

HALO HIGHLIGHTS

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Holy Angels

EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



A Note from Our CEO, Laurie Boswell

This year marks a major milestone for one of our most beloved traditions—the 25th Annual David Rice Memorial Angel Run and Walk. It is a joy to reflect on where this heartfelt effort began and the incredible way it has grown into a vibrant community event. At its core, the Angel Run is about the people we serve at Holy Angels. Every step taken and every dollar raised helps to provide vital support for services

that enrich the lives of our residents, students, and day program participants.

The Angel Run started in 2002, born from love and remembrance. The Rice family created the event to honor their son, David, who lived at Holy Angels for 16 years before his passing in 2001. In search of a meaningful way to celebrate David's life, Barbara Rice thought a 5K race stood out as something both unique and impactful. With support and encouragement from Sister Concetta, the Angel Run was born.

The very first race welcomed around 80 to 100 runners, a modest yet meaningful beginning rooted in purpose and community. From the very start, those we serve have been an active part of the run, participating and bringing joy to the event year after year. Another constant has been the dedicated support of the Knights of Columbus, who have faithfully been involved from the beginning. Their generosity and service have helped shape the welcoming atmosphere that defines the event. The delicious post-race burgers have become a favorite tradition for many!

Over time, the Angel Run has continued to grow, fueled by community involvement and unwavering determination. As Barbara Rice fondly recalls, even in pouring rain, participants would show up, pull on raincoats, and keep going; nothing could stop their shared mission.

Today, the Angel Run has become more than just a fundraiser—it's a tradition, a reunion, and a celebration. Many Holy Angels families who live out of town plan their visits around this special day, making it an opportunity to reconnect with friends and loved ones.

What began as a small local race has blossomed into a major event featuring both 5K and 10K distances. Participants travel from across Louisiana and neighboring states like Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, and even as far as Florida and Indiana to be part of this inspiring experience. It now draws over 1,000 registered runners, and we get to welcome more than 1,500 people to the magical place we call Holy Angels.

As Barbara Rice beautifully reflects:

"Each year, thanks to the loving, caring, creative staff at Holy Angels, the Angel Run has become an awesome event celebrated by so many. It's a wonderful time to remember David and to share with those dear to us who have supported the run for the past 25 years."

BARBARA RICE

Mother of David Rice and Founder of Angel Run

As we celebrate the past 25 years, we also look toward the future with excitement. Each year brings new opportunities to grow and expand the impact of this incredible event. We look forward to what the next 25 years hold!

UPCOMING EVENTS



APRIL 9 | 6-9 PM

Resident Art Show

*Andress Artist & Entrepreneur Center
717 Crockett St, Shreveport, LA*



APRIL 25 | 8 AM

David Rice Memorial Angel Run & Walk 5K & 10K

Holy Angels Campus

MAY 5 | 11 AM

Give for Good Field Day & Cookout *Holy Angels Campus*

MAY 5 | 4-9 PM

Give for Good Champions Event

*Bodacious Bar and Q
8410 Line Ave, Shreveport, LA*

MAY 22 | 6-8 PM

Holy Angels Prom

Holy Angels Gym

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

APRIL 17 | 11AM-1PM

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OUT AND ABOUT



Field Day

It was a beautiful Saturday for a Field Day! We enjoyed games, relay races, music, dancing, hot dogs, and spending time together...what more could we ask for? Thank you to the coaches for putting everything together and all the staff who serve our residents each day. We also appreciate the med student volunteers who joined us with popsicles!



St. Patrick's Day Dance

Another successful holiday dance in the books! Complete with green punch, delicious cake, and festive music, nobody wanted it to end. Everyone had a wonderful time dancing, taking pictures, and painting their canvases full of rainbows and pots of gold. Thank you to our staff and med student volunteers for bringing the holiday spirit to life!



Easter Pageant

Our annual Easter Pageant was a heartfelt and inspiring celebration of the true meaning of the season and the promise of the resurrection. We extend our sincere thanks to all staff members who contributed to making this day so special. From organizing and coordinating the program to supporting residents throughout rehearsals, your time and effort brought the story of the season to life in a meaningful and memorable way. We also want to recognize our culinary team for their beautiful lunch display that was thoroughly enjoyed by our guests. To all of our staff, thank you for the care and excellence you bring to our community every day.

OUT AND ABOUT



Josh got to throw the first pitch at a recent Byrd Baseball Game!



Our amazing staff in Cabrini Kitchen hosted our friends from the DOVE Program for a morning of Easter cookie decorating!



We enjoyed a beautiful and uplifting performance from the Louisiana Baptist Singing Men.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



Holy Angels Academy at a Glance

Holy Angels Academy continues to thrive thanks to the extraordinary dedication and heart of our staff. We are excited to share that we are now offering speech and occupational therapy services on campus through our partnership with Fundamentals. Bringing these services in-house allows for greater collaboration between therapists and educators, creating a more seamless and supportive learning environment for our students. We have also added an after-school ABA service line, allowing us to extend support beyond the school day and provide services to even more children in our community. This integrated approach allows us to better meet each learner's unique needs and continue fostering independence, confidence, and growth across all areas of development.

APRIL WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Janet D.	1 Year	Carvette S.	13 Years
Emily C.	1 Year	Brandy B.	13 Years
Tabithia M.	2 Years	Deanichantey B.	13 Years
Shiometre S.	2 Years	Lindsey H.	14 Years
Octavius W.	2 Years	Shacondriya P.	14 Years
Alexis R.	2 Years	Irene W.	19 Years
Adriunhya G.	2 Years	Rhonda P.	19 Years
Samuel S.	3 Years	Dexter S.	20 Years
Tony R.	4 Years	Shante M.	20 Years
Jennifer M.	5 Years	Jacqueline S.	22 Years
Sandra J.	8 Years	Patricia P.	23 Years
Everett G.	8 Years	Enola G.	34 Years
Katina B.	9 Years		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Anissa S.	4/1	Anna M.	4/21
Savion H.	4/2	Daphne S.	4/22
Shirley H.	4/5	Jackie W.	4/24
Jacqueline H.	4/7	Kathy W.	4/25
Patricia W.	4/7	Latoyia I.	4/26
Emily C.	4/8	Breonna B.	4/26
Regina C.	4/8	Deanichantey B.	4/27
Gina A.	4/10	Calvin B.	4/30
Sophia B.	4/11	Summer C.	4/30
Rich M.	4/11		
Cameron M.	4/17		
Michael P.	4/17		
Rachel H.	4/18		