



The Official Newsletter for Angels' Place

Guardian Angel Gazette

Local Angels Bring Christmas Blessings

We want to thank the **Apartment Association of Greater New Orleans** for the Christmas presents they provided for our Angels' Place children and their siblings. The Board of Directors; **Marilyn Trosclair, Tammy Esponge, Karen Chaplain, Anita Zappula, Sandy Feraci** and **David Abenante** voted again this year to bless our children with their love and compassion by providing gifts to make Christmas brighter for our kids. We are humbled by the spirit of giving that the Apartment Association of Greater New Orleans has shared with our families and again say thank you so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

The Crescent City Depression Glass Society contributed much needed **Walmart** gift certificates for our families. **Sandra Guillaume**, President, **Gabrelle Porter**, VP, **Arian Randolph** Sec., and **Courtney Pratt**, Treasurer of the Junior Class of **Ursuline Academy** brought in presents for our children that were collected from their class during their "Christmas Crusade." **Ms. Bonnie Lala** and **Franco's Athletic Club** donated lots of wonderful toys for our children. God bless you for your kindness. **Ginger Crawford**, Director/Teacher, brought more wrapped Christmas gifts from **Mount Olive Lutheran Preschool**. Thank you so much for teaching your little ones the value of giving.

Chevron-Texaco gave generously and abundantly to make Christmas the best ever for some AP children. Thank you so much. You have always been such special angels to our children. The law offices of **W.A. "Chip" Forstall** brought loads of presents for our kids. More presents came in from the **New Orleans Association of Health Underwriters (NOAHU)**. Every year, **NOAHU** gives so generously to our children especially during Christmas.

Donations came in from **The Knights of Columbus of Kenner**; the **Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN)**; **American Life Care**; the **Society of Louisiana Metal Artists**; **The Knights of Columbus of Kenner**, the **Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN)**, **American Life Care**; and the **Society of Louisiana Metal Artists**.

A big thank you to our Christmas gift wrappers: **Michelle Brand, Dian Hirstius, Catherine Barberito, Judy Dana, Rita Gauthier**, and **Jane Fischer**.

An abundant outpouring of Christmas blessings came from our community this year. We are overwhelmed by your generosity. Our children and families were blessed by your giving.

Thank you for your kindness and for caring for the children and families of Angels' Place. May God continue to bless you.

Angels' Place has a "great need" for a new "printing" sponsor for our 1,300 newsletters every month or every other month. Please help us. We depend on our corporate community to help us. Please be our "Printing Angel!" Thank you, Anita Gilford

Giving from the Heart at Thanksgiving



Pictured (L) to (R) are **Coby Nungesser, III, Henrik Pontopidan** and **Rick Miron** representing the **Kiwanis Club of New Orleans**. They brought Turkeys and baskets of delicious Thanksgiving food including sacks of satsumas (yum!) from the Kiwanis Club to Angels' Place for our families. Also we want to thank the following volunteers who delivered

Thanksgiving baskets:

Sam Martinez, Cliff and Gilda Wise, Roy Mullen, Cherie Schmidt and **Robin Bergeron**. Thank you, also **Mr. Jacob Fruchtlicht** for making baskets and delivering them. Thanks to all the wonderful people who brought food and sent in cash donations.

Angels Working Undercover



It was a rock'in time at **Boomtown Casino** on Saturday, December 12. Seventeen bands entertained the audience at **Boomers** inside the Casino. This year's band lineup included **Bag Of Donuts, Blue Meanies, Bobby Cure & the Summertime Blues, The Boogiemens, Burgundy,**

Harvey Jesus & Fire featuring **David Jesus, Rockin Dopsie, The Chee Weez, The Top Cats, The Wise Guys, Scum Gumbo, Ratt Poison, Penny Lane, Louisiana Spice, 5 Finger Discount, John Blancher, Christian Serpas** and **Ghost Town, and Mixed Nuts**. Each band performed their holiday CD songs along with other songs from their routines. Six hours of great entertainment—what a treat! **Eric Paulson** and **Jill Hezeau** from **Channel 4 MC'd** the event. **Boomtown** made sure that our bands had plenty of food and soft drinks for the long day ahead.



CHILDREN'S RESPITE PROGRAM

Angels' Place is looking for volunteers with big hearts for children. Please help us to serve our "little angels with broken wings" Call 455-2620 for details. Also respite volunteers are welcome to pick up gifts to bring to our children and bags of toiletries to their moms when they visit them . Volunteers are needed for our new CSHS medical respite program in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes for our State's medically fragile children.

AP Kids had a Very Merry Christmas

On December 18, 2004, Angels' Place families gathered in the Raider Room of Rummel High School for our annual Angels' Place Christmas Party. **Rickie Langlois**, our volunteer bus driver, picked up families who had no transportation—what a blessing she is to us!

