



*Improving the Quality of Life for Children & Adults with Developmental Disabilities and their Families.*

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***Weathering Hurricane Matthew***

The Mission of Angelwood is to Improve the Quality of Life for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities and their Families. That mission includes keeping those we serve safe and giving their families peace of mind - even during a natural disaster.

After 15 years of not having to deal with this type of emergency at Angelwood, we were as prepared as we could be for Hurricane Matthew. We had food stocked up, staff in place, windows boarded up and generators ready to go. We had to evacuate one group home as directed by the City. All were safely moved to another group home where they stayed for several days until the storm was over and power was restored.

Even being at home, a hurricane can be very scary and trying for the people who call Angelwood home. We have some AMAZING employees who didn't think twice about stepping up for the long haul of the storm. They stayed sheltered with our angels for days - making sure they all were safe. The extra mile from those extra staff members truly provided a sense of comfort during the storm... even for our families.

**As Hurricane Matthew was hitting - prayers and thanks poured in on the Angelwood Facebook page...**

"Thank you Angelwood caregivers for taking care of my son and all of the residents!  
I have prayed and am continuing to pray for you."

"I am happy to know my brother, is safe and in good hands."

"Thank you for keeping my daughter safe. "

For all of us at Angelwood... keeping your loved ones safe isn't a 'job' - it's our mission... a mission we stand behind when the sun is shining or there's a hurricane on the horizon. We are always here for you and your family.



***HOLIDAY KIDS CAMP & PARENTS' DAY/NIGHT OUT PROGRAM***

Angelwood is offering parents with school age children with disabilities and their siblings some "off-time" during the 2016-2017 School Year. Sponsored by the "Give and Go" program through the Jaguars Foundation, this is a time for festive fun packed with holiday themed activities while parents have time to shop and/or enjoy some adult time.

***Two great sessions are still available:***

**Winter Wonders Workshop Day: Sat. December 10, 2016 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Sweethearts Evening: Fri. February 10, 2017 5:30 – 9:00 PM**

*Call the Angelwood Office during business hours to register or email [info@angelwoodjax.org](mailto:info@angelwoodjax.org) for a registration packet. Space is limited and will fill quickly.*

## CORNER OF CARING

### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT-BILL WILSON**

When it comes to volunteering, no one does it better than Bill Wilson. For over 16 years Bill has been sharing his skills as a builder and home inspector and his passion for cooking and fun with Angelwood. He has personally helped us make educated decisions on at least 4 of our group home purchases, connected us with builders when renovations have been needed and much more. Over the years Bill has also developed his art of cooking off the back of his truck. While that may sound little strange, he has fed hundreds of people delicious low country boil and pulled pork at various Angelwood events. During the recent hurricane, Bill volunteered to inspect the house we needed to evacuate to assure it was safe for the return of those living there. One of the nicest things Bill did was to introduce his wife, Robin, to Angelwood who became our Human Resource Director for over 5 years. (She is often by his side cooking for the multitudes.) These days Bill stays very busy with his home inspection business, Wilson Inspections. We are very grateful that his love of the people Angelwood serves continues to move him to share his expertise and joy of giving.



*Joe Wilson joins his father cooking their legendary Low Country Boil.*



### **MAJOR REFRESH FOR SCOTT MILL HOME**

The Scott Mill home for young ladies received some much needed TLC thanks to BB&T. Under the leadership of Debbie Buckland, the BB&T Jacksonville President (pictured top left), bank volunteers spent two whole HOT summer days working hard on the house. The house received new siding and volunteers painted inside and out. They also purchased furniture and accessories for the living room.

A few weeks later, the Julington Creek Campus of Celebration Church (pictured bottom right) came and cleaned out the garage and built shelving for storage of personal and medical items that were taking over half of the garage. Thank you to everyone who worked on this endeavor, the ladies are so pleased!



*The kitchen got a make over with new cabinets and countertops thanks to a donation of materials from Young American Homes.*



## Board of Director News

### Angelwood Welcomes New Board Member



At the September meeting of the Board of Directors, David Vails was elected to the Board. David earned his MBA from Niagara University and has been professionally working as a financial analyst for most of his career. Currently he is employed by the Duval County Public Schools. Although David is new to the Board, he has been connected with Angelwood through our Summer Day Camp where 2 of his children have been attending for several years. Angelwood is very pleased to welcome David Vails.



### Two Angelwood Directors Complete Terms of Service

Last month, two Directors completed their terms on the Angelwood Board of Directors.



Special thanks to Debra Harrison, D.N.P. (pictured top left) recently retired Chief Nursing Officer of Mayo Clinic and Rick Doran, General Manager of Arlington Toyota. Both served Angelwood with energy and dedication.

## WISH LIST

### Household Items

Laundry Detergent (HE)  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Tissue  
Cleaning Supplies  
Liquid Hand Soap  
Liquid Body Wash  
Shampoo & Conditioner

### Gift Cards

Publix Super Markets  
Lowes  
Craft stores  
BJ's/ Costco/ Walmart  
Movies  
Community Events & Activities  
Clothing Stores

**If you need to know where to deliver supplies or to arrange a pick up, please contact us at (904) 288-7259 or [info@angelwoodjax.org](mailto:info@angelwoodjax.org)**

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## Memorials & Tributes

### In Honor of...

Nadine Gramling by Laura Edwards  
Christopher Griswold by  
Nancy & Richard Morrison

Debra Harrison by Carolyn O'Brien  
The Macaw House by Lori Smith

Liam McCue by Kim & Randy Nader

Gina Vergenz by Barbara Powell,  
Mitzi & Bob Vergenz

Charlotte Winship by Rebecca Winship

### In Loving Memory of ...

Walter Beattie by Mary Beattie

Thomas E. Camp III by Joy Camp

Suzanne Swerbenski by Bill Swerbenski

Beverly Thompson by  
Kristin & Mark Thompson

### Thank You 2016 "Grand Givers"

Anonymous Givers  
Amber Anthony  
Scott Baldwin  
Aileen Barton  
Stephanie Coonan  
Sharon Dowe  
Pam & Jim Ervanian  
Suzanne & Martin Flamm  
Judith Foist & Ben Keough  
Betty Gurney & Myrna Stokely  
Marge Holtsinger  
Jennifer U. Johnson  
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*for the*

# *Angelwood Silver Celebration*

*Kicking Off a Year Highlighting 25 Years of  
Service in Our Community*

– Music by Grandpa's Cough Medicine –



**Thursday, January 19, 2017**



Angelwood Career Development and Education Center

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

*Sponsorship Opportunities Available – For more information, call (904) 288-7259*