



## Holy Angels Recognized with Vision Award

Holy Angels President/CEO, Regina Moody, accepted the Vision Award presented to Holy Angels by the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas during their Annual Donor Awards dinner, held in Charlotte, NC.

The vision award is intended to honor individuals and organizations that have shown passion and belief in building the bonds of community both through their support of CBCC as well as other community causes.

According to Lauren McConnell, CBCC marketing coordinator, "We feel that Holy Angels truly embodies our vision of building and strengthening the bonds of community and appreciate our partnership with you all!"

The "Vision Award" is given annually to an organization that has the vision and knows the value of giving to the community. Holy Angels was commended for the quality of care given to children and adults who have developmental disabilities.

According to Mrs. Moody, "Holy Angels was honored for our consistent participation in blood donations for the community which is a generous and precious gift to save the lives of others. CBCC recognizes that with all we have to do in caring for our residents; we still find time to reach beyond ourselves in service to others."

CBCC is the agency that collects blood from employee donors during our blood drives. In the most recent blood drive, Holy Angels surpassed their goal of 15 pints to 28 pints collected. The most successful blood drive to date.



(from left to right): Joanne Sigmon, RN, Holy Angels Director of Employee Health & Safety; Regina Moody, Holy Angels President/CEO; Dennis Kuhn, Holy Angels Vice President/COO

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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY FOR HOLY ANGELS TOMORROW



Skye enjoys some fishing with staff member, Charlotte Laird, at the 2010 Special Olympics Spring Games.



Members of the Belmont Abbey College Lacrosse Team host the end of school year field day for Holy Angels residents.



Brandon and his dad, Tim McClain are having a great time at the Knights of Columbus Spring Cookout following the Family Association meeting.



Members of the Charlotte Catholic High School Freshman class help us get ready for the Angelic Apparel Sale.



Staff member, Fannie Rendleman, takes time from her busy schedule to share the gift of life during the spring CBCC Blood Drive at Holy Angels.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

In a positive environment of spiritual, physical, educational, social and emotional support, Holy Angels provides children and adults with dignified and empowering opportunities for living with special emphasis on those individuals with varying degrees of mental retardation who may also have other developmental disabilities.

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# HOLY ANGELS HEARTLINE

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## GREAT ADVENTURES 20 YEARS

Twenty years ago, it all started with an idea . . . an idea to provide adults with intellectual challenges the opportunity to be with friends, have fun, expand their social horizons through travel, sports, health and wellness activities and spirituality through retreat opportunities.



Great Adventures members always have a great retreat weekend when visiting Maggie Valley.

In the early days, before Great Adventures, there were the Maggie Valley Retreats. Always a fun time away from home, we would gather together from several western North Carolina – many from Gaston County - programs for renewal of mind and spirit. An evaluation inevitably concluded with "let's have more of these weekends!" As we listened to them we realized one of the most important values of the retreats for them was the time they got to spend with friends.



B.J. Pelto gives Greg a helping hand with an art project during a Great Adventures meeting.

It was like a light bulb going off in our heads . . . these were young adults who had gone to school together, graduated and were no longer attending a school program. Some lived at home. . . some were in group homes. . . all were in different programs or work settings. . . They missed their friends! They were unable to call up a friend and say, "Hey, want to go out to eat and see a movie?" Each one was dependent on someone else getting them out and about.

We thought. . . we can help! And so the idea of Great Adventures came about. Various staff members volunteered their time on a Tuesday evening each month when the first 50 members came to join this new venture.

According to Lori Hanafin, Holy Angels Director of Social Work (and founding member of Great Adventures), "Great Adventures has given our members opportunities to remain in contact with their friends from school who they otherwise may not be able to see. It is a wonderful social opportunity and gives the members a chance to have fun, learn new things and give back to the community through service projects."

We recently celebrated our 2010 Angel Bowl victory – with Great Adventures members raising over \$10,000 – the 2nd highest amount of money raised by a group or organization. Since 1999, the members have raised over \$112,000.



