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Dear Friends,

Typically, parents expect to spend about 18 years raising their children from birth to when they would either enter the workforce, college, or trade school. Emerging adults usually leave home and may return for visits, to seek advice during hard times or even just to raid the pantry or hug mom or dad. Parents may always have a twinge of worry, but there is also confidence that their offspring have found their niche in life and will be able to successfully navigate difficult times. These rites of passage mark a next step for both the young adult and an empty nest for the parents.

After the initial shock of the empty house and redefining and navigating an adult relationship with offspring, parents begin to experience a freedom for personal enrichment or growth, social connections, volunteer work or maybe a new career.

However, there is a group of parents who experience this milestone very differently. When people living with a developmental disability reach the age of 22 they age-out of school. If this sounds ominous, it is. At school transition meetings, parents are encouraged to connect with Vocational Rehabilitation and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities for adult services for their child. But the process is cumbersome and time consuming, often with extended wait times, applications denied, and a lot of fear for parents. What will happen to my child? This can cause parents to feel overwhelmed in the process and by the fact that their next steps in life will forever include their adult child who will always need them. Angelwood helps parents meet some of their needs through our Group Homes, Adult Day Training (ADT) program and Employment Services.

Sometimes a person's needs are beyond Angelwood's scope of practice. Other times we are simply at capacity. Regardless, we are happy to listen to their concerns, share resources, and help families know what to expect from a program for their loved one. Helping a family navigate their journey is sometimes just as important as providing the actual service. If you know someone who would like to talk with us, please invite them to call our office and ask for either Kenya Daniels, Sr. Program Director, or me. We would be honored to talk with them.

Have a blessed holiday,

*Diane*



**Diane Tuttle**  
Chief Executive Officer

## With Gratitude,

Robin Wahby has been elected to become an Emeritus Director of the Angelwood Board of Directors. For over 24 years, Robin has raised money, made connections, volunteered hours, while challenging employees and the board with grace and expertise. All of this while cheering everyone on with energy and love.

Thank you, Robin, for your dedication to the people Angelwood serves, the employees, volunteers, and fellow board members.

# Welcome!

**Travis Cox**



Travis is no stranger to Angelwood. He has been a volunteer speaker at employee in-services and attended Angelwood fund raising events for many years. He currently also serves as committee chair for the Cox Behavioral Health Group. Travis is a Police Lieutenant with the Jacksonville Sheriff's office.

**Ashley Blume**



Ashley is currently active with the Angelwood Celebration, Next Up Jax, and the Jax Chamber. She is an Investment Professional at the Wahby Financial Group.

**Britt Tabor**



Britt Tabor is new to Jacksonville and looking forward to becoming more involved with our community by joining the Angelwood Board. Currently, he is serving on his HOA board. He is the Executive Vice President and CFO of Brooks Rehabilitation.

# Learning more about Angelwood services.

## Group Home

Each of Angelwood's five group homes is located in neighborhoods around Jacksonville. The residents have the opportunity to be part of their community by participating in outings, visiting local shops and restaurants, and seeing friends while getting the support and care they need to be as independent as possible at the home. "I was pleased that everything went smooth when Bea recently moved into an Angelwood group home. The staff was available to answer my questions and provide any help when needed. Bea was excited to move in with her friends from school and loves being at the house. I have peace of mind knowing she is in a safe and loving place." Wendel Boyce, father to Bea.

## Adult Day Training

The Adult Day Training offers vocational and prevocational opportunities through the art-based program. The program participants are able to develop skills that will help them gain more independence with the hopes of active employment in the future.

## Summer Day Camp/PNO

Angelwood provides parents of school-aged children with intellectual and developmental differences and their elementary aged siblings some off-time during the year through the Summer Day Camp and Parents Night Out program. This is a great opportunity for parents to get some much needed time off while trained staff and volunteers engage their children in fun activities and provide for interaction with peers.

"We bring Alana to any Parents Night Out event that we can -- she always has fun, and we get a break guilt-free because we know she is safe and loved while she is there. The staff and volunteers greet her by name, and she grins from ear-to-ear when she sees familiar faces, which speaks volumes to us as parents. This program has been something our entire family looks forward to, because it's a win for everyone." -Katie Musselwhite, mother to Alana

## Supported Employment/Thrift Store

Supported Employment services are designed to assist individuals who are seeking competitive employment in the community. The Angelwood Thrift Store helps individuals build skills and prepares them for more independent community employment.

## Angelwood Community Explorers (ACE)

ACE is a part of the Parents Night Out program with the dual goal of giving individuals an opportunity to participate in community activities with peers and giving parents a few hours respite.





# Angelwood Annual Celebration

The 2024 Angelwood Annual Celebration: Soaring Possibilities was another successful fundraiser thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and attendees! The event took place at the Sawgrass Marriott as well as being live streamed on Angelwood's Facebook page. The event included a live and silent auction, games, dinner and dessert. The highlight of the evening was the awards program. Thanks to our community for voting the Angelwood Celebration as 'Best Charity Event' in the Ponte Vedra Record for the third year in a row!



