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Dear Friends,

Those of you who know me at all, know I love Thanksgiving. Even with so much crisis in our world, this season allows us to pause and reflect on the things for which we are most grateful. I want to share one of my favorites.

I cannot tell you how often someone comments that it takes a unique person to do the work we do, or says, "Where do you find such dedicated employees?" Often, I am not sure how to respond because to those of us working at Angelwood the unique is our norm. Yet, as I sit back and look at the people working here, I have to say, I am extremely proud of the people who are the backbone of this organization.

Many people come through our doors looking to work at Angelwood. And quite honestly, some do not last long. Yet, what makes most of us stay is not a question of how "good" we are but something bigger than ourselves. It is the joy we receive from being in a meaningful relationship with the people we serve. We may start by thinking we are doing something "noble", or "good" but the reality is that those of us who stay get far more than we give.

There is true pleasure in seeing someone accomplish their chosen goals after working hard on it, or doing something someone told them would be impossible. There is joy in seeing someone each morning who seems excited we are there.

More than anything else that we DO, I have come to realize that what sets us apart is that we are an organization that respects and values relationships. Whether it is with those who come to us for service, their families, those working here or you, our friends. You, too, are part of the caring community called Angelwood. And for all of that, I am ever grateful.

Have a blessed holiday,

*Diane*



**Diane Tuttle**  
Chief Executive Officer

# Angelwood THRIFT STORE

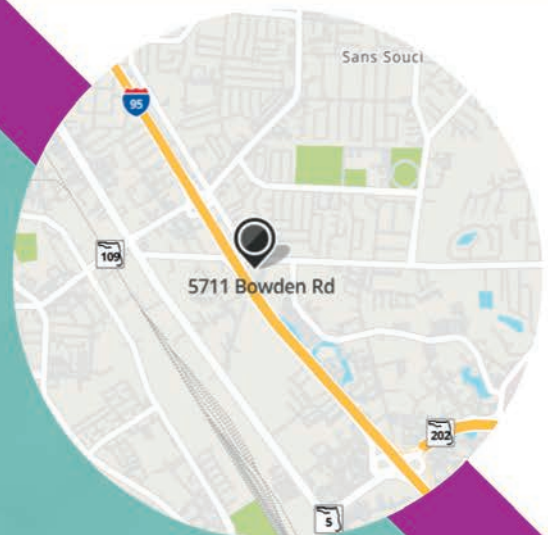
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*(Above) Supported Employment participants pause to pose with their Job Coach and the Angelwood Thrift Store Manager*

# Angelwood's New Thrift Store!

We are excited to announce the opening the Angelwood Thrift Store, a new initiative that has been many years in the making! **This program will create employment opportunities for individuals living with intellectual and developmental differences, which not only provides a source of income but also promotes independence and self-esteem.** The Thrift Store will allow our community to volunteer and work alongside those we serve in a meaningful way while helping them build skills and prepare for more independent community employment. It will also help ensure sustainability of Angelwood's programs into the future by creating a new revenue stream independent of government or community fundraising, as well as increase capacity for the number of individuals and families we are able to serve.

There have been many companies and individuals that have helped us get to this point, and we are excited to welcome the community to shop, donate, and volunteer!



*(Above Left) Adding to the furniture display, (Above Center) Accepting clothes in the donation center, (Above Right) Hanging clothes on the showroom floor*

## How our community can help:

### Shop and Donate!

Visit the Thrift Store to shop and please consider donating gently used goods. The proceeds from these sales go back into supporting Angelwood's mission and help ensure our sustainability into the future.

### Volunteer!

Work alongside our staff and those we serve to assist with tasks like sorting, organizing, pricing, and customer service. Our business model is built upon a foundation of volunteer involvement. By donating your time, you are directly contributing to the success of the store and the programs it supports!

### Spread the Word!

Share information about the Thrift Store and Angelwood's mission with your own personal and professional networks. This can help us attract more customers, donors, and potential volunteers!