Taylor and friend are enjoying a boat ride down at Camp Hope.

Service has been a major component of our Great Adventures program. The members annually participate in "Operation Christmas Child", preparing boxes for children in third world countries. Also, an annual Christmas celebration is organized along with a gift for the Sisters of Mercy who live in the Motherhouse on the Sacred Heart campus, in Belmont. Lori states, "I love the Christmas programs for the Sisters of Mercy and watching our residents give their handmade gifts to the elderly nuns. The excitement of our members being able to be on the giving side instead of the receiving end of things is a wonderful sight to see."

You may wonder – are we still having fun, 20 years later???? You will hear a resounding YES from the members. They chime in with "this is the best," "I've learned so much." "When are we going on a cruise again, remember how much fun we had?"

And for the past 20 years. . . we who have been a part of this social club have had some wonderful "great adventures" and some beautiful memories.

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## From My Perspective...Regina P. Moody, President/CEO

As I look out my office window, I see the beauty of the many flowers now in full bloom. It is a season of shaking off the bleak winter cold while embracing the warmth and colors of spring. At Holy Angels it is a time of renewal and remembering.

With the spring we begin planning some fun and creative activities for our residents – the Summer Concert series will be up and running, Fun Fridays, boat rides, fishing and picnics at Camp Hope. Our organic garden is full of vegetables just hanging out in the sun – getting ripe for picking and eating. Keeping our garden watered will be much easier this year thanks to John Sullivan and Greenwave for installing a "green" irrigation system that will save time and water.

This past academic year we have had the privilege of having three very talented Belmont Abbey College students to complete their internships with us: Beverly Pantuso and Susie Hilton both Special Education majors and Morgan Heyel- Hansen, a psychology major. All three have graduated and, hopefully, take with them the story of Holy Angels and their many experiences while they were with us.



We celebrated our volunteers – without whom we could not accomplish all that we do for our residents. They bring their caring hearts as they visit our residents, help out in our offices and work in the greenhouse or share their talents in helping secure needed funds.

Many of you have received our spring appeal featuring one of our youngest residents, James. He has a great love of his grandparents and they for him – so I hope you will consider a donation in honor or in memory of your mother, grandmother, father or grandfather this spring – remembering all the love they shared with you throughout your life.

Even as we continue to face funding challenges, there is much to be thankful for at Holy Angels. . . our residents and their families, our staff, our volunteers and you, our donors.

Thank you for your continued support of Holy Angels with your prayers and your resources.



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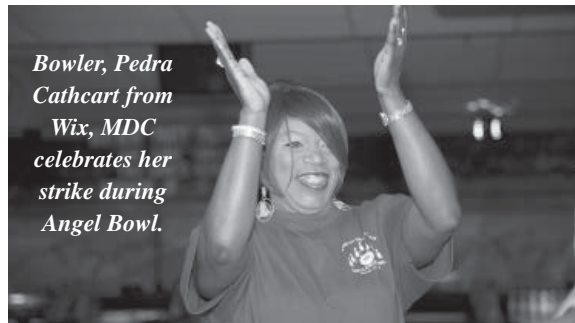
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Holy Angels staff member, Brenda Osborne and Holy Angels resident, Mike, take a few minutes from bowling to enjoy some dancing.

# SAVE THE DATE!!!

Join us for  
**Angel Bowl 2011**  
Saturday, March 12, 2011



Bowler, Pedra Cathcart from Wix, MDC celebrates her strike during Angel Bowl.

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## Angel Bowl Surpasses Fundraising Goal

Angel Bowl reached an all time high in funds raised for the 2010 Angel Bowl - raising \$120,890. Bowlers took to heart the challenge issued this year – when our economy is so precarious – to help support Holy Angels programs and services.



