



# Angelwood Highlights

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

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**2014** – The Grassey Cay Group Home opens near the Beaches where there is a shortage of respite services for families in that area. 5 young men reside there on a permanent basis with one respite bed.

**2017** – Angelwood serves over 350 area families who have loved ones living with developmental disabilities such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome, Spina Bifida and Intellectual Disabilities.



**1993** – Inspired by the needs for her daughters, Angelwood is founded by Sally Fox. Work on the Cheatham Trail Group Home began. 5 children served annually. The Sidesaddle group home opened shortly thereafter in 1994.

**2001** – The Scott Mill home opened for 6 children. Angelwood served a total of 13 children living in our group homes, with 3 respite spaces available.



**2013** – A new building was purchased to accommodate the Career Development Center, ADT Program and Supported Employment. Funds are being raised to expand service capacity.



**2002** – Angelwood Summer Day Camp opens serving 36 children each week. The Scott Mill home opened for 6 children and began serving a total of 13 children living in our group homes, with 3 respite spaces available. The Macaw Group home opened for 5 teenage boys, with an additional respite bed.



**2007** – Arts-based Adult Day Training (ADT) program begins with just 2 persons at Riverside Presbyterian Church Mission building. In one year, the program experiences rapid growth and moves to Lakewood United Methodist Church to accommodate requests for participation.



**2004** – Angelwood Administrative Offices move to "The Farm" on Hood Road. Due to budget cuts only 1 Respite Space is able to be maintained in Group Homes. Olson Lane group home is purchased and renovated. Opening in early 2005, this home was opened for 6 young people requiring nursing services.

**2005** – Parents' Night Out program is launched. This program provides a needed evening out for parents while all the children in the family have fun in a safe environment.





## Letter from the Director

What's in a name?

For several years there has been a broad movement to take the "R" word out of even our thought process when referring to people who live with intellectual and developmental disabilities. While the word originated as descriptive, it meant they learned slower than others, today that word has a meaning that is demoralizing. It has evolved into a hurtful slur that has been used to make fun of someone. We have all heard it and at the least cringed and admittedly sometimes boil.

Over the years, the way we refer to the people we serve has changed multiple times. Overall, the question I ask is: What is most respectful? I have concluded this: The people we serve at Angelwood live with developmental disabilities. They often have many struggles as they navigate the world; caring for their personal needs, getting jobs, sometimes learning basic life skills.

Yet, the part that makes us alike is stronger than any of our differences. The people we serve appreciate beauty, they love and are loved, they have emotions so may cry when sad, laugh when happy and exalt with pride when a job is well done.

Sometimes what we call people reflects how we believe they should be treated – I think we best describe the people we serve by calling them - people.

God Bless,

*Diane*

Diane Tuttle  
Executive Director



## Camp Fun is Coming

Another reason to celebrate this year is the 15th year of Angelwood Summer Day Camp! Since 2002, Angelwood has been providing families in our community a fun, safe, high staffed and action packed day camp experience for children who need extra care. This camp was launched at time when parents had very limited options in our area for sending their child to a summer

camp. This has not only been a job-saver for many... but an opportunity to see their child flourish and thrive through all of the activities at camp. Oh...and did we happen to mention the most important part...FUN!!!

Parents, mark your calendars for this season. Applications are now available online at [www.angelwoodjax.org](http://www.angelwoodjax.org) or by calling our office during regular business hours at (904) 288-7259. The camp will continue to be located at the Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, and will run Mon.-Fri. from 9am to 3pm, with extended day sessions available. We are also looking for volunteers to buddy with our campers. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Alexis Bohrer, Director of Community Involvement at [abohrer@angelwoodjax.org](mailto:abohrer@angelwoodjax.org) for an application.

### SESSIONS:

Week 1 June 26-30

Week 2 July 3-7\*

**(No Camp Tues. July 4th)**

Week 3 July 10-14

Week 4 July 17-21

Week 5 July 24-28







### **In the beginning...**

Angelwood began through the need, energy and relentless determination of one mom, Sally Fox, who required help caring for her daughters. Over the years Angelwood has grown in many wonderful ways. Although Sally's untimely passing several years ago left a hole in our hearts, her vision for Angelwood remains today. We continue to help individuals living with developmental disabilities reach their highest and best potential.

### **"Growing Up Angelwood"**

Tyler Anderson is one of the early Angelwood Summer Day Campers. As our youngsters grew, Angelwood grew with them by adding programs that our "angels" and their families needed. We feel privileged to have watched Tyler become the man he is today. Tyler is pictured here proudly showing a photo of him then and now. He is now part of our Career Development & Education programs.



### **CORNER OF CARING**

Angelwood is fortunate to have had a busy volunteer season so far! Gifts for those in our group homes were graciously given by members of Christ's Church as well as the tenants of the Wells Fargo building downtown. Already in 2017 we have also enjoyed work days in our programs from The Chester Bedell Inn of Court, Generation W & Deutsche Bank as well as local students from Terry Parker High School, the University of North Florida, and Florida State College Occupational Therapy Assistant

program. Through Presbyterian Social Ministries, alternative Spring breakers from the University of Tampa, East Carolina University, and Eastern Kentucky University have come ready to rake, paint, and interact with our Adult Day Training & Education Center participants. We are thankful for our all wonderful volunteers who share their time and talent with us.

**Photos:** Top Left, ECU Alternative Spring Break student brightens up one of our group homes with a pop of color. Bottom R, Gen W & Deutsche Bank donated materials and constructed a raised garden bed for our Adult Day Training participants to learn vegetable gardening and healthy eating.



## **Memorials & Tributes**

### **In Honor of...**

**Nadine Gramling**  
by Laine Silverfield

**The Austin Grandchildren**  
by Jim & Judy Austin

**Liam McCue**  
by The Nader Family

### **In Loving Memory of...**

**Joyce Milner**  
by Adrienne Gerken

**Beverly Thompson**  
by Kristin and Mark Thompson

## **April Showers...**

## **Angelwood Wish List**

### **Household Items**

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

### **Gift Cards**

Grocery Stores  
Hardware Stores  
Craft Stores  
Bix Box Stores  
Movies  
Community Events & Activities



*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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## Save the Date

We are doing things a little differently to celebrate this special occasion .....  
in lieu of the Angelwood Fashion Show,  
please join us for the

### Angelwood

### 25th Anniversary Gala

**Saturday, August 26, 2017**

Sawgrass Marriott- Champions Ballroom

1000 PGA TOUR Boulevard

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Silent Auction and More

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