**You can play a pivotal role in our mission.** Whether through volunteering, donating, shopping, or spreading the word about Angelwood, your support is invaluable to our success. **Thank you for investing in our newest initiative!**

### To Volunteer at the Angelwood Thrift Store

Please use this QR Code or visit <https://btrr.im/jo5l1> to view and sign up for shifts, or reach out to Angelwood's Volunteer Coordinator, Sarina Steffen at [ssteffen@angelwoodjax.org](mailto:ssteffen@angelwoodjax.org) for more information about getting involved.





# Angelwood Annual Celebration

In August Angelwood celebrated its 30th anniversary of serving the greater Jacksonville area at the Annual Celebration. Our theme The Family Tree, represents Angelwood’s growth over the years, continually branching out in response to community need, as well as the many groups that make up the extended Angelwood family. During the program Angelwood’s CEO Diane Tuttle made the official announcement that Angelwood was expanding yet again with the opening of a thrift store in November. The event was also voted Best Charity Event for the second year in a row in the Ponte Vedra Recorder’s “Best of the Best” contest!

This year’s Celebration was the most successful fundraiser in our organization’s history. The event helps support children, adults, and families living with intellectual and developmental differences in our community. We are so grateful to our generous sponsors, donors, attendees, and volunteers for making this event an incredible evening with so much positive impact!

To view the “30th Anniversary” and “The Heart of Angelwood” videos visit [AngelwoodJax.org/Celebration](http://AngelwoodJax.org/Celebration)

*(Top) Angelwood participant and staff volunteers enjoy the program from the VIP section*

*(Middle) Long-time volunteers Nadine Gramling, Dee Wagner, & Irene Farwell*

*(Bottom) Celebration Co-Chairs Dan & Robin Wahby and Rachel & Kevin Padgett*

## We are grateful for the companies and families who sponsored the 2023 Angelwood Celebration.

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# Tributes

## Angelwood Employees 20+ Years

Phoebe Kitson Davis

## Angelwood Family

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## Greg Cole

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Mark Dearing

## Irene Farwell

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## James Goodbread

Chase Cole

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## Avery MacGregor

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*We regret any unintentional omissions or errors.*

# Volunteer Partner Spotlight

Here at Angelwood, we are so fortunate to have tremendous volunteer support throughout the year. Our volunteers help support all programs Angelwood offers to our local community, from hosting special classes for our individuals attending the Career Development & Education Center to basic home maintenance projects in any of our five group homes. Whether you are interested in volunteering by yourself or as a group of up to 40 people, we have an opportunity for you!

Holly Thomas, a local artist, has been volunteering with Angelwood since March 2023. Holly spends her time at Angelwood teaching individuals attending the Career Development & Education Center new art techniques including painting, working with different mediums, and creating seasonal projects. **"I have loved volunteering at Angelwood and working with the individuals; it has become my favorite day of the week! The groups get to design awesome projects around the facility that they can be proud of, as well as inspiring others to be creative!"**



Angelwood is proud to have partnered with volunteers from Duetsche Bank for over six years for an annual day of service. Michael Cunha, Production Support Analyst at Duetsche Bank, has led the day of service for the last three years. "It's been a pleasure to help coordinate the day of service to ensure the people in Angelwood programs receive the necessary improvements to their Group Homes and Regency Campus," says Michael. **"We are looking forward to next year's project to continue to improve the quality of life of the individuals that Angelwood serves."**

Wolfson High School's National Honor Society (NHS) recently held a day of service at Angelwood, where students spent time cleaning up the Sensory Garden, creating a pathway to make the garden wheelchair accessible, and refreshing many indoor spaces at the Regency Campus. Jane Courtney Davis, who oversees this program at Wolfson High School, started an initiative at the school to increase the involvement of other groups, including the chorus, band, Interact club, National Honor Society, and National Science Honor's Society, with the hopes of increasing involvement school-wide. **"Wolfson NHS members had a wonderful day working around the campus. Our students enjoyed having the opportunity to support Angelwood. Wolfson hopes to build upon this experience especially as Angelwood launches the new thrift store. Angelwood significantly impacts the lives of so many, and we are excited to partner with such a special organization."**



