



The Official Newsletter for Angels' Place

Guardian Angel Gazette

From the Founder/President's Desk



“What is an angel? Angels carry the love of God where He wants it this day, this moment. And since the heavenly Father’s love is limitless, another fact follows—angels may be found doing anything, any time and place, and any way to help

God’s people.”

Breakfast with the Angels, Traci Mullins, Servant Publications, Page 2.

We are amazed at the outpouring of help and heavenly grace that continually surrounds Angels’ Place. So many very sick children have been referred to us and then God sends volunteers just when we need them.

Please pray for us in the coming days. We recently lost five little angels who have gone home to God. You will see their memorials in this newsletter. Each child of Angels’ Place is so precious to us. It is because of our strong love for our children and their caregivers that we are able to continue our mission.

I continue to champion for our one acre of land for our Angels’ Place children’s respite/end-of-life home in Jefferson Parish. We are searching for an acre of land in Kenner for our home. I have spoken with Mayor **Phil Capitano** and staff, and they said they are looking into it. All we need is **THREE ACRES OF LOVE WHERE GOD’S FRAIL LITTLE ANGELS** can come to receive tender loving care and medical respite while their exhausted moms, dads, or caregivers can take a break from the 24 hour care of their ill child. Please join us in this “divine calling” and become a part of our wonderful volunteers who are the heart of Angels’ Place

Blessings and love,

Anita Gilford, RN, Founder

We were overwhelmed by the catastrophic devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Our hearts go out to the New Orleans community, the Gulf Coast community and to all the Americans displaced from their homes. We watched on television as the horrific events unfolded in the Greater New Orleans area regarding our families and children who were displaced, lost their homes and lost their jobs

Our prayers go out to all victims of these hurricanes and to all the “loved ones” who died as a result of these massive hurricanes. Many of our families have relocated to other areas of Louisiana and other states, hopefully to return to New Orleans.

We will rebuild the Greater New Orleans Region and the Gulf Coast because Americans are strong, faith filled people with determination and courage.

We have been calling our children and families to find out where and how they are and if we can help them in any way. We ask our families that we were not able to contact to please call us at (504)455-2620. Angels’ Place will continue to take care of our seriously ill children and their families.

Lee Hoffman, our Angels’ Place social worker, moved on to pursue a full time business elsewhere. We will all miss her and appreciate everything she has done for Angels’ Place. We wish her the best.

Three of our fundraisers were cancelled due to Hurricane Katrina and her aftermath, Le Pavillon Hotel Gala for our families and sponsors, Teri Art Galleries of Metairie art sale, and the Hall Piano Concert in October. Hopefully they can be rescheduled at a later date. The only remaining fundraiser is our 4th Gold Edition Christmas CD, “*Holiday Angels Working Undercover*.” **Buzzy Beano**, **Rob Schulte** and the other **Top Cats**, along with **Chuck Credo** of the **Mixed Nuts** e-mailed us and want to continue the CD tradition. They said many local “cover bands” want to continue to donate their many talents, record their songs and help Angels’ Place continue to serve our children. We are so touched and grateful for their help and their dedication to our seriously and terminally ill children and their families.

At the present time, we are solely depending on our supporters to provide the respite help for the children and family events throughout the year. Please support Angels’ Place by making a donation and by purchasing our CD for just \$10. The CD is a great Christmas present!!!

In closing, I would like to leave you with some positive thoughts I have collected along the way: “Tough times never last...but tough people do!”, **Robert Schuller** and “Never, never, never, never quit!” **Anita Gilford**

God bless our children and God bless America.

