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Regina Moody, Holy Angels President Emerita

Caring for Our Future: Children’s Campus Expansion Moves Forward.

By Sr. Nancy Nance, RSM, Holy Angels Board Member

‘Retirement is not about doing nothing; it’s about doing what you love.’ – Unknown

President Emeritus, Regina Moody, set sail as a retiree on January 1, following 40 years at the helm of Holy Angels. She has spent time visiting the Panama Canal, Italy and Alaska. Regina loves spending time with her two beautiful grandsons and their parents (son, Kevin & daughter-in-law, Alison). Hanging out with husband, David, has been a real gift since both are now retired. According to Regina, “I am so thankful for these past several months, spending time doing the things I love most. I am grateful to the many well-wishers who sent me on this new path, through their support and gifts to Holy Angels in my honor. I am truly blessed.”

Holy Angels is fortunate to continue to have Regina’s wisdom and support primarily focused on a project very dear to her heart, the Children’s Campus Expansion development. She stated, “We have outgrown our children’s facility. This project will allow us to enhance our children’s living and learning experiences by creating new state-of-the-art facilities and offering new therapies for all ages.”

It is with great excitement that we share our progress on the Children’s Campus Expansion with you. Boomerang Design principals, Rick Brown and Stan Anthony, who designed Moody Place and Belhaven homes, have been busy creating the site plans and completing the initial home designs. Phase 1 includes three six-bed homes with easy access to outdoor natural areas. A community center offers a swimming pool and wellness suite, an activity room and a fully equipped kitchen. The center of the new campus will feature a beautiful outdoor sensory and prayer garden for all to enjoy.

Kerri Massey, President and CEO, is looking forward to what the future holds for our younger residents; “This project will provide a more innovative and homelike living environment for our special children and more opportunities to carry out our mission to provide compassionate and dependable care for our most medically fragile resident angels.”

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PHASE 1 TIMELINE (Estimate)

Design Development	Underway
Construction Document Completion	November 2023
Submission to Review Agencies	December 2023
Ceremonial Groundbreaking	December 2023
Commencement of Construction	First Quarter 2024
Construction	Estimated 12 months

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The groundbreaking is scheduled for December 20 at 4:00 pm on the Holy Angels campus. A project of this magnitude will take much support from our friends, families and donors to make this dream a reality. There will be more to come about how you can be a part of this exciting expansion for our children. We can't wait to see the smiles on our children's faces when they move into their new home!

PHASE 2 of our campus expansion will include a learning center for our school-age residents with an integrated on-site child care facility for our team's children, and a maintenance facility.



Life Choices participants Tommy and Samantha celebrate the reopening of the program.

Life Choices Celebrates Grand Reopening and Ribbon Cutting

Holy Angels proudly marked a significant milestone with the grand reopening of our renowned Life Choices Program.

“Holy Angels firmly believes in the potential of every individual, and our Life Choices program exemplifies this belief,” said Holy Angels President and CEO Kerri Massey. “This program enables us to offer even more opportunities to members of our community who are differently able. We are thrilled to bring it back and continue to empower individuals with the tools they need to lead meaningful lives.”

Life Choices is an adult day program designed to foster independence, social, emotional, pre-vocational, and personal growth. Through a wide range of engaging activities, including computer literacy, daily living skills, art, fitness, and community integration, our participants build essential life skills while developing their talents and interests.

The Life Choices program initially started in 2013 with a few community members and a small curriculum. In tandem with our Life Choices Program reopening, we introduced our newest retail store, “Market on Main,” in the same building.

Holy Angels hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony this past week at the new location at 124 N. Main Street in downtown Belmont. In tandem with our Life Choices Program reopening, we introduced “Market on Main” in the same building. This store is a testament to the remarkable talents and skills of our crew members and Life Choices participants. It offers a unique platform for them to showcase their creations, from products to takeaway food items.

“I am so happy to be back at Life Choices,” said participant Mary Ellen. “I really enjoy coming here, learning about current events, computers, money and more. Mostly, I’m happy to be back with my friends.”

Through our Life Choices program, Holy Angels will continue to provide a nurturing environment where participants can thrive, learn and connect with others.

Please visit us at 124 N. Main Street in Belmont. Check out Life Choices, grab a sandwich and do your holiday shopping at Market on Main.



The new building for Life Choices and Market on Main in Belmont.

