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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

"He who forgets the language of gratitude can never be on speaking terms with happiness." It is this time of year that most of us look forward to. The election is over and the politics and attack ads that we have all been subject to have stopped. The weather is cooling, and we have thankfully missed the hurricanes once again. At last, it is a time of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

May I encourage you to take this time to write down or think of the things in your life that you are truly thankful for. It may be material things, or people and relationships, or perhaps intangibles such as freedom or your dreams. If you are thankful for material things, be careful because they wear out and lose their attraction rapidly. If you are thankful for people or relationships in your life, let them know. Drop them a note or make a phone call. You never know when your time or theirs is at an end. Never leave something unsaid. If you are thankful for the intangibles in life, such as freedom or your dreams, do something to exercise or experience them so you never forget. We are all set us apart from the rest of the animals in this world by our abilities to dream, and also the freedom and creativity to carry these dreams to reality.

G. Donald Gale once said, "A pessimist, they say, sees a glass of water as being half empty. An optimist sees the same glass as half full. But a giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who might be thirsty." It is easy to be pessimistic and even easier to be optimistic, but what makes the greatest difference in our lives is where the "rubber hits the road" - putting our thoughts it into action.

Remember without "giving" there is no "thanks-giving". May each of you have a very blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas, and may God bless you for your generosity to Angels Unaware, Inc. and the people and families we serve. May God Bless America.

Wish Lists

Angels Unaware, Inc. maintains a "wish list" on our web site. Each house has a list of items that the house, staff or residents need or want. It is updated every month or so.

Please check our web site at **www.AngelsUnaware.com** to see if there is anything on the list that you can provide. While some items are for the home, others are just for fun.

Thank you for your support!

Tampa Bay Lightening

Thank you to the Tampa Bay Lightening for providing some of our residents tickets to their hockey games.

We have many sports fans in our homes and they always love the games.

Go Lightening!

Angels Auxiliary

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

Americans of Italian Heritage Club
Karen Goforth-Walker
Knights of Columbus
Chris Meyers
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Southern Ground Saloon

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Michael, Cynthia and Kelly Williams

In Memory of Betty O'Steen—Dolan and Rosalyn Buchanan
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In Memory of Ted Turner—Jack and Jean Jordan

In Memory of Gene Jordan—Jack and Jean Jordan
In Memory of Mrs. M. Eksrom—Jack and Jean Jordan
In Memory of Jane S. Heir—Marcia Zeigler

Angels Unaware, Inc. wants to thank Tim and Linda Tummond of **United Mini Storage** for supplying turkeys and groceries to our homes for the holidays.

Tim and Linda have been donating food for many years now and are providing holiday dinners again for our residents this year. Our staff and residents really appreciate your efforts and kind donations.

Thank you for a wonderful dinner!

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Thank you so much for all your hard work and support.

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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. Angels Unaware has established a fund within our organization that helps those consumers without families. Throughout the year we use this fund to help our consumers have and enjoy the same things that others in the group home enjoy. These funds support their birthdays, holidays, vacations, 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.



Due to the Christmas holidays, our greatest need is towards the end of the year, but we do utilize this fund throughout the year. 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 or visiting our web site and making a donation. 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.

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Angels Unaware, Inc. 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.

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, Inc.
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.

Check out our new web site at www.halo-foundation.com

2008 Christmas Ornaments Now on Sale



This beautiful, custom made brass ornament is 4" in diameter and comes in a black gift box with a clear lid and is ready to be hung on your Christmas tree. Angels Unaware, Inc.'s ornaments have a wide circulation across the world thanks to our supporters. They have been used as gifts, attached to presents in place of a bow, and have been sent to our troops in every major conflict since 1990. Each ornament is dated. Each ornament is dated and we also have many of the previous year's ornaments still available for purchase to complete your collection.

Each year we use the profits from the ornament sale to supplement our transportation costs. With the rising cost of gas and insurance, this fundraiser is an important one for Angels Unaware, Inc. Please order as many ornaments as you can to help us supplement these costs. **You can order from our web site or fill out the order form located on the back of this newsletter.** We believe your friends, neighbors, and co-workers would be happy to receive these Christmas ornaments as gifts or would gladly purchase them from you to help our cause. Thank you for your support.

The Faith of the Saints

Chapter 393 of Florida Statutes guarantees certain rights to people with mental retardation. One of those rights is "the right to religious freedom and practice". Some of our residents exercise this right each Sunday as they attend Sunday School and Church services. Some even go beyond just attending and participate as much as anyone else does in the service.

Jimmy is one of those residents. He has opened his Sunday School class by leading the class in the Lord's Prayer. Jimmy is a person who, at one time, attended the 'Deaf and Dumb' program at the MacDonald Training Center. In conversation he speaks just above a whisper, but in front of his class his oration of the Holy Scriptures is loud enough to be heard in the back of the class.

Wesley is another resident and is probably the only Church usher adorned with Gasparilla Beads. He wears them as he collects the Sunday morning offering because they are one of his most prized possessions and he insists on presenting his best and most treasured in God's house. No one enters the Church without Wes holding the door for them and, once seated, they are quickly supplied with a Hymnal and a Bible.

Kendal closes each Sunday morning service by leading the congregation in the singing of the Doxology. Even though his everyday speech consists of hurried simple phrases he proceeds through this song calling for God's Blessing in a clear, strong voice that reaches to all corners of the Church.

Faith is not a matter of IQ or fair speech. The faith of these three people in their chosen Church and the faith of others like them are a treasure in any congregation. Their prayers may not be understood by those around them, if they use words at all. But they are faithful in prayer. They are men and women of Faith.

Thank you to the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters, HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics Local Union 123, and also to The Mechanical Contractors Association of Central Florida's Charity Foundation for holding a golf tournament at the Eagles that benefited Angels Unaware, Inc. on November 1st. They always host a great tournament and we all appreciate their support.

Thank you to all that participated.

A special thanks goes out to **Southern Ground Saloon** who held a charity bike and car wash to benefit Angels Unaware on October 25th.

Thank you for your generous support!

Letter From the President—Gary Pailthorp

Another year is almost complete and it has been very eventful. I'm sure you noticed the Christmas Ornament for this year in the last news letter. We have the Ornaments on hand and are waiting to fill your order so please order one or a few for people on your shopping list. We have had a good response to the new Ornaments and sales are going well, but unlike years past we can not afford to have any ornaments go unsold. In the past we had our good friends, the Hawvers, who supplied us with the Ornaments cast in aluminum, at no cost. This year we decided that we would not impose on these folks, even though they had expressed a willingness to keep their commitment. We now purchase the Ornaments and so every unsold Ornament represents not only a loss of revenue but money out of our treasury.

As in the past the Ornaments will include the year on them and each year a new design will be developed especially for Angels Unaware. We know that this wasn't a good time to raise our prices, but it was necessary to enable us to pay for the manufacturing and maintain our profit. We got our shipment in early September, in plenty of time for the Holidays, and so we have no reason not to complete our sales before Christmas. If you haven't yet purchased an Ornament and wish to do so please use the order form attached to this newsletter or go on line to www.Angelsunaware.com and order yours today.

Thank you.

Attention Service Clubs!

We need your
help with our
ornament sales.

Please contact
our office to see
how you can
help.

Contact us

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Please visit our web site at
www.angelsunaware.com

Tampa Connection

The Tampa Connection has chosen Angels Unaware, Inc. for one of their upcoming projects for this year. They are helping us with our marketing and presentation materials.

Thank you to
The Tampa Connection
for all your help!



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www.angelsunaware.com

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Please check our web site for prior year's availability.