

Updates

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Summer Day Camp



Angelwood has made the difficult decision to cancel Summer Day Camp for 2020. We are heartbroken that we will not see all our campers and their families as well as our outstanding staff and volunteers this summer. Because we serve a medically fragile population and it is not realistic for our campers to social distance, we felt this was a necessary decision. We look forward to hosting this meaningful program in the future. We will miss you all this summer!

We would like to thank **Le Macaron**, our 2019 Summer Day Camp Presenting Sponsor. At the end of camp last year they committed to be our presenting sponsor once again for summer day camp in 2020. When we had to make the tough decision to cancel camp this summer, owners Reggie Thompson and Stephanie Ebers (pictured above enjoying a visit to last year's camp), generously offered to have their sponsorship funds be used wherever it was needed most. We cannot thank you enough for all you do to support the people we serve, especially during these uncertain times. Thank you! All Le Macaron Jacksonville locations have reopened! Check them out at the Town Center, Avenues, Ponte Vedra Beach, *and* Avondale/Riverside!

Behavior Department Grateful for Technology



Since the beginning of April, the Angelwood Behavior Department has pivoted to ensure that behavior services continue to provide necessary support within the new safety guidelines. Changes in routine, sheltering at home and not being able to participate in many of their typical activities can bring about many new challenges. Our team of Behavior Analysts are now using an approved telehealth system for parent trainings since they are unable to make in person home visits. Because parents are home more with their child these telehealth visits are necessary for the training and support they need to learn new behavior techniques.

For the people living in our group homes, behavior services have not stopped, however the use of technology has increased. Connecting to family and friends virtually is so important right now and can help decrease challenging behaviors. Additionally, behavior trainings for Angelwood employees have transitioned to virtual online sessions, which is a first for this department. Mary Neapolitan Gustavson, Program Director of Behavior Services, notes, "We have had to make some major changes in the way we provide services over the last several months and I am proud of how quickly the behavior team, Angelwood staff, and the people we serve have adjusted." For more information about behavior services visit **our website**.

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