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A Record-Breaking Golf Tournament

September 18th marked our 32nd Carolina Classic Golf Tournament. The weather was almost as impeccable as Holy Angels resident Martha's ceremonial first drive, and 132 golfers enjoyed a day full of fun and fellowship on behalf of the children and adults we serve.



Eagle Award Winner Jim Dunn (bottom right) with his grandson James and the rest of his family.

We were honored to present Jim Dunn with the annual Eagle Award. Jim is the grandfather of Holy Angels resident, James, our 2013 Spotlight Angel, and has always been selflessly committed to serving our mission.

We are incredibly grateful for our sponsors, golfers, volunteers, parents, and staff who made this an exceptional event. Special thanks to our residents, Martha, Mac, Katie, and Cheryl, for helping bring the heart of Holy Angels to the Carolina Classic! The 2023 Carolina Classic celebrates a record-breaking year in sponsors and funds raised. Save the date for the 33rd annual Carolina Classic on Monday, September 16th, 2024.

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Grazie Mille – A Thousand Thanks

Our biggest fundraising weekend of the year, Grazie Mille, is back!

Join us on Friday, November 17 for “A Night on the Town” – which includes great food, gaming, music and lots of fun. Limited numbers of seats and sponsorship opportunities are still available.

“A Starry Night” gala is set for Saturday, November 18. There are a limited number of sponsorships available for this exclusive event.

Even if you cannot attend, you can still bid on the online auction which will open a week before the event.

For more information, tickets or sponsorships, please use the QR code to find out more or call 704.825.4161.

Grazie Mille ... a thousand thanks
for a thousand needs



Respond early as tickets are limited for both events.



HolyAngelsGala.org

A NIGHT ON THE TOWN

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 17
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

A Starry Night

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 18
5:30 PM VIP AND 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

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Leonard and Lila - A Lasting Legacy of Love and Compassion



Dr. Leonard Pasek and Lila Garrett's legacy of caring and compassion lives on forever.

At Holy Angels, where love and compassion are the keystones of our mission, there exists a legacy that continues to inspire. It's a legacy woven from the hearts of two remarkable souls, Lila Garrett and Dr. Leonard Pasek. For decades, this couple supported our cause with love and dedication.

Their journey with Holy Angels began through the gentle guidance of their church and the enlightening words of Kays Gary, a beloved *Charlotte Observer* columnist. With their first gifts, they helped to build our Belhaven home, where lives have been transformed for more than a quarter century.

Dr. Pasek, a retired dentist, fought a valiant battle against cancer. When he passed away in 2002, he left behind a legacy of generosity and kindness.

For more than 15 years, Lila faithfully contributed generous annual gifts, honoring her late husband's wishes to continue to support our angels. When she passed away last year, Holy Angels received a substantial bequest – a testament of their enduring love for this mission.

Their family stays in touch with Holy Angels, reminding us of the deep love and compassion they continue to feel for our residents. They hope the legacy of Dr. Pasek and Lila will continue to further the mission of caring for the differently able.

Would you be interested in learning more about leaving your own legacy? If so, please contact Pamela Glass at PamelaG@HolyAngelsNC.org or 704.825.4161.

Share the Light is Back, Celebrating the Joy of the Season



Holy Angels residents participate in the Nativity scene during Share the Light.

Three years ago, one of Holy Angels fervent and loyal supporters brought to us a vision of bringing our community together during a time when our world needed joy, hope and light. This year, we are excited to continue this Christmas tradition and invite you to share in spreading the light to the community.

Please join us on December 20th for this favorite holiday tradition where our community of supporters drives through Holy Angels campus to experience the lights, illuminated angels and the live nativity scene featuring our residents. It will touch your heart.

If you would like to purchase a luminary or illuminated angel in honor or memory of a loved

one, friend, business colleague, or a deserving teacher or first responder, please use the QR code to access the online form. Contact Pamela Glass if you have any questions or if you would like to sponsor Share the Light.



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TWO WAYS YOU CAN SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER

ORDER YOUR 2023 CHRISTMAS CARDS

Share the spirit of Christmas with a gift in honor or in memory of your family, friends, business associates, ministers, teachers, healthcare workers or neighbors.

For each honor or memorial gift of \$25 or more, Holy Angels will send a Christmas card and beautiful, one-of-a-kind ornament to the honoree or the family of the memorialized.

Quantities are limited. Order by Friday, December 8, via mail, fax or email. Attach additional forms as necessary.