*In October, David Emanuel, Chief Human Resources Officer for JEA took over the reins of leadership as President of Angelwood's Board of Directors. He shared his thoughts on why he invests his time and expertise serving Angelwood.*

I feel privileged to be in a position to serve as Board President for Angelwood during this exciting time. As our organization celebrates a 30-year history of serving our community, we are also planning for the future with the program expansion represented by the new Angelwood Thrift Store. For me, it is always about the people. I am proud to be part of an organization that prioritizes a person-centered approach to care. Programs and services are tailored to meet the needs of each individual, empowering the lives of those who often face unique challenges in achieving their fullest potential. It is my honor to share with you the inspiring stories of two of the special individuals that are part of the Angelwood family. Allow me introduce Jake and Amanda:



**Jake** (pictured back row left) first learned about Angelwood's Adult Day Training (ADT) program after hearing about it from a former Angelwood employee when he moved to Jacksonville. Jake and his mom Carrie took a tour of the ADT and both really liked what was offered. Since Jake started attending the program he said he most enjoys painting and stamping. His mother said, **"The staff at the ADT are so friendly and helpful! Jake is my world, and I am so happy that he is safe and watched over while attending the ADT.** Judy is a ROCK STAR and answers all my questions!" Jake also attends events through the Angelwood Community Explorers (ACE) program and has participated in golf, bowling, a zoo trip, and other outings. Carrie said that Jake usually spends most of his time with her but now thoroughly enjoys socializing with peers at ACE events and has started making friends here in Jacksonville through ACE and the ADT. Judy Markowycz, Career Development and Education Director notes, "Jake is very friendly and easy going and we enjoy having him at the ADT! He loves interacting with peers at all of the ACE events."

**Amanda** came to live at an Angelwood group home over 20 years ago as a high school student, and now also attends Angelwood's Career Development & Education Center. Amanda enjoys shopping and picking out her own things, both going to the movies and watching them at home with her housemates. She also loves to bake. At the Career Development & Education Center Amanda enjoys crafts, participating in tennis, and is a member of the Rising Stars Special Olympics Basketball team.

Amanda underwent surgery a year ago and was unable to put any weight on her right leg. "Through her strong determination in physical therapy, she has made incredible strides! She now safely ambulates with her walker through the halls. She is regularly encouraged by staff as they celebrate her progress," said Lisa Fortune, Physical Therapist.

Senior Program Director, Kenya Daniels, has known Amanda since she first came to live at Angelwood. She shared, **"Amanda has always been very independent and sociable and enjoys the friends she has through Angelwood as well as other friends she has made in the community. She is an excellent self-advocate and makes sure she communicates her wants and needs. She always keeps a positive can-do attitude and brightens any room she enters!"**

I invite you to join me in investing in whatever way is meaningful to you: in your personal or corporate year-end giving, by volunteering on a project or at the new Angelwood Thrift Store, by introducing us to others, or simply by following us on social media. Together, we can continue to create a community where every individual, regardless of their abilities, has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for being part of Angelwood,

*David*





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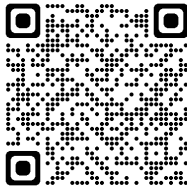
# Let's Be Social!

Photos & videos of events and daily life in our many programs are shared to our Facebook & Instagram. Follow us @angelwoodjax to see all the fun and learn more about our programs!



# Happy Holidays!

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2023, we hope you will consider including Angelwood and the families we serve in your year-end giving.



To donate online:

To hear about our areas of greatest need or discuss creative ways in which you can help support our mission, please contact Damara at [dfarwell@angelwoodjax.org](mailto:dfarwell@angelwoodjax.org) or call 904-288-7259.

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**9th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot**  
Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024  
Jacksonville Clay Target Sports



**Angelwood Annual Celebration:**  
**Soaring Possibilities**  
Saturday, August 17, 2024  
Sawgrass Marriott



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