

# News

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Diane Tuttle

November, 2021 Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving is actually one of my favorite times of year. As we all pause to focus on gratitude, deep inside we realize that we are all more alike than different and we have so many reasons to say: I appreciate you.

At Angelwood I appreciate the families who trust us with the care of their loved ones, our board and volunteers who work countless hours for us, the people I work with who tirelessly turn a "same old" day into something new and different with just the right touch of creativity. Mostly I am grateful for the people we serve who continue to teach me about patience and compassion each day.

Yet the holiday season also anticipates a new beginning in a New Year, maybe with a New Year's Resolution? The start of 2022 really excites me!



Diane Tuttle
Chief Executive Officer

Since we have moved into our new Career Development & Education Building, people who had drifted away over the last 18 months are slowly returning, and the building is buzzing with activity. Volunteers are now able to come back with proper precautions.

As you consider 2022, I hope you will keep Angelwood in mind. We can use a LOT of help in areas such as: yard work, painting, leading a class on a simple craft, help with our fundraising events, and so much more. We are even hosting a very large rummage sale at the end of January where we will need LOTS of help. Whether with Angelwood, your church, civic group, neighborhood or family I hope you find a place to experience the joy of giving of yourself to others.

As you draw close to those you love and give thanks, I hope you have a blessed holiday season.

Love,

Diane

**Welcome to Our New Board Members** 



Debra Harrison, DNP, RN served on the Angelwood Board of Directors 2007-2016. After a hiatus, we are pleased she is returning to lend her knowledge and experience to our organization. Today Deb is an Executive Coach with MEDI Leadership where she specializes in executive coaching and leadership development tailored for today's healthcare executives, nursing and

physician leaders. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of North Florida in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program in the Brooks College of Health. Prior to her current positions, Deb had a distinguished career as the Chief Nursing Officer at the Mayo Clinic both in Rochester, MN and Jacksonville, FL. Deb lives with her husband Jeff in Jacksonville.



Mick Stuebben is the Managing Director of Stuebben architecture +environment, Ilc. Since earning his MA in Architecture from the University of Florida, Mick has over 30 years of successful, diversified experience in real estate development, project analysis, construction supervision and asset

management. Mick may be new to the Angelwood Board of Directors but he is no stranger to Angelwood. He has been volunteering his architecture expertise for nearly 15 years, helping navigate renovation projects both large and small for our organization. Mick lives with his wife Terry in Jacksonville.

# 20 Years of Dedicated Service to Angelwood



We celebrated Brian Kelly for his 20 years of service to Angelwood during the Annual Golf Classic in March 2021. Brian has been an active member of the Angelwood family by serving as an officer on the Board of Directors, chairing the Annual Golf Classic, and connecting people and organizations to our mission. We thank Brian for his years of service to Angelwood!

Pictured is Brian receiving his 20 Years of Service Award given by Angelwood 2020-21 Board President Robin Wahby.

# **Introducing Jennifer**

Jennifer Laney has been part of the Angelwood family for seven years. She has many interests and stays busy at home and in the community.

When asked what she likes to do, Jennifer proudly shared that she was inspired to take up sewing from her housemates' mom, Marge. With her guidance, Jennifer has learned how to make small pillows and likes to give them as gifts. In addition to sewing, Jennifer enjoys crafting small seashell animals, which she learned how to make with the help of staff. When she is not crafting, you can find her in the kitchen making muffins, brownies, cakes, and healthy quiche. Jennifer is considerate of her roommates and enjoys being helpful. "If someone needs me, I am right there," Jennifer stated. Christina Simonds, Program Supervisor, echoed those sentiments and said that Jennifer notices what needs to get done and always helps out. Recently, Jennifer started working in a new job and is thoroughly enjoying it. This position is a perfect fit for Jennifer's skills and interest according to Christina.