It was the best party ever! Rummel Principal, Mr. Begg began the party with a lovely prayer. Bunches of balloons decorated the room donated by Rummel and **Marie DeSalvo** who had also donated the paper products, table decorations and sheet cakes for the party. Marie does this every year in memory of her late husband **Sal DeSalvo**. Christmas music was provided by **Chris Carlone** of the Jefferson Lions Club who volunteered to be the DJ for the day. **Jean Linn**, AP Board of Director, dressed as Mrs. Clause. Other volunteers from the **Jefferson Lions Club** were **Jack Wallace** and **Kathy** and **Brandon Carlone**. **The Jefferson Lions** also donated toys to the kids.

Lots of families attended. The children were entertained by **Mark Firmin's Project Headstart** students from Rummel dressed in costumes. Santa and his elves were especially generous this year thanks to donations by kind and generous friends of Angels' Place children. AP children and their siblings each received a large bag full of toys. Donors and volunteers provided a delicious buffet and Rummel Elves made sure everyone was cared for and every need met—what a great bunch of young men—they had even decorated a huge Christmas tree for the kids! Rummel volunteers, **Laurie Waltzer**, **Judy Marshall** and **Irv Barousse**, were there to lend a hand and we do appreciate all they did.

Sally Ann Roberts with WWL-TV Channel 4 stopped by and interviewed some of our families that was later broadcast on a segment of "Quiet Heros."

OPPORTUNITIES

Businesses & Clubs around New Orleans

Angels' Place welcomes businesses & clubs to learn more about the **mission and vision of Angels' Place** and the future respite/end of life home. Founder and Executive Director, **Anita Gilford** will speak at your meeting to discuss our goals and share opportunities to help. Call 504/ 455-2620 for details

Continued Thanks for Trunk or Treat

As we said in our last newsletter there were so many people to thank for making our seventh annual "TRUNK OR TREAT" event held at the **ZEPHYRS STADIUM** a tremendous success that we didn't have the room to list them. We could not have put on Trunk or Treat without our invaluable donors and volunteers and can not express our thanks enough for their help.

We had lots of food, drinks, candy and fun. Children squealed with delight as they went from decorated trunks of cars, insides of vans, SUVs, and the beds of trucks looking for the coveted candy treats. They "Trick or Treated" with their parents from "Trunk to Trunk" filling their bags with sweets. **Treasure Chest Casino** provided hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn and soft drinks for us to sell at our concession booths. We are so grateful to **Vito Zuppardo** and **Treasure Chest Casino** for their continued support of Trunk or Treat and Angels' Place. A big thank you to **Marc Allen**, of the **New Orleans Zephyrs** who allowed us to use their parking lot and facilities for our event and was so helpful to us as well. Thank you so much Marc and Vito! Our volunteers, which included the **Key Club** from **Brother Martin High School** and the students from **Xavier University**, and the **Loyola Law Student Fraternity** are the greatest and we thank you so much for all your help. **Ralph Lozier**, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for the crowds. Job well done, Mr. Lozier, we couldn't have done it without you! **Knights of Columbus** donated the large grill for the night. **Mr. Pierpoint** and **Jeff Palacio**, Director of Purchasing at **Imperial Trading Company** donated a generous amount of candy for Trunk or Treat. Every year **Walmart** gives us a donation that we use to buy candy and necessities for TOT. Thank you **Kevin Smith**, manager, **Tina Chabaud** and **Cherry Davenport** of the Harahan Walmart and **Byron Beck**, District Manager. **Walmart** continually helps make Trunk or Treat a success.

Thank you to **Christian Serpas** and **Ghost Town Band** for entertaining everyone with their terrific music and **Chuck Breaux** with **On-Site Productions** for the sound equipment at a great price. Major thanks to the following:

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Wing Claps and Gifts from the Heart

(If we forgot anyone - please contact us - we are working hard to get everyone in)

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In Memory of Anabelle Catherine

10/31/04—12/15/04

Our Heavenly Father welcomed a tiny angel into Heaven on Wednesday, December 15, 2004. Even though her little life on earth was a brief five weeks, Anabelle was dearly loved and cared for by her parents and loved ones. Anabelle now gently rests in the arms of her Heavenly Father Who will care for, and love her, eternally.

Our sincere condolences go out to Anabelle's family for their tremendous loss. God's peace, love and mercy will comfort you during your time of great sorrow.

In Memory Of Jonathan

All Heaven welcomed little Jonathan and now he is being cared for and loved by his Heavenly Father. Jonathan is free from pain and suffering and is happily basking in the warmth and glory of the Lord.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time of overwhelming sorrow. May the Lord keep, comfort and strengthen you during this time of sadness.



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March 19—AP Family Spring Picnic

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