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Angelwood is grateful to **Mike Rolewicz** whose service on the Board of Director recently concluded. We are a better organization because of his efforts.



Dear Friends,

Seems as though nearly everyone I talk to says, "I can't wait for 2020 to be over." At times I have thought that myself. Yet, despite the hardships of the last 8+ months, and yes there have been many hardships even at Angelwood, there are things that have happened that remind me to be thankful.

- The people we serve are showing us how resilient they are. As much as none of us chose to be home, living in a group home has been more difficult because their lock down period has been so long.
- A friend had donated iPads within the last year. We were able to expand their use from solely language development to family communication.
- Speaking of families, as we have navigated this time, our families have been very supportive, respectful of our limitations and very patient. We know it is hard to not be able to have a family member home for special gatherings and significant events. We are slowly navigating this too.
- Our Board of Directors and volunteers went into overdrive helping make our first virtual fund raiser successful.
- To date, we have had 4 of the people we serve and 13 employees test positive for the coronavirus. All have recovered. That is a gift and we are both praying and working hard to keep everyone as healthy as possible.
- Since they aren't able to go out to eat yet, friends in our community and some parents have been able to bring take-out to some of our group homes..... What a treat that has been.
- Local grocery and hardware stores helped us find some hard to find items.
- Our DSP staff have responded to even the most challenging circumstances with professionalism, creativity, and genuine care for those we serve and their families.
- And most especially, the spirit and ability to live in the moment have made the people we serve OUR heroes. They spur us to work harder and give more.

The pandemic is not over so we must continue on the path of safety. As we enter this holiday season, I invite you to join me in seeking a spirit of gratitude by finding something for which to be thankful each day. Finally, I thank YOU for lifting us up and holding on to us as we navigate this difficult time. Thank you for being part of the Angelwood family.

Have a blessed holiday season.

Diane



Diane Tuttle
Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to Our New Board Members

Odette Struys has been a friend of Angelwood for quite a while. For several years she served as the emcee of our signature Fashion Show Luncheon and has been attending our events ever since. Professionally, Odette is the Associate Vice President of Public Relations and Communications at Memorial Hospital, a member of HCA Healthcare's South Atlantic Division. Odette hails from Singapore and has enjoyed two distinct careers – in PR and as a member of the news media. She has worked for CNN, Clear Channel, FOX, UPN, PBS and the Singapore Broadcasting Corp – where in 1992, she was a pioneer in Southeast Asia breaking barriers as the region's first female Olympic TV sports anchor. Odette earned a bachelor degree in radio, TV and speech broadcasting and a master's in organizational management.



David Emanuel is the founder of Development Empowerment whose mission is to help people, teams and companies align their values to purposeful actions. Among the core values in his business and personal life are equality, fair/consistent treatment, and diversity. In the course of his work David has had experiences around the globe, where rules, policies, standards and expectations can differ but how people treat and respect each other does not. As a Human Resources Executive with over 30 years of experience in many industries, companies, and locations, David has been able to help individuals, groups and companies navigate the new realities of our world in a thoughtful, progressive and meaningful manner. His style is to engage everyone and to make sure that the organization and the individual have a resource that is willing to listen and direct the team to find positive actions that will lead to meaningful outcomes. David earned a bachelor degree from Wittenberg University in Ohio in History/Pre-Law.

Introducing Jarrett

Jarrett Humphrey has been part of the Angelwood family for over five years. He has a kind heart and likes helping others. He sees his job at Publix as an opportunity to do that as he bags groceries and helps customers to their cars.

Jarrett loves to be active. When he is home he likes shooting hoops in the backyard or learning new cooking skills by helping staff prepare dinner. He enjoys participating in Special Olympics, particularly playing on a basketball team where his team took third place at the State competition. He is looking forward to when he can get back to playing with his team again.



When he is home, Jarrett enjoys playing games such as Skip Bo or Monopoly with his housemates. However, when his favorite NBA team the Toronto Raptors play, he can be found watching them on the TV.

When asked what he likes about Angelwood he replied, **"The staff is wonderful. They help me learn about new things and I feel safe at Angelwood."** Cat Craven, Angelwood Residential Director, has known Jarrett since he came to Angelwood. She said, "Staff feel the same about Jarrett, he is wonderful and we are glad he is part of our Angelwood family."

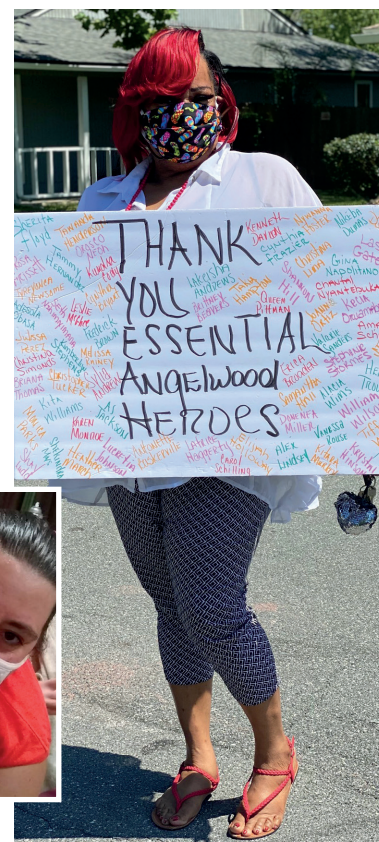


Healthcare Heroes

In mid-March we made the difficult decision to suspend all family visits to our group homes and not allow any outside activities. Our Direct Support Professionals (DSP) have ensured that our residents are staying healthy while also keeping them engaged, working on skills, and just having FUN! They continue to care for and support the individuals of Angelwood as they always have – like family.

