



Guardian Angel Gazette

The Official Newsletter for Angels' Place

From the Founder/President's Desk



Angels' Place is so grateful for the overwhelming local and national response to the two recent articles published about our seriously ill children and their parents.

The first article appeared in the Times Picayune on March 14, titled "*Heaven Sent*" about our "baby Robbie" who was born with a rare skeletal deformity. The NCJW (National Council of Jewish Women) nominated me as one of "Those Who Dared to Care about Kids" honorees on March 21 at the New Orleans Hilton. As a registered nurse who has given her life to help ill and dying children, I was so grateful for their recognition of Angels' Place and what we do.

The second article appeared in the April 25th issue of People Magazine. People Magazine sent a reporter and a photographer who told the story of Angels' Place including its beginning and our ill children whom we have helped with compassion and love. Pictures were taken of Brice in Garyville, LA and of me rocking baby Robbie as I talked with his mom, Jennifer. And last but not least, they took a picture of my 23 year old son Marques at LSU. This is a very special picture for me because it reminds me that it was during Marques' battle with cancer at 11 years old that I promised God to spend my life helping other seriously ill/dying children and to build a children's respite/end-of-life home.

I also want to remind you that this is our 4th year (GOLD ALBUM) for our fabulous Christmas CD—*Holiday Angels Working Undercover!!* This album features songs by the top 15 cover bands in our city, headed up by our Angels—**The Top Cats** and **The Mixed Nuts**. All net proceeds from this Christmas Album will go into our Angels' Place home fund. It should be out in late September in local music stores, our office, and sold by the bands at their performances. The album is \$10! We will have a great CD Christmas Party with our bands, December 18 at **Southport Hall** in the Metairie/Jefferson area on River Road. Don't miss it—New Orleans musicians are singing and playing their hearts out to help our Angels' Place children and to build our Home. Please buy our album, come to our concert, and support these bands. If any businesses are interested in being a sponsor for our CD, please call us.

With many blessings,

Anita, RN
Founder, Executive Director

Important News from Lee Hoffman



Prescription Drug Assistance

Many people could use some help with paying for prescription medicines. America's pharmaceutical providers are working together with health care providers and community groups to get medicines to those who need them.

If you don't have prescription coverage and can't afford your medicines, help is available. You could get your medicines free or at a reduced cost. Many people qualify for this assistance: working people, people without jobs, seniors and retired people, students, families, and single people.

Simply call **1-888-477-2669** toll free. Have the names of your medicines with you. A trained specialist will answer your questions and help you apply. There is no catch or strings attached!



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS: TLC CAREGIVER RETREAT

On August 6, at **Audubon Park Swamp Exhibit**, we will present a wonderful afternoon for caregivers of Angels' Place kids. There will be a variety of nurturing and relaxing activities for mothers and other caregivers as well as childcare with fun activities. We need you to help us make our caregiver retreat a success. Volunteers are needed to help register guests, set up, clean up, assist the providers of services, provide childcare, and act as go-fers. This is a perfect opportunity for those who've been wanting to help, but are unable to make a regular commitment. We need more than 50 volunteers to make this event a success.

There will be a special meeting on **Saturday, July 30 at 9:00 AM** to discuss our needs and your preferences. Please call **Barbara Lane**, Volunteer Coordinator, at 455-2620 if you plan to attend the meeting.

CHILDREN'S RESPITE PROGRAM

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

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Never give in! Never give in! Never, never, never—in nothing great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense.
Winston Churchill

Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.
Billy Graham



Mia, one of our Angels' Place children, and her sisters (L) Madeleine and (R) Meredith stopped by to say hello.

Mia looked precious in her red dress with white polka dots.

Thank you Mia, Madeleine and Meredith for a lovely visit.

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In Memory Of

Dylan Joseph Davis



Dylan passed away in the presence of his loving family on Friday, April 29, 2005, at age 11.

Dylan's pain is gone. He is healthy, happy and enjoying the Lord's love and kindness.

Our hearts go out to Dylan's family during this time of terrible grief.

We pray the peace that passes all understanding be with you and God's love sustain you.

Some pictures of our wonderful volunteers at our "Hats Off To You" appreciation luncheon. Everyone had a great time and we especially enjoyed recognizing our loyal, loving volunteers!

Bravo!



Announcements & Opportunities

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.

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. Volunteers are needed for our new CSHS medical respite program in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes for our State's medically fragile children.

Calendar

August 6—AP Caregiver TLC Event

September 23—Fundraiser—Le Pavillon Hotel

October—THERE WILL BE NO TRUNK OR TREAT THIS YEAR

December 18—Christmas CD concert—15 bands—Southport Hall



Important: We are gathering school supplies for our kids and their siblings for this coming year.

Needed: protractors, hand-calculators, spiral notebooks, sturdy rulers, assignment pads, washable markers, scissors, report covers, planners, assignment pads & backpacks. Bring supplies to our offices. Thank you so much for all you do!!!

If you would like to make a donation to Angels' Place, please make check payable to Angels' Place, Inc. and mail to: 4323 Division Street; Suite 206, Metairie, LA 70002



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