

Guardian Angel Gazette

From the Founder/President's Desk



Anita Gilford, RN, MSN

I hope all of you are well and enjoying our beautiful fall weather. All of us at Angels Place wish you a beautiful season of joy and love with the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas season. I am thankful to each one of you who give of your time, talents, and treasures to our sick and/or suffering children and their overwhelmed families.

At this time, Angels Place is serving 105 children diagnosed with a life threatening illness. Adding their family members, this equals around 459 we are serving with a staff of 2 full-time and 2 part time people.

I want to share with you the many events happening at Angels Place and pray that you will be able to help us in anyway you can, so we can continue to better serve our children.

First: We have been graced by **WalMart** helping us and our children. They will be hosting a baseball benefit tournament on October 8,9,10 in the Slidell area by their employees. All proceeds will go toward Angels Place! Thank You!!

Second: **Mrs. Joyce Laporte** and **Mrs. Doris Cowan**, two local artists, who have organized our **Art for Angels** fundraiser, held the art classes for our Angels' Place children and their brothers and sisters. Ms. Laporte and Ms. Cowan, who are also loyal supporters of Angels' Place, have planned a grand exhibition of the artwork and a wine and hors d'ouerves reception hosted by **Chef Wanda McKinney** and **Café Gambino**, **December 11, 2010 at 6 PM—9 PM at Café Gambinos, 4821 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, LA**. You may purchase our childrens artwork the night of the fundraiser. Everyone is invited to attend our **Art for Angels** Fundraiser so please come out and support our Angels Place Children. Hope to see you then. The children painted "Fleur de lis" and "garden flowers" at our little 400 Coolidge Street House across the street from **Ochsner Hospital**. The pictures will be matted and framed and "up for sale"!! A huge thank you to our local artists, **Doris Cowan** and **Joyce Laporte**, who brought this idea to us and coordinated the event. A big thank you to **Jan Wilken** and artist, **Sherry Francalancia**, for helping with the art classes.

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Mary Kandlehner, Childrens Program Director

Can you believe it's already October? We are fast approaching our busiest times of the year at Angels Place. We have several very fun events coming up for the children. On October 17 **Rummel High School** will host, **Raider Booville**, a Halloween party for our children, which we are all looking forward to. At Thanksgiving time we try to help our families by giving out gift cards to help with the costs of dinner. As you know, Our Christmas party will be Decem-

ber 12. This year our party is very early, so if you, your family, friends or organization are considering adopting a child/family or children or want to contribute to our toy drive in any way, you can call the office for ideas and wish lists. All gifts will need to be in the office by December 8 at the latest, for wrapping. We are always looking for eager volunteers to help with the organizing and wrapping of the gifts. We usually wrap for around 400 children, in the week before our party. *If anyone would like to volunteer to help us with computer input we would TRULY appreciate the help of a computer savy volunteer in the weeks leading up to the Christmas party to help update our childrens wish list in Word and Excel.* Just call the office for details. We have many children undergoing tough treatments and procedures every day, the treatments are not easy or without side-effects and complications often arise. We want to make Christmas as un-demanding on our families as possible and try to make sure their childrens Christmas wishes are met. Great thanks are due to Mr. **Mark Firman**, from Rummel High School who organizes the parties for Angels Place.

Our Children really enjoyed the Art classes at Coolidge House and hopefully we can pursue more classes in the near future. Thanks to **Joyce Laporte, Doris Cowan** and **Sherry Francalancia** for instructing the classes. It's always great to see our Angels Place children form friendships, work together and just have fun!. Angels' Place children are all courageous and have faced, or are facing, tremendous hurdles in their young lives but their child-like outlook and spirit is awe inspiring and a reminder to all to have faith.



An Invitation
From the Children
Of Angels' Place

Join our remarkable children at the "Art for Angels"
Angels' Place 2010 Fall Fundraiser

Wine and hors d'ouerves reception hosted by
Chef Wanda McKinney and Café Gambinos
Featuring the artwork of Angels Place children
Sponsored by: Gambinos Bakery, local artists -
Doris Cowan and Joyce Laporte and Angels' Place

WHERE: Café Gambino located in Gambinos Bakery
4821 Veterans Blvd. Metairie, LA 70006
(504)885-7500

WHEN: Saturday, December 11, 2010
6 PM - 9 PM

If you do not wish to attend our fundraiser, a donation to
Angels' Place will be greatly appreciated.

Calendar—2010

Raider Booville—Angels' Place Families "Rummel Booville"
Halloween Party—October 17, 2010, 2 PM—4 PM
Art for Angels Art Exhibition—Saturday, December 11, 2010—6-9 PM
Thanksgiving—dinners & gift cards, November 2010
Angels' Place Christmas Party—Sunday, December 12, 2010

AP Children Stop By to Pick Up School Supplies



Daniel (above) wanted us to know that not only does he have a new shoulder but that he has a talent for singing as well. He sang "When You Wish Upon A Star" for us. Thank you, Daniel, for the lovely song!