Underwood Jeweler was awarded 'Corporate Partner of the Year' for their commitment to supporting Angelwood and the local community. Israel Martinez was awarded the 'Soaring Possibilities Award' for his many accomplishments as a member of The Bells of Angelwood, dedication as the greeter at the Angelwood Thrift Store, and always lending a helping hand. Congratulations to both deserving winners!

To view this year's award videos visit: [AngelwoodJax.org/Celebration](https://AngelwoodJax.org/Celebration)

## We are grateful for the companies and families who sponsored the 2024 Angelwood Celebration.

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# By the Numbers



Angelwood serves over 325 individuals and their families each year.



We have a fleet of 8 vehicles which log over 26,000 miles a year transporting participants.



Our five group homes are more than just a place to live. We help with personal care, daily living skills, and community integration. We also have lots of FUN at home and in the community!



Participants at Angelwood's Adult Day Training Program create art that is sold in the community and they receive a portion of the proceeds.



Around 67% of Angelwood's annual budget is covered by Medicaid reimbursements and state funding. The balance must be raised through grants, foundations, individual donors, and fundraising events.



We have over 80 employees across our many programs and services. They go above and beyond every day to ensure the people we serve are safe, healthy, and have opportunities for growth and learning.



In 2024 our caring community generously gave 3,121 volunteer hours with an estimated value of \$91,788.61!



# Memorials

**Isabella Haverkamp**  
Donna Smith

**Palmer Kelly**  
Joy Camp

**Chuck Thompson**  
Emogene Copeland

**John Wagner, Sr.**  
James & Betty Hess

**Linda Winnett**  
Taiwen Chen

# Tributes

**Angelwood Staff**

Shelley & Blaine Anderson  
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**Diane Tuttle**

Nancy Armstrong

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Donations from October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024.

*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.*

**Corporate Visionaries \$20,000 & Above**

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# Volunteer Partner Spotlight

*Deb Harrison, RN, DNP, is a retired Chief Nursing Officer of the Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville and is now an Executive Coach in the healthcare field. She serves on the Board of Directors as the Angelwood Secretary.*

*I have been a Board Member for Angelwood for 14 years. Initially, I was employed full-time and felt that I could contribute in meaningful ways, both financially and with healthcare expertise. After I retired, I stepped down from the Board for about 4 years. I returned in 2021 because I missed the people and being a part of this important mission. I also have great compassion for the parents of our residents. They have a lifelong concern about how others would treat their loved one and Angelwood eases that concern. I worried that as a semi-retired person, I wouldn't have as much to give, or the connections to others. Yet, our CEO assured me there are many other ways to contribute and she was right.*

*For the past 4 years, I have given what I could in regular monetary donations, and it is always appreciated. However, the most rewarding gifts to me have been times like hosting six ADT participants and three staff to the Cabana Beach Club. Watching them collect shells and enjoy an ice cream treat was a hoot! I enjoyed it as much as they did. I volunteer regularly at the Angelwood Thrift Store and co-led a supervisor in-service training. I have attended the Soaring Possibilities Celebrations and brought new friends that have felt moved by the mission and donated money or bought auction items. I am mentoring one of the senior staff and being there to discuss leadership skills and life goals they want to accomplish. Each time I volunteer I feel as though my life is also enriched. There are so many ways to contribute to Angelwood.*

*This holiday season, I hope that as you consider all the wonderful blessings in your life, you also think of Angelwood. Please consider the ways you can help by sharing your time as a volunteer, by offering financial support, or by sharing your talents. I am confident that your heart will be touched just like mine. For those who are already helping us, thank you for all your support.*

*Finally, please put Angelwood in your heart, in your prayers, and on your mind and do whatever you can to help the people who need Angelwood each day.*

*Have a happy holiday season,*

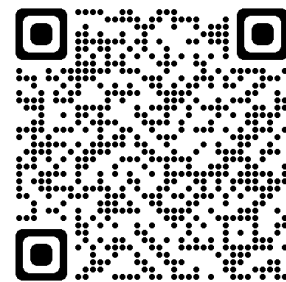
*Deb*



## Happy Holidays

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2024, 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 call 904-288-7259 to speak with Development Director, Ann Marie Beaty.

[AngelwoodJax.org/donate](https://AngelwoodJax.org/donate)

# Save the Date!

**Angelwood Sporting Clay Shoot**  
March 18, 2025  
Jacksonville Clay Target Sports

**El Cheapo Sheepshead Tournament**  
*Angelwood is the charity partner!*

Saturday, February 22, 2025  
4870 Ocean St. Atlantic Beach, Florida 32233

**Angelwood Annual Celebration:**  
**Soaring Possibilities**  
Saturday, August 16, 2025  
Sawgrass Marriott



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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!



# Thrift Store

*Thank you for shopping with us!*



## Retail Hours

**Monday - Saturday**  
10 AM - 6 PM

**Sunday**  
11 AM - 4 PM

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