



**ANGELS
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Residential Care for the Developmentally Disabled.

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ANNUAL RESTAURANT RAFFLE

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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. This year the tickets are only **\$2.00** each!

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a list of prizes and 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 by [clicking here](#). 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 construction of our new group home that is already in the design phases! The drawing will be held at our October board meeting on the 18th and all winners will be notified by mail with their winning certificate.

We want to thank all the participating restaurants for lending their support. We also want to encourage all of our members, families and friends to visit these restaurants and thank them for their help.



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.

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). Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the State of Florida.

A Word From Ross

From the Desk of Ross O'Banion, Executive Director

As we go to press on this edition of our newsletter the new home is progressing nicely. The exterior of the building is painted and all the interior 'framing' and 'rough in' is completed. Interior fire sprinkler system, drywall and other finishing is underway. It looks like in December we should be ready to move in. Please keep a watch for our announcement of our 'open house' your all are invited to drop by a tour the new home.

Many have asked if we have needs for the new home, this is a definite yes. While the generous grants through Hillsborough County have paid for the land and construction, the furnishings and other consumer related equipment is our responsibility. Due to the frequent budget cuts, coming up with the funds to furnish and equip the home is a real challenge. Some equipment and furnishings will be moved from the current home to help with the cost, but this is a much larger home, and we need your help. Located in this newsletter is a 'WISH LIST' that specific to this new home. Take a minute and see what you, your organization, or your business may help us with.

Keep in mind that our annual Restaurant Raffle "Dinner for Two" tickets are now on sale and some are attached to this newsletter. Just complete the information on the ticket, enclose a check or money order, and mail it to Angels Unaware, Inc. P.O. Box 270040 Tampa, FL -33688-0040. Also, our annual Angels Ornament sale is coming up. This will solve your Christmas shopping headaches of what to get the friends and relatives and at the same time you will be helping Angels Unaware, Inc.

LOOKING FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT???

Angels Unaware, Inc. currently has some opening in its group homes. We are looking for consumers that 'fit' with our existing 'family' within each home. All of our homes are in residential neighborhood settings and are 6 beds or less. Some of our homes can accommodate consumers with non-ambulatory challenges.

If you know of someone that is looking for a group home placement or is currently in another group home and is not happy or satisfied with the services they are receiving, please ask them to call us.

Angels Unaware, Inc. is an organization that is dedicated to providing quality residential placements (group homes and supported living opportunities). We are a local organization, with local management, and a local Board of Directors comprised mostly parents of consumers that reside in our homes. We have been operating in Hillsborough County since 1973, and opened our first home in 1976 with over 37 years of service to the DD population.

We offer Residential Habilitation, Transportation, Nursing Services, some Behavioral Services, Supported Living and related services. We accept APD – Medicaid Waiver funding or Private Pay. Contact Ross O'Bannon – Executive Director for a confidential interview with the consumer and guardian or family member at (813) 961-1159. WSCs are welcomed to attend if the consumer/guardian agrees.

Our Staff Motto is "Our consumers do not live in a facility, we work in their home." Come see what we have to offer.

Wish List

This is the list of items that we anticipate needing for our new group home. If you can help, please contact our office.
Thank you for your support.

Six hospital style beds - cost approx. \$1,200.00 each

Overhead track system for lifting consumers from bed to wheelchairs, showers, therapy etc.

Linen sets (twin sizes only), towels (large bath, and hand towels) wash cloths.

Landscape work - clean lake front (perfect for larger groups).

Mini Blinds for the windows and treatments.

Gift certificates/cards for Wal-Mart - consumers use to decorate their rooms.

Large flat LCD screen TV- (not a luxury most of our consumers have sight impairments).

DVD player

DVDs - G or PG rated only please (consumers love Disney and Looney Tune cartoons).

Stainless steel - pots and pans.

Unbreakable plates, and place settings for ten.

Stainless Steel flat wear (forks, spoons, butter knives etc) .

Large capacity washer and dryer (GAS).

Large capacity dishwasher.

Large capacity gas hot water heater.

Large capacity gas range microwave.

Large capacity refrigerator.

Large capacity upright frost free freezer.

Heavy duty food processor.

Heavy duty can opener.

Patio furniture for the covered view of the lake.

Barbeque grill - gas only please.

Landscape lighting -low voltage systems.

Heavy duty rocking chairs - our consumers love to rock out.

Living room furniture - institutional style - we have catalogues for direction/suggestions.

Wheelchair accessible dinning room table.

Stainless steel rolling prep table for kitchen.

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.

RESTAURANT CERTIFICATES

Roy's
 Bonefish Grill
 Carrabba's Italian Grill
 Champs Americana
 The Colonnade
 Fleming's Prime Steakhouse
 ABC Pizza
 Outback Steakhouse
 Leroy Selmon's
 PRP Wine – wine tasting for up to 15 guests



Attention Service Clubs

Please help Angels Unaware with this year's Restaurant Raffle. We have printed ticket packages available at our office for your service club to sell. A large percentage of last year's ticket sales were from service clubs and we are looking for your help again.

Please contact our office at 813-961-1159 to order ticket packages.

Thank you for your support!

Restaurant Raffle Ticket Stubs

\$2.00 each

Order on line by [clicking here](#) or use these ticket stubs.

**Newsletter - Angels Unaware
 Tampa Restaurant Raffle Ticket Stub**

Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Phone # _____

Return stub to: P O Box 270040
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Stay informed on Legislative Issues

Please visit our web site and continue to check out new postings on our [Legislative Information](#) page. It's important to stay up-to-date and to contact your elected officials to discuss issues important to Angels Unaware and the Developmentally Disabled.

Angels Unaware, Inc. is looking for new board members

Angels Unaware, Inc is looking for new board members for the Angels Unaware Board of Directors. The mark of any good board of directors is an exchange of new, innovative ideas. Good, hard-working people, like you, are the perfect candidates. A well-functioning non-profit organization should always have an influx of new people to keep the organization's goals and ideas fresh.

Please consider becoming involved with your Board of Directors. This Board of Directors is here to serve you and the people that you care for. Please lend a helping hand and become a board member.

Please contact Ross O'Bannon, or any of the existing board members if you are interested.

Thank you for your support.

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, 2013 in order to be credited to the 2013 tax year.

Court Rules in Favor of iBudget

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) learned that an Administrative Law Judge has ruled in support of the agency and its iBudget Florida program. The Division of Administrative Hearings supported the agency's position on all counts.

The final order stated, "APD's method of dealing with this complex issue is reasonable. Proposed rules are not arbitrary or capricious as promulgated." The order also said, "Proposed Rules 65G-4.0210 through 65G-4.027 are not invalid exercises of delegated legislative authority." APD Director Barbara Palmer said, "We are so happy that the court supported all aspects of the iBudget program, and validated how it was implemented across the state. We hope the petitioners will accept the judge's decision, and allow the agency to continue moving forward with the iBudget program that provides customers with flexibility to meet their needs."

About 30,000 APD customers use the iBudget Florida Medicaid waiver to direct and receive Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). The HCBS waiver is funded by state and federal tax dollars to help people with developmental disabilities live and participate in their local communities.

iBudget Florida is a new way to deliver Medicaid waiver services. It has been approved by both the Florida Legislature and the federal government. The iBudget waiver provides greater ability to choose services that matter most to customers given their unique situations. It gives flexibility for customers to respond to their changing needs.

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