Anita Gilford, RN, Founder

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

Wing Claps

Danielle Bronillette-bought school supplies for AP kids with money from piggy bank
Erin Calagna for school supplies
Chateau Garden Club for school supplies & toiletries
Chevron Black Employees Network for donating to TLC Retreat gift bags
Thomas & Marion Coon for a kind donation
James & Kelly Fambro for a kind donation
Jane Fischer for donating school supplies to our kids
Barbara Ann Fisher for a kind donation
Julie Folse for a kind donation
Mr. & Mrs. J. Brian Gardner for a kind donation
Tammy Hihar for a kind donation
Amy & Chris Hornby for a kind donation
Betty Joachim for donating school supplies for our kids
Janet F. Keller for a kind donation
John & Liz Lord for a kind donation
Rickey Louis Lagasse for a kind donation
Logan Lewis for school supplies & a kind donation
Pamela Marks for a kind donation
Joseph and Jo-Ann Molinario for a kind donation
Neurology Monitoring, LLC for a kind donation
Ellen S. Newell for donation for membership
Beverly Randazzo for a donation for membership
Chloe Suazo for a kind donation and items
Ruth C. Stewart for a kind donation
Michael & Tara Sullivan for a kind donation
Christian Serpas & Ghost Town band for school supplies & a kind donation.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Women for a kind donation
Felicia Usner for donation of toiletries
Robert and Lynne Wallenburg for a kind donation
Larry Woodrow for bringing us a generous check from the **Thomas H. & Mayme P. Scott Foundation**.
Dianne Musso for donation of school supplies
Peggy R. Yancey for a kind donation

Metairie Rotary Club Comes Through Again!

Dr. Jim Linn, AP Board Member and Rotary Club member presented us with a check from the **Metairie Rotary Club** for the TLC (Tender Loving Care) Caregiver Event expenses. Thank you so much for making the event possible!

Calendar

September 23—Fundraiser—Le Pavillon Hotel—CANCELLED
 October 9—Art Exhibit Fundraiser—CANCELLED
 October—THERE WILL BE NO TRUNK OR TREAT THIS YEAR
 December 17—Christmas party at Archbishop Rummel H.S.-time: TBA
 December 18—AP Christmas CD Concert—15 bands—Southport Hall

Thank you Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Louisiana for printing our newsletter

School Starts—AP Kids Are Ready!

Angels' Place wants to thank all the wonderful people who brought school supplies for our Angels' Place children and their siblings. It is such a relief for them not to have the financial burden of purchasing school supplies. What a tremendous blessing you are. The caregivers have expressed how appreciative they are for you and your kindness. We were able to assist 29 families and 80 children.

Angels' Place is so fortunate to have a network of dedicated, sharing individuals who are always attentive to the needs of our families. God bless you all!

Thanksgiving donations are needed for our families. This year, because of all the hurricane confusion, we want to give gift cards ONLY. We only have one more newsletter before the Thanksgiving holiday so please don't forget our Angels' Place families when you are making your holiday plans.

Thank You Beta Sigma Phi

Members of the **Laureate Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority** stopped by Angels' Place to deliver bags full of "comfort" pillows they made for our Angels' Place children. **Evelyn Dubois, Sharon Storts, Barbara Toups, Pat Johnson, Patti Faurie, Charlann Kable, Sandra Mc Carthy, Anne Garrett** and volunteer helpers, **Nichole Storts and Cindy**, hand made the beautiful pillows from brightly colored, printed material that will surely delight our children. The pillows were fashioned for kids of all ages to enjoy. Thank you so much for thinking of our children and Angels' Place. God bless you for your kindness.

St. Martins—Always Faithful

The Spiritual Life Organization, a parent group that supports and nurtures the spiritual life of **St. Martins Episcopal School**, recently gave a kind donation to Angels' Place. Along with the donation, **Lynn Coatney**, a member of the organization, delivered a box of school and art supplies collected by **St. Martin's fifth grade students** and donated through their religion class with **Debbie Scalia**.

Angels' Place continues to be in the thoughts and prayers of the St. Martin's school family. They are faithful friends and we greatly appreciate all they do.