2023 Holy Angels Order Form

To ensure the accuracy of your order, please print or type the information below.

Your Name (as you would like it to appear on the card): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Enclosed is my check for (a minimum donation of \$25 per honor/memorial gift for the ornament):

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 Illuminated Angel \$500 Other \$ _____ Make checks payable to Holy Angels.

Or charge \$ _____ to my: Visa MasterCard American Express

Account Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CV# _____ Signature: _____

Order Option (check one):

Please send cards to everyone on the list provided (include name, address, and "In honor of" or "In memory of"). Attach additional sheets as necessary. We can also supply you with a spreadsheet template to complete and send back to us. The amount of your gift is not revealed.

For the cards that Holy Angels mails, the message inside the card will read: This Blessed Christmas season a gift has been made to Holy Angels in honor of (or in loving memory of) _____ by (your name as listed above). If you would like a different message on the card please indicate below.

This gift is: In Memory of In Honor of: _____

Please send acknowledgment of this gift to: **Name:** _____

Please send Ornament (minimum \$25 donation)

Address: _____

City: _____ **ST:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email: _____

Special Message: _____

Packages of 10 Christmas Cards designed by our residents can also be purchased at our businesses located in downtown Belmont and McAdenville, NC.

For more info, contact: Emily Grogan at
EmilyG@HolyAngelsNC.org or 704.825.4161



SHARE THE LIGHT

Join us for this favorite holiday tradition where you can purchase a luminary or illuminated angel in honor or memory of a loved one. Drive through Holy Angels campus on **December 20th**, Maria Morrow's (our first angel) birthday to see the lights and live nativity scene featuring our residents.

For more information visit: www.HolyAngelsNC.org/stl

Celebrating the Exceptional People Who Care for Our Exceptional People



Some of our award winners from the Holy Angels Employee Banquet. Top Row (L-R) Randy Lewis, Laurie Lewis, Tomica Alexander, Tanya Sadler. Bottom Row (L-R) Jerri Johnson, Jackie Headley, Lynn Hill

We gathered last month to celebrate our exceptional work family. The banquet hall was filled with an atmosphere of joy, gratitude, and camaraderie as we reunited and acknowledged the outstanding contributions of our Holy Angels family.

This was the first time we gathered since before the pandemic. Despite the unforeseen challenges, our team showed incredible resilience, compassion, and commitment of providing loving care to our residents.

The highlight of the evening was handing out our “Achievement of Excellence” awards honoring the exceptional work of those who consistently go above and beyond for our residents.

We also presented the Dr. C. Ellis Fisher Caring Hands/Caring Heart award to Jeaniene Dibble for her two decades of volunteering to support our resident artists. Jeaniene discovered their creative talents, nurtured it and helped our residents grow by encouraging Holy Angels to open Bliss Gallery.

Congratulations to our award winners and every person who has a heart for this mission.



President and CEO Kerri Massey presents Caring Hands/Caring Heart Award to Jeaniene Dibble with Dr. C. Ellis Fisher.

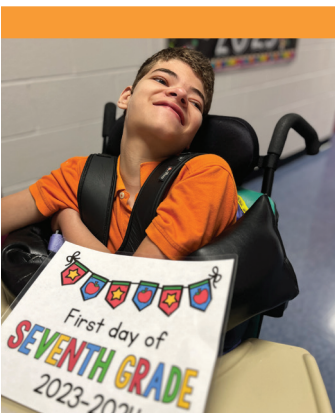
Appreciation of Excellence

Crew Member - Angela Claffey
DSP - Jackie Headley
DSP - Jerri Johnson
Program - Heather McDonald
Related Services - Randy Lewis
Relief DSP - Eula Hoyle
Relief DSP - Kellie Oaks

Special Recognition

Dr. Fisher Caring Hands/Caring Heart Award - Jeaniene Dibble
President’s Award for Excellence - Lynn Hill
Beth Withers “Make a Difference” Award - Tomica Alexander
Maria Morrow “Spirit” Award - Laurie Lewis
Golden Angel of the Year - Tanya Sadler

Spotlight Angel: Nolan's Light Shines Bright in Area 2



Nolan smiles on his first day of Seventh Grade.

This year marks a significant milestone for Spotlight Angel Nolan as he moves up to Area 2, our high school program.