Daniel has nine brothers and sisters and we were able to give them all school supplies.

Micahs mom (TL) stopped by for his families supplies. Micah was in the hospital and was unable to come—we missed seeing him.

Many other Angels' Place families benefited from the school supplies and all expressed gratitude to Angels' Place and our wonderful donors for making everything possible.



We want to thank everyone who contributed to our annual school supply drive. Our needs were met and we had just enough supplies to give to all our children a good start to the school year. Elise (above holding a stuffed toy) visited with her two sisters. It was good to see Elise getting so big and as healthy as ever. They are three beautiful little girls!

And, Taylor (middle L) came by with her mom. Taylor is one of six children. She struggled for her little life last year and here she is looking the picture of health. Taylor is a true little fighter and we are so proud of her.

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Also, thanks to all the Angels' Place parents who brought their children to "paint for us". It will be a wonderful event. **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT OUR FUNDRAISER!**

Third: Please do not forget "new toys for our Angels' Place Children" for Christmas!! We request "new, unused toys, gifts, and clothes for our children and their siblings! The Angels' Place Children's Christmas Party will be held at Rummel High School "Raider Room" on Sunday, December 12th from 2 pm – 3 pm at Rummel High School.

Our Children's Program Director **Mary Kantlehner** will be there also to meet and greet our Angels' Place children and families who attend, as well as our other staff, **Charlotte Ward, Mr. Marion Gilford** and me. Thank You, **Mark Firmin & the wonderful Operation HeadStart students, Alumni and staff at Rummel High School** for hosting our special event.

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Wal Mart Vendors will participate in the baseball games and supply participants with food and drink. The baseball games, sponsored by Wal Mart will benefit Angels' Place.

Respite Volunteers Needed!!!

We are in need of caring respite volunteers to visit our Angels' Place sick children in our local hospitals and in their homes. If you love kids and are interested in volunteering, please call (504)455-2620 and ask for **Mary Kantlehner**, our **Volunteer Coordinator**.

You will bring a smile to one of our sick children and give mom and dad a "loving break."

Wing Claps!

Joe & Carol Bandera for toiletries and toys for our families
 Rey Bienvenu for a kind donation
 Sonia Henriques-Morange for a kind gift of school supplies
 Crescent City Glass Society for a kind donation of gift cards for our families
 Kathryn Ford for a kind donation
 Cliff & Linda Giffin for a kind membership donation
 Charles Johnson for a kind membership donation
 LA State Police Troop B for a kind donation of school supplies
 Bea Mestayer for a kind donation for school supplies
 Ellen Stich Newell for a kind membership donation
 Richard Palisi for a kind donation
 Shirley Trahant for a kind donation

In Loving Memory

Kathleen and Noël Pilié in memory of Charles Joseph Derbes, Jr.
 Tom and Mary Kennedy in memory of Larry Garvey
 Glenda and Lionel Parria in memory of Mom.
 Rey Bienvenu in memory of Marion Hosli
 Barbara Fontenelle in memory of Emma, Elle, Jake and Thomas
 Anna Rickoll in memory of Walter M. Whiteside

Art for Angels Classes Begin



Picture (TR): AP artists at work.

Picture (MR): Kendalls dad gives him a little loving support.

Picture (BR): Katelyn and Elise are now officially artists and friends!

Picture (TL) Amber Stamant, volunteer and artist, Sherry Francalancia, help the smaller artists with their paintings.

Picture (ML): AP children paint their masterpieces.

Pictured (BL): Local artist, Joyce Laporte ready for art lessons.

Bottom: Local artist, Doris Cowin gives instructions to our kids.



Tim Janis Helps Children Heal

Composer, musician, conductor and arranger **Tim Janis** is a story of a deep belief in the power of creating music that can heal and bring peace on a global level. His music has traveled to diverse places as the hallowed ground of Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City, Africa, China, Eastern Europe, the United States.

Angels' Place was delighted when Tim visited our office to deliver his CDs and books for our children. He has worked with some of the top artists in the music and entertainment business -- from **Paul McCartney**, **Billy Joel**, and **Ray Charles**, **George**

Clooney, **James Earl Jones** to the **New York Philharmonic** and **London Symphony**. Tim recorded a CD, "Music of Hope," which was a fundraising CD for the **American Cancer Society** and has been used as music for oncology patients. His music has traveled world wide. With millions of listeners and thousands of testimonies Tim continues to bring to the world a universal message of hope and peace. You can read more about Tim Janis on his website, timjanis.com

Thank you so much, Tim, for your dedication to the healing power of music and for including Angels' Place children in your outreach to the world.



Carol Bennett, Tim Janis and Al Bennett



Bonnie Matassa and Julia Bourg dropped off toys and books to AP in honor of their friend, Kelly Granier, one of our AP children. Thanks so much for thinking of our kids.

Many of our children continue to need blood and platelets. If you wish to donate for a child, please call us for more information at (504) 455-2620. *Please* consider our children when you decide to donate blood or platelets.



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