



Thank you St. Philip Neri Students



On behalf of all our Angels' Place children that are sick and/or in the hospital we want to say Thank You so much!

The students of **St. Philip Neri**, under the direction of **Dr. Carol Stack, Principal** and **Religion Coordinator, Denise Kirsch** collected games, stickers, colors, coloring books and other articles to package up into about 550 packets for our kids who are in the hospital or in treatment.

Some of our Angels' Place children are hospitalized for long periods of time and these very thoughtful "packages of fun" are just what they need. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. It truly is better to give than to receive and you showed that by your love and generous giving. Good job guys and gals!



We need volunteers who have a couple of hours a week to visit our children in Children's and/or Ochsner Hospitals.

Our children and their caregivers love our visits. We visit, listen, play games, color or sit while the caregiver takes care of life outside the

hospital. It is a very rewarding opportunity and sometimes lasting friendship's are made. Love and compassion for children is all you need to qualify. Please email Mary at maryk@angelsplacenola.org or call, (504) 455-2620.

We Salute our Volunteers!



Angels' Place shared a wonderful time at our Volunteer Luncheon, Saturday, November 5 at the **Sheraton Metairie**. It was a celebration of our love and appreciation for our fantastic volunteers. While visiting with each other, we shared a delicious meal after which a load of prizes were raffled.

Mark Firmin, our Executive Director, introduced our guest of honor and the mother of one of our children, **Veronica Oke**. Veronica told of the long and exhausting journey the family has had through her child's

illness. Veronica came to this country almost penniless but she had to make the journey because her son was diagnosed with ALL (cancer). She had no transportation or a place to live. But,



she traveled from Nigeria to the United States so her son, **Philip**, could get the proper treatment. Veronica is a very resourceful and determined woman.

She was able to find a place to live and, with the help Angels' Place, she was able to purchase a vehicle and get a refrigerator. She was so thrilled and couldn't believe the kindness of others. The rest of Veronica's family was eventually able to come here from Nigeria.

Veronica made friends quickly at the luncheon. Everyone was moved by her story and she was welcomed with open arms.

Our volunteers are a vital part of the wheel that turns Angels' Place. Some are respite volunteers visiting the hospital and homes of the children who are very ill. Others help us with our newsletter publication, mailings, office duties, events and fundraising activities. Some of our volunteers comprise our Board of Directors.

Angels' Place is dependent on these hardworking, dedicated volunteers to survive. Thank you again to our Angels' Place volunteers—we love you guys!

AP Families Mark Your Calendars—2016

**Christmas Party - Magnolia Community Services, Nims Center
Saturday, December 10, 2016 2 PM—4 PM**

What's Up at Angels' Place

Booville - A "Thrilling" Time for our Kids!



In October, "Booville" was where the action was for our children, All were "shocked" at the fun they had at the event. **Magnolia Community Services** were our hosts at the **Nims Center** in Harahan. Volunteers from the **Magnolia Aktion Club** helped serve our families, accompany children and families "trick or treating", and handed out candy. They were such a great help to us.



The Kiwanis clubs, New Orleans, Moisant, 3rd District and Kenner North, were our co-hosts and supplied all the food, beverages and sweet things for our party. We couldn't do without our Kiwanis support! **Marie DeSalvo, Milly Spears, Mary Ann Trask Sabrina Strander, and Amy Rivet** manned registration tables and did a great job! **The Dames De Perlage** headed by **Courtney Bullock** manned the arts & crafts table.

Archbishop Rummel High School Students volunteered to be greeters, dress as pumpkins for pictures and help with the, oh so popular, costume contest. **Mandeville High School Drama Club**, with moderator, **Cherie Ducote Firmin** came to volunteer with crafts. Our Executive Director, **Mark Firmin** was the Master of Ceremonies for the event and for the costume contest. Some of our kids performed for us trying to win the coveted prizes for best costume. **The Big East Mafia-Saints Super Fans** dropped by to help and visit with us (Saints fans are like that, you know).



A big thank you goes out to the **Big Easy Mafia-New Orleans Saints Fan Club** for the benefit they recently had at the **House of Blues**. There was live entertainment, a specialty menu, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, "We Are Dat" WD4L merchandise and Big Easy Mafia merchandise and much more at the fundraiser. Part of the proceeds went to Angels' Place. We do appreciate all your efforts to support us. We couldn't exist without caring folks like you. Bravo friends!

They are arranging another viewing party event for Sunday, December 18th with the proceeds going to Angels' Place. Check the Angels' Place Facebook page for more details.



More pictures of Booville



The Barman's Fund bought gifts for our teenagers who are sick and/or in the hospital. Thank you so much for thinking about our kids and Angels' Place.

The Barman's Fund of Louisiana is a dedicated group of service industry professionals who donate their tips and volunteer time in an effort to build a stronger community through partnering with numerous local charitable organizations.

Christmas is Closer Than You Think !!!!

We are starting our Christmas Season at Angels' Place. Our Christmas Party will be on **December 10, 2016** so we are shifting into high gear NOW! If you want to adopt a family, families or a child for Christmas, please call Mary at our office(504)455-2620, and she will gladly accommodate your requests.



We gladly accept gift cards for our older children and families. So please keep us in mind when you head out to the shopping mall.

Also, we will need gift wrappers very soon.



Everyone is invited to....



Party with the Angels

Angels' Place 2017 Fundraiser

"Lip Sync Battle" including Local Personalities Auction, Music, Dinner, Raffle, Cocktails

Saturday, January 28, 2017

at the Sheraton Metairie
Doors open at 7:00 PM

Please mark your calendars!

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities, or to donate an auction item, please call us at (504)455-2620 or email Mark Firmin at mfirmin@angelsplacenola.org

We are having our annual fundraiser Saturday, January 28, 2017. It will be lots of fun and excitement.

Please mark your calendars.

Angels' Place relies on grants, donations and fundraising. This fundraiser will be for the year 2017.

Help make it a stellar year for Angels' Place, our children and their families. Our subscribers will be getting invitations to the gala and we hope that you will plan to attend and bring your friends. It promises to be a lot of fun and your money will be going to a very good cause—helping serious and terminally ill children and their families.



Karson Jacob Husser
September 21, 2009 - November 9, 2016

The Lord called Karson home on November 9, 2016 after a long and courageous fight with cancer. Our deepest condolences go out to his mom, Lacey, his step-dad, Justin and his little brothers Jace and Connor. May the peace that passes all understanding be with you and may the Lord keep you in the palm of his mighty hand during your time of sadness.

Volunteer Opportunities

Angels' Place is in need of a volunteer who would be willing to teach classes in knitting and/or crochet to our children and/or their mothers.

The classes would be small, have to be on the week-ends and would be an hour or so long depending on the teacher. Our mothers and children spend long hours in the hospital and it would be wonderful if they could accomplish something positive while they are there and also make their stays go faster—all positives. Please call Mary or Charlotte at Angels' Place for more information (504)455-2620.

Also we need office volunteers willing to donate an hour or two on occasions when our staff could use the extra help. Please call our office—(504)455-2620 or email Charlotte or Mary at ccharlieap@bellsouth.net or maryk@angelsplacenola.org.



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