Nolan's transition to the world of teenagers has been nothing short of impressive. He is forging friendships, tackling new challenges, and even displaying a bit of a stubborn side now and then. But what truly sets him apart is the inner light that shines from within him.

Nolan is a beacon of positivity and resilience. It is evident in his infectious smile, which brightens our surroundings, and in his determination to meet his goals. His genuine kindness touches the hearts of everyone he encounters.

As Nolan embarks on this new high school chapter, we are confident that his inner light will continue to illuminate the lives of those around him. It reminds us of all the incredible potential within each of our angels.

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Crew member Mary Ellen helps to prepare custom cotton candy favors for Charlotte Catholic High School.

Charlotte Catholic High School Partners with Cotton Candy Factory for Sweet Victory!

Holy Angels and Charlotte Catholic High School teamed up to bring customized cotton candy to all the high school football games.

Crew members at the Cotton Candy Factory are spinning up the Cougars' red and blue colors with the Charlotte Catholic logo to create the customized sugary treat that is being sold at all three concession stands. Proceeds from the sale benefit Holy Angels and the school's PTO. It's also a win for Cougars' fans who get the freshest-tasting and fluffiest cotton candy in town.

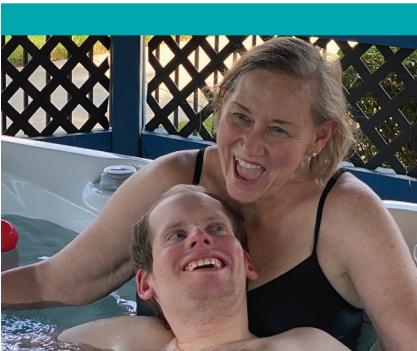
Since the Cotton Candy Factory opened in 2017, crew members have spun these types of favors for birthdays, weddings, corporate events and so much more. This is the first time for a big game.

"Our fans love the customized red and blue, perfectly fluffy, cotton candy to enjoy under the Friday night lights," said Charlotte Catholic HS Concession Stand Lead Raleigh Linnert. "It's great to support another great Catholic organization like Holy Angels."

Holy Angels and Charlotte Catholic have always been close partners, and now, we are bonding over our shared love for football and, of course, cotton candy! Together, we're turning every game into a sweet victory!

Come by the Cotton Candy Factory at 21 N. Main Street in Belmont and try one or more of our 15+ flavors! And don't forget to stop and see Big Momma, our huge gumball machine.

Mercy Moments



LPTA Lynn Hill enjoying water therapy with Drew.



COO/EVP Donnie Thurman whispers a smile onto Cristiana's face.



Bev Bowen enjoying Western Day during DSP week. She has worked at Holy Angels for more than 40 years.



Brandon and QP Rita Baumann work on a bird feeder.



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Calling Caring Team Members

Join our Holy Angels family

We are seeking exceptional people to make a difference in the lives of our residents. Come be part of something special!



Our Mission

The mission of Holy Angels is to provide compassionate, dependable care and opportunities for high-quality living to those with intellectual developmental disabilities and delicate medical conditions through physical, social, spiritual, vocational, educational and emotional support.



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From the Heart :

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Looking back over the year, I am overwhelmed at the spirit of compassion and generosity that fills our Holy Angels community. The challenges we've faced have only strengthened our resolve to provide exceptional care and support to

those we serve. I am full of gratitude as I think about all the remarkable things we have accomplished together.

Reopening the Life Choices program was a primary goal of mine when I stepped into my new role at Holy Angels. This day program initiative has touched the lives of so many individuals with disabilities and their families, offering guidance, support, and hope. The impact we have witnessed through Life Choices has been truly heartwarming, and it wouldn't have been possible without your support.

Another milestone we are thrilled to share is our new Children's Campus Expansion. This project represents

our commitment to creating a safe, nurturing, state-of-the-art environment where our young residents can thrive and flourish.

At Holy Angels, we believe that every life is precious, and every milestone, no matter how small, is worth celebrating. So, as we gather with our loved ones this holiday season, let us remember the incredible impact we've had on the lives of those we serve, and the difference we've made together.

I want to express my deepest thanks to each one of you. Your commitment to our mission has transformed the lives of our residents and their families.

We continue to need your prayers and support to provide the best care for our resident angels to grow and thrive. Would you wrap our angels in your warmth and kindness with a gift to Holy Angels?

Wishing you and your loved ones a warm and joyful holiday season.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Kerri Massey President and CEO, Holy Angels

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