Staff hosted cooking and baking contests between the group homes, helped friends and family stay connected with video calls, turned backyards into fun zones in a variety of ways, and planned at home Halloween parties and Fall Festivals to safely enjoy seasonal activities. Recently group home residents resumed outings to the beach and area parks, and are enjoying the opportunity to get out in nature - and out of the house!

Rob Thomas, Senior Program Director, notes "Angelwood DSPs 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."



Many pictures in this publication were taken prior to mask mandates.

The Angelwood Gala: Soaring Possibilities & Silver Linings looked quite a bit different this year as we moved to a live, online event to ensure the safety of our community. **Although we missed seeing everyone in person, we are so grateful to the team of volunteers, donors, sponsors, and everyone who tuned in to help us celebrate together - from a distance!**

We were excited to announce **Robin Wahby, CEO of Wahby Financial Group** as our Corporate Partner of the Year. Robin has served Angelwood as a volunteer, donor, and advocate for the past 20 years. She has been integral to Angelwood's growth and success; we are humbled by her dedication to our organization and those we serve.

Our 2020 Soaring Possibilities award winner, **James Goodbread**, completed his school year with the help of residential staff and technology as schools moved to distance learning in mid-March. Although he missed being able to attend Prom and Commencement, his family, staff, and housemates made sure his graduation was festive! We are so proud of James for his determination and positive attitude. Congratulations to our 2020 graduate!

You can watch the full stories at AngelwoodJax.org/gala

Thank you for supporting the Angelwood community!



We are especially grateful to all the companies and families who sponsored this year's event. Although we were not able to recognize you in the same ways this year, we thank you for investing in Angelwood's mission.

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Be a Champion for Angelwood!

There are many ways our community helps us continue the work of empowering individuals to live life to their greatest potential. Here are some ways that YOU can be a champion for the individuals and families we are privileged to serve:

- Host a drive to collect food, cleaning supplies, or gift cards
- Adopt a project with your school, religious, or civic group
- Host a giving circle fundraiser to benefit Angelwood
- Designate Angelwood for your United Way donation
- Introduce someone new to Angelwood



Have You Thought About a Non-Cash Gift?



A life insurance policy, stocks, IRA's, and real estate are all assets that can be leveraged in charitable giving. **Many types of donations offer tax advantages and allow you to create an impact both now and in the future.**

Often with just a simple beneficiary designation form you can leave any portion or all of your IRA, whole life insurance policies, annuities, or bank accounts to Angelwood. You may also include a gift in your will or estate plan. By letting us know your plans for future gifts, we will have the opportunity to recognize your generosity before the gift is received.

Join Us for a Virtual Tour

Visiting one of Angelwood's programs in the best way to learn about our services and see how your support directly impacts the people we serve every day. While we can't host in person tours at this time, **we would still love to share pictures, videos, and stories about our programs and the people we serve.**

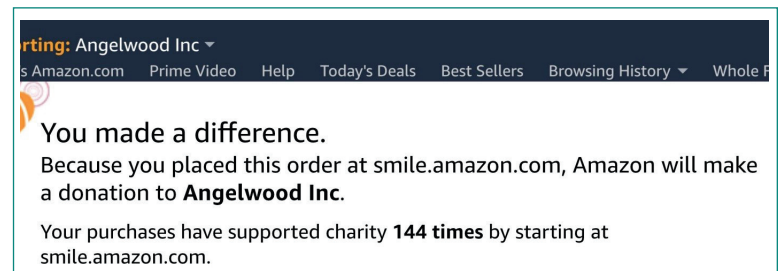
For more information about planned gifts and other creative giving strategies, to adopt a project, or schedule a virtual tour please contact Damara Farwell, Chief Development Officer at dfarwell@angelwoodjax.org or 904-288-7259.

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Shopping online more these days? Please consider helping Angelwood in the process! Shop at smile.amazon.com and **SmileAmazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Angelwood.** You will need to pick Angelwood as your designated charity when you are on the SmileAmazon website. Thank you using smile.amazon.com every time you shop!



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In order to maintain our programs, we need supplies just like you! Visit **AngelwoodJax.org** to see a wish list of items we most frequently need and also check out the link to our Amazon registry for an easy shopping option.

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Leadership Team Updates

Sixteen years ago **Kyleen Jones** began her employment with Angelwood as a Direct Support Professional (DSP) and then moved into many leadership positions throughout the years. Most recently Kyleen moved into the role of Chief Human Resources Officer. She oversees all aspects of human resources and serves as back-up for Angelwood when the CEO is away or unavailable. Kyleen is currently enrolled in the Masters of Organizational Leadership program at Jacksonville University.

While **Rob Thomas** is relatively new to the Angelwood family, he has dedicated his professional career to this field with over 30 years of service. Rob has recently moved into the role of Senior Program Director. This position oversees Residential, Career Opportunity programs, and Children's Services.

Congratulations to **Cat Craven** on her recent promotion to Residential Program Director, overseeing all six of our group homes. Over 10 years ago Cat started working at Angelwood as a DSP and has grown her career with the organization.



*We post photos of events and daily life in our Group Homes and ADT to our Facebook & Instagram
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Angelwood has holiday note cards available featuring work from our artists attending the Career Development and Education Center. Creating these cards helps build valuable life and work skills, boosts self esteem, and provides some income for our artists. Note cards are blank inside.

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