Jennifer has been part of the Angelwood Resident Government since its inception in 2019 and attends regular meetings with the other members. Christina noted, "Jennifer places a lot of importance on her role in Resident Government and she likes to hear everyone's ideas." In February 2020, the group took a trip to Tallahassee during Florida's Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day to exercise their right to self-advocate. One part of Resident Government is to create and implement social activities. Jennifer was excited that in October the group hosted a Halloween 'Trunk or Treat' which was her own idea. Everyone had a great time celebrating Halloween in the parking lot of the new Angelwood Campus!







# Be a Champion for Angelwood!

You may hear us refer to the "extended Angelwood family" – all the families that have or have had a loved one in our care; our program, event, and committee volunteers; and the companies and individuals that support us with donations and services. We rely on these partnerships to fulfill our mission of care. Thank you for helping empower individuals to live life to their greatest potential!

Want to know how YOU can get involved?

- Adopt a project with your company, school, religious or civic group
- Host a drive to collect food, gift cards, or paper supplies
- Select Angelwood as your charity on Amazon Smile
- Visit our Amazon registry to purchase items on our wish list
- Volunteer to help at fundraising events
- Introduce someone new to Angelwood

# Leave a Legacy of Love!

A bequest to Angelwood is a commitment to providing a legacy of loving care for generations to come. With a simple beneficiary designation you can leave any or all of your IRA, life insurance, annuities, or bank accounts to Angelwood and be recognized for your generosity during your lifetime.

# **Corporate Engagement**

We recently launched a corporate engagement initiative with the goal of strengthening existing corporate relationships and establishing new strategic partnerships with local corporations and their employees. The program consists of a points based system to "Earn Your Wings", where companies and their employees will be able to have friendly competitions and earn points through activities such as volunteering, donations, and collection drives.

To learn more about the social and economic benefits of this strategic nonprofit partnership, and how to "Earn Your Wings", please contact Chief Development Officer, Damara Farwell at 904-288-7259 or dfarwell@angelwoodjax.org.







The Angelwood Annual Celebration: Soaring Possibilities was a huge success thanks to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and attendees! The event took place at the Sawgrass Marriott as well as being streamed live via Facebook. The program included a welcome from Presenting Sponsor, Rachel DuBois and Robin Wahby of Wahby Financial Group, a live and silent auction, and a standing ovation for the Angelwood Staff that were watching from Angelwood's six group homes. It was certainly an evening of Celebration!

Congratulations to **Firehouse Subs** for being awarded Corporate Partner of the Year for their commitment to serving Angelwood. They provided a grant to fund a fire sprinkler system at one of Angelwood's group homes, consistently donate and deliver meals for our many different programs and activities, and sponsored the 2021 Annual Golf Classic and Annual Celebration. We are grateful to Firehouse Subs for all they do to support our mission! (*Pictured: Meg Rose & Cindy Ross accept award from Celebration Co-Chair Rachel DuBois*)

**Michelle Mollenhour** was our Soaring Possibilities award winner for her commitment to working in the community, volunteering, and being an active member of the Bells of Angelwood. Congratulations Michelle on all your accomplishments!

To view this year's award videos visit AngelwoodJax.org/Celebration

We are grateful to the companies and families who sponsored the Celebration this year.

# **Presenting Angel**

# GRAMLING INVESTMENTS

#### **Photo and Island Angels**

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Bill Wilson Inspections
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Ewing Real Estate
Healogics
Memorial Hospital
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#### **Video Production**

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# 2021 Walter "Chuck" Foster Sporting Clay 'Wish We Could' Shoot

Thank you to **ChopHouse Thirteen** for their continued support of Angelwood with their Presenting Sponsorship of the 2021 Walter "Chuck" Foster Sporting Clay 'Wish We Could' Shoot! We are so grateful to our co-chairs, Tera & Jeff Lageman, and the following companies and individuals that donated to our virtual shoot: All State Steel, George Ballance, Scott Brown, Faver Gray, Fortitude Fire Protection, Gemlux, Gruhn May, Jim Houston, KirbyCo Builders, Limbaugh Electrical Contracting, John Pope, and Southern Sportsman Aquatics Land Management.