The Leadership Gaston Team (sponsored by the Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce) did an outstanding job in their fundraising efforts for Holy Angels Angel Bowl. Pictured with the team are Regina Moody, Holy Angels CEO & current Chair of the Chamber; Kerri Massey, Holy Angels Chief Program Officer and member of the Leadership Gaston Advisory Board and Shannon Prince, Holy Angels VP of Clinical Services and graduate of Leadership Gaston.

The success of Angel Bowl is dependent on the fundraising efforts of the many companies, groups and individual teams who participate in the annual event. This year was no exception.

A new group came on board and took team fundraising to a whole new level. First time Angel Bowl participant, Leadership Gaston (a program sponsored by the Gaston Chamber of Commerce to develop Gaston leaders of tomorrow and to enhance volunteer community leadership), raised over \$13,500 – a huge success.

According to the team leader and Leadership Gaston participant, Eric Johnson (Administrative Assistant in the Gaston County Office of the County Manager), "Our tour of Holy Angels was an eye-opening experience and we felt we wanted to help in some way. When it was suggested we participate in Angel Bowl – we all thought it was a perfect fit for our group." Each individual raised funds from their friends and family. The on-line giving opportunity was "fantastic!"

Mr. Johnson was impressed with the fun they all had at Angel Bowl and in seeing many of the Holy Angels residents participate in the event. Angel Bowl could become an annual event for this Leadership Gaston group of graduates.

This year brings the fundraising total to over \$1.5 million during Angel Bowl's 18 year history.

In addition to Leadership Gaston, the other top fundraising companies include:

- ♥ **McKenney Family Dealerships - \$7000+**
- ♥ **CaroMont Health - \$6300+**
- ♥ **Gaston County School Nutrition - \$5700+**
- ♥ **Wix Filtration & MDC - \$5300+**
- ♥ **Holy Angels Staff, Families & Volunteers - \$6500+**
- ♥ **Holy Angels Great Adventures - \$10,800+**

The company with the most teams. . . CaroMont Health - 28 teams.

The youngest bowlers/fundraisers were Ally Adams and the Groovy Bowlers. They raised \$2600.

A special thanks to each and every team and bowler – without you Angel Bowl would not be so successful. Our staff and residents are greatly appreciative.

## Holy Angels Receives Commendation from Sisters of Mercy South Central Community

In the past several years, the Sisters of Mercy in Belmont have experienced many changes with the merger of six Mercy communities that make up the newly created Sisters of Mercy South Central Community (in addition to North Carolina five other communities have joined to form the South Central community – Baltimore, Cincinnati, Guam, Jamaica & St. Louis).

With this restructuring, there have been many changes for the sponsored ministries including how we communicate with the Sisters of Mercy and who we communicate with. The sisters have established Ministry Sponsorship Councils and Holy Angels is now a member of the Social, Spiritual, and Pastoral Sponsorship Council. Holy Angels recently presented an annual report to the Sponsorship Council, who reviewed the information and responded to the Board Chair, Hans Lengers and Holy Angels President/CEO, Regina Moody with their commendations.

They were very impressed with the level of care we provide for our residents and their families and recognized the support and concern we have for our employees.

### The letter reads...

*Thank you for making such an informative presentation at the Annual Stewardship Review. It was wonderful to hear from the Presidents/Executive Directors and Board members about the many exemplary programs. Our Mercy charism and mission are alive and well.*

*In response to your written and verbal Annual Stewardship Report, the Social, Spiritual, and Pastoral Sponsorship Council A provides the following feedback for you, your Board and your Staff.*

### Commendations

- Board and President/CEO leadership in succession planning and in mentoring staff
- Extensive orientation program for new staff
- Integration of mission and values
- Establishment of Board Mission Integration Committee
- Staff and Board orientation materials
- High quality marketing materials
- Your commitment to honor staff, residents, donors and volunteers
- Outreach and service to the region
- Executive staff and Board leadership and Executive staffs "team approach"
- CARF Accreditation
- Excellent stewardship of resources

*Your verbal and written Stewardship Report clearly spoke to the mission of Holy Angels and Catherine McAuley. At all levels of the organization, your dedication and commitment to excellence is exceptional.*