DONATIONS GIVEN IN MEMORIAL

Al Bourgeois Plumbing in memory of **John Lorio**
 Raymond & Rose Mary Bailey in memory of **Francis J. Newman**
 Shirley & Arthur Bennett in memory of **Gayle Sanchez Noto**
 Carmel Brown in memory of **Frances Brown**
 Patsy & Thomas Bush in memory of **Edith Gillis**
 Cynthia & Jack Couturier in memory of **James A. Noe**
 Grannie, PawPaw & Uncle Bob in memory of **Mackenzie Paige Fontenot**
 Andrea N. Egan in memory of **Francis J. Newman**
 Selma & Horace Evans in memory of **Melanie Migliore**
 Mike & Cathy Haeffeler, III in memory of **Micky McClure**
 Mike, Cathy, Beth & Joe Haeffeler, III in memory of **Francis Newman**
 Mike, Cathy, Beth & Joe Haeffeler, III in memory of **Rosalia Orfanello**
 Hynes School Retired Teachers in memory of **Joan B. Kambur**
 Inge Jepsen in memory of **Tom Fortier**
 Tom & Mary Kennedy in memory of **Lily Orfanello**
 Tom & Mary Kennedy in memory of **Gregory Paul Caire**
 Dr. & Mrs. Jim Linn in memory of **June Berthounaud**
 Dr. & Mrs. Jim Linn in memory of **Pat Cousans**
 Dr. & Mrs. Jim Linn in memory of **Greg Paul Caire**
 Dr. & Mrs. Jim Linn in memory of **Jesse Danna, Sr.**
 Judee Morovich in memory of **Joan B. Kambur**
 Glenda & Lionel Parria in memory of **Melanie Migliore**
 Dr. Donald Persich in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Nicholson**
 Noël and Kathleen Pilie in memory of **Edward Martin**
 Anna Rickoll in memory of **Durward Hull**
 Edward & Emmilou Tabor in memory of **Olive Dudenhefer**
 Lyle Theriot & Jill Robinson in memory of **Helene Theriot**

DONATIONS GIVEN IN HONOR

The Galileo Group—Ken & Sandy Candela in honor of **Katie Clark**
 Beth Miller in honor of **Tana Jamieson**
 Anna M. Rickoll in honor of the birthday of **Elenora B. Vogt**

In Loving Memory Of **Markesha**

Our lovely little angel, Markesha went to be with Her Heavenly Father, Sunday, July 24, 2005. Her health is fully restored and she is being lovingly cared for by all of Heaven.

Our prayers go out to you during your time of great sorrow. May the "Peace that passes all understanding" be with you.



In Loving Memory Of **Mackenzie**



The angels rejoiced as they lovingly welcomed little Mackenzie into heaven March 17, 2005. In the three short years Mackenzie was on this earth, she touched many lives with her smiles and laughter. Her mama, daddy and "Grannie" were blessed with her because God knew they would have all the love, support and patience to nurture Mackenzie.

Mackenzie is now laughing and playing with the other children in heaven. The love, laughter and smiles she so generously gave on earth she is now sharing with our Heavenly Father, the angels and her family members who have gone before her.

In Loving Memory Of **Brittany A.**

Although little Brittany was in this world just a short while, she touched many hearts. Brittany, one of God's precious ones, was called home to be with her loving Father in Heaven. She is well now, playing and laughing with the angels.



Our prayers and sincere condolences go out to her family during their time of sorrow.

In Loving Memory Of **Brittany D.**

All Heaven welcomed Brittany, July 29, 2005. She knew her Father was waiting for her and she is now resting in His presence—fully recovered—gloriously happy.

Our prayers are with you for the loss of your lovely daughter.

In Loving Memory Of **Kate**

Kate went to be with the Lord May 24, 2005. She is being cared for by the Angels, family, and friends.

Our sincere condolences go out to her family during their time of sorrow. May the Lord keep you and give you peace.

Angels' Place TLC Event Brings Smiles to Caregivers & Kids



Our day of pampering at the Audubon Tea Room for our caregivers was a complete success. Thank you, **Mr. Ron Forman**, for allowing us to have the Tea Room for our event! We will give more details in the next newsletter but for now you will get a visual idea of what occurred. Caregivers received massages, hand massages, scrap booking lessons/supplies, affirmations, good fortunes told, and lots of other activities. Lunch was served in a grand manner and the children were amazed and entertained by volunteers, zoo workers with petting animals, a "good" fairy and a storyteller. Again, we will give all the "delicious" details and there are *sooo* many people to thank we will give proper thanks, especially to our wonderful volunteers, in our next newsletter.



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