

JULY - 2020

The Angelwood Gala is a Go!

We hope you will join us online August 21st for the **2020 Angelwood Gala: Soaring Possibilities & Silver Linings**.

The Gala will look a bit different this year as we have decided to move to a live, online event to ensure the safety of our community. Although we will miss seeing everyone in person, we are still looking forward to sharing a festive evening of celebration with you all.



Save the Date!

- Friday, August 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm
- View the program LIVE on our **Facebook page!** (*You can watch even if you do not have a Facebook account.*)
- No cost to attend! Register **here** to receive event reminders, instructions for participating, and to be entered to win a \$50 Amazon gift card!

While this event is important to help fund our services, it is also important as an opportunity to come together to celebrate our community, those we serve, and how we - collectively - are ensuring that children, adults and families living with developmental differences continue to have access to the high quality care they need and deserve. Thank you for being part of the Angelwood community. We look forward to "seeing" you in August!

Safe Family Visits Now Possible at Group Homes



Angelwood has been very proactive in ensuring that the Group Home residents have been staying safe, social distancing, and sheltering in place. According to the **NPR report** from June 9, 2020, people living in group homes are 4 times more likely to contract COVID-19 than the general public. Since mid-March parents were not allowed to visit the group homes to see their family member in order to keep the residents safe. As you can imagine, it was a challenging time for all as family visits are a common and regular part of our resident's lives. Our Direct Support Professionals (DSP) helped facilitate frequent voice and video calls home, planned fun in-house activities, and supported the people in our group homes during this difficult time. Just recently, parents and family members have been allowed to make visits but they must take place outside with all family members wearing masks. There have been so many smiling faces as families have finally been able to reconnect in person! Pictured above is Marge Holtsinger visiting Catie after many months of no in person contact and yes, there are glowing smiles under those masks!

Rob Thomas, Residential Program Director, notes "Angelwood DSP have been faced with circumstances and situations that no one has had to face before. As a whole, they have responded with the utmost dedication, creativity and an unwavering commitment to those we serve and their families. I can't say enough about how well they have kept our Individuals happy, engaged and, most of all, safe in these difficult times. My hat is off to each and every one who works so hard every day to make Angelwood the area's best provider."

Adult Day Training Continues Despite Distancing

When the difficult decision was made to temporarily close the Career Development and Education Center in mid-March, the staff quickly transitioned to providing in-home adult day training services for the people in our group homes. Activities include continuing to work on goals and skills such as money management, computer/tablet skills, educational activities, and employment skills like bagging groceries. Additionally, the residents are also involved in craft projects, prepping and cooking food for the group home cook off challenge, and creating props and decorations for different stay at home activities. Kenya Daniels, Career Development Director, stated "I am so proud of the teamwork between the Career Development and Education Center staff and Group Home staff. Together they continue to provide quality and creative services during these challenging times." During the last few months technology has also been paramount in ensuring all reporting was completed. Ms. Daniels noted that she was able keep up with all day training activities through calls, texts, different phone apps, and video conference services.



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