*Hans and Regina, again in the name of the members of the Social Spiritual, and Sponsorship Council, I want to thank you, the Board, and staff for keeping the mission of Mercy alive at Holy Angels.*

Sr. Marilynn Wittenauer, RSM, Chair  
Social, Spiritual, and Pastoral Sponsorship Council A



## Holy Angels 20th Annual Volunteer Awards Reception

Holy Angels presented the 2010 Volunteer Awards, during the 20th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception on Tuesday, April 20th, at Holy Angels. The reception was part of the Volunteer Appreciation Week celebration.

Throughout the year we observe miracles happening all around Holy Angels – through the many gifts the volunteers share with our residents and staff - their smiles – touch – desire to help build a better world in our world here at Holy Angels.

Four graduating seniors were honored for their continued volunteerism throughout their high school years – Anna Clark, West Mecklenburg High School; Lynndie Dellinger, Cherryville High School; Kacy Nichols, Forestview High School; and Abbi Hanks, South Point High School.

Awards were presented to volunteers who have provided extraordinary service to Holy Angels residents and support to the staff.



• **Joanna Nichols Volunteer of the Year – Lynndie Dellinger** – a student at Cherryville High School, she is the daughter of Hope and Robbie Lankford. She has been a volunteer since January 2009 coming in weekly, on days off and during her summer vacation – she shares her time and talents in our creative arts program, including the greenhouse and organic garden.

### Volunteer Group of the Year – Master Gardeners of Gaston County

– the Master Gardeners have shared their vast knowledge of plants and their time at the Holy Angels greenhouse to greatly enhance the Holy Angels horticulture therapy program, making the program an even better experience for the residents. Holy Angels has been able to expand the spring and fall plant sales, providing customers a wider variety of plants and herbs. All sales help support the horticulture therapy program.



• **Ed Sabatini Advocacy Award – Charlotte Catholic High School Athletic Association** – Named in honor of the late Ed Sabatini, this award recognizes an



individual or group who serves as an advocate of Holy Angels. Beginning in 2004, the Charlotte Catholic High School Athletic Association, under the leadership of principal, Jerry Healy, basketball coach, Bob Moran, and athletic director, Kevin Christmas recruited sponsors to support an annual holiday basketball tournament. This past year they held their first wrestling tournament. Due to the advocacy and energy of the CCHS Athletic Association along with the support of faculty and students, the story of Holy Angels has been shared with countless athletes from as far away as Virginia. Since 2004, the tournaments have raised over \$42,000.



• **Dennis McClain Volunteer of the Year – Jeaniene Dibble** – has been a Volunteer since 2005. Mrs. Dibble has shared her love of art with many of the Holy Angels community group home residents and Great Adventures members and in doing so has discovered and cultivated their hidden artistic talents. Each artist has been introduced to a variety of artistic techniques – from water color pastels to using photography. In partnering her art studio (Art by J) students with a Holy Angels artist, she has fostered many new friendships.

• **The Lynn Leonard Service Above Self Award** was established in 2007 to honor those volunteers who go above and beyond in their service on behalf of the residents we serve at Holy Angels and named for long time volunteer, Lynn Leonard, Gastonia, NC.

**John Brincefield** began his volunteer service nearly 15 years ago as a vocalist, sharing his gift of song during Holy Angels special events – ground breakings and new home dedications. Over the years he has expanded his volunteer service to include participation in the Holy Angels Christmas liturgy and was the lead vocalist during Holy Angels 50th anniversary celebration in 2006. No matter what is happening in Salisbury, he never hesitates to travel to Belmont whenever he is needed.



It was announced during the reception that Holy Angels volunteers donated over 2163.75 hours. Using the 1st shift, hourly base rate for a direct care professional after 90 days -- which is really a minimal estimation of the total worth -- our volunteer hours translates to nearly \$20,967. Holy Angels is truly blessed with the many gifts our volunteers share with us.