We can't wait to see everyone in person for the 7th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022! For sponsorship and registration information visit AngelwoodJax.org/sporting-clay-shoot/

# **Angelwood has a New Campus!**

This summer, after selling our previous Adult Day Training facility, Angelwood purchased a new building that will house our Career Development and Education Center as well as ancillary offices. **This new comprehensive campus provides many opportunities to expand our programs and services.** We are now centrally located in the Regency Square area of Jacksonville off of the Southside Connector.

While we continue to make improvements to our physical building and grounds, we have also taken advantage of all that our new space allows.

We now have a **dedicated music room** in our new building. We were awarded a New York Life Community Impact Grant and with the funds we will be able to expand our music program to include an additional octave of handbells, percussion instruments, multiple keyboards, soundproofing materials, a new speaker system, and music supplies. Sara Wagoner, co-conductor of the Bells of Angelwood notes, "You will now hear more than ringing in our hallways! We are excited to expand this program so more of our participants can express themselves through the joy of music."

Our new campus has many great amenities including a basketball court! We have **started a basketball team** that will be training to take part in Special Olympic events in the future. "Basketball can help develop motor and communication skills across a broad range of ability levels. It also provides a fun form of exercise and the opportunity to be part of a team, which has so many far reaching benefits," said Coach Rob Thomas.

Thanks to the generous donation of a bedroom set, dining room table and chairs, and other household items, our **new employment simulation room** is up and running. The primary purpose of the simulation room is to provide opportunities for job skills training for our participants seeking employment in the community. It will also help build on existing life skills and help participants become more independent.

We have **plans to launch a Coffee Café** vocational training program in 2022. The café will offer coffee and tea options to staff, participants, and visitors and will help participants gain marketable work skills such as customer service, communication and interpersonal skills with peers, and working with a supervisor. Skills learned at the Coffee Café will help participants with future employment in the community. We can't wait for you to visit our campus and enjoy a cup of coffee soon!

Visiting our new Campus is the best way to learn about our services and see how your support directly impacts the people we serve every day. Call 904-288-7259 to schedule an experience tour. We look forward to showing you our new space!

We require that all visitors wear a face covering while in our building.



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### **Memorials**

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Sharon Dowe
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# **Tributes**

Irene Farwell
Damara Farwell
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Volunteers
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# Donations from October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021.

All efforts were made to ensure inclusion and accuracy in recognition of gifts at the time the newsletter was printed. We regret any unintentional omissions or errors.

# **Volunteer Partner Spotlight**

In 2008 a client requested that **Mick Barr, owner of Website Solutions,** add the Angelwood logo to their website in recognition of a service project they had completed. 13 years later, that simple request has evolved to encompass a multitude of projects and a treasured partnership.

Having started his career in graphic design when print media was king, Mick has grown his career to meet the changing trends and needs of the industry. Likewise, he has been determined to help Angelwood stay current by first overhauling and now helping to manage our website, giving our logo and newsletters a facelift a few years ago, and filming and editing our videos for over 10 years to help us tell our story in a meaningful way.

"Mick has become a trusted resource for so much of our public communications, but he does more than just help us have a professional face. He helps us share the Angelwood story, and that is critical to our continued success as an organization." said Angelwood CEO, Diane Tuttle, "We are all so grateful that he is part of the Angelwood family! It is wonderful to be able to shine a light on someone who invests so much in our mission from behind the scenes."



Mick in his favorite place - behind the camera



Mick with daughter Kathleen, wife Roni, and son John, who volunteered and then worked at Angelwood's Summer Day Camp



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## **Angelwood Note Cards**

Angelwood has 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.

Donation Amount: 10 cards & 11 envelopes: \$15.00 per pack 4+ packs: \$10.00 per pack

Visit angelwoodjax.org/buy-angelwood-products to see all available note card options and place your order online.

For questions please call the office at 904-288-7259.

# **Rummage Sale**



Saturday, January 29th Angelwood Campus Visit AngelwoodJax.org or call 904-288-7259 for donation drop off dates in December & January.

## **Save The Date**



Thursday, February 17th Jacksonville Clay Target Sports



Monday, April 25th Jacksonville Golf & Country Club