



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



April Reflections

A Note from Our CEO, Laurie Boswell

Running with Purpose: 25 Years of the Angel Run

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.



Angel Run 2002

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. It now draws over 1,000 registered runners from over ten states, 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.”

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. Whether you're a seasoned runner, a casual walker, or someone who simply wants to be part of something meaningful, *there's a place for you at the Angel Run*. We invite you to sign up, volunteer, sponsor, or just come out and enjoy the day with us.



Angel Run 2025

To the Rice family, runners, volunteers, sponsors, and community members—thank you for making the David Rice Memorial Angel Run what it is today. Your support has turned a simple idea into a powerful tradition that continues to change lives. We look forward to what the next 25 years hold.

Love,
Laurie

Out and About

Field Day

It was a beautiful day for a Field Day! We enjoyed games, relay races, music, dancing, popsicles, and hot dogs...what more could you ask for?! Thank you to the medical students from LSUHS Medicine in Motion students and our staff for making this an exciting Saturday morning at Holy Angels.



Cup Stacking Champs



It was a beautiful day for a cookout.
Thanks for grilling, Coach!



Our med student friends always
make Field Day fun!

St. Patrick's Day Dance



What a fun day celebrating with our residents! A huge thank you to the LSU Health Shreveport med students for coming to our St. Patrick's Day dance. They brought paint, brushes, and canvases and helped everyone create beautiful St. Patrick's Day themed artwork! They made the day so much more special, and we are so lucky to have such amazing volunteers who give their time and hearts to our community.

We love our med student friends!



Jack and Kim enjoying the festivities



Lovely ladies in green!

Easter Pageant

The Holy Angels Easter Pageant was a heartfelt and inspiring celebration of the true meaning of the season and the promise of the resurrection. Residents and staff dedicated so much time and effort to create a performance that was both meaningful and memorable. We were delighted to share this special occasion with our friends and family, whose presence made it even more joyful. Following the program, our culinary team prepared a beautiful lunch display that was enjoyed by all and added a perfect finishing touch to the day.



We opened with beautiful Easter Fashions!



A group of residents spelled out 'HE IS RISEN'



A beautiful performance of the story of the resurrection.

Campus Highlights

DOVE Visit in Cabrini



Our amazing staff in Cabrini Kitchen hosted our friends from the DOVE Program for a morning of Easter cookie decorating! They cut out sugar cookies and made both chocolate chip and M&M cookies. Each student even got to decorate their own Easter eggs cookies with edible paint! We always look forward to their visits and look forward to next time!



Wideman Piano Competition

Each year, we love hosting the Wideman Piano Competition performers, a special event that brings both beautiful music and meaningful connection into our community. Performers showcase their talent while sharing the stories behind each piece, giving our residents a deeper appreciation for the music.

One of the most rewarding parts is the interaction it creates. Residents are invited to ask questions, making the experience engaging and personal. It's a joy to see them so attentive, curious, and genuinely moved by the performances!



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.

Events



Join us for a colorful celebration of creativity at our upcoming Resident Art Show! This special evening will showcase original artwork created by our incredibly talented residents, with pieces inspired by the vibrant spirit, culture, and charm of Louisiana. Come stroll through the gallery, meet the artists, learn about their process, and experience the joy and heart behind every creation.

By attending, you’re doing more than enjoying beautiful art; you’re supporting the mission of Holy Angels. This event is free and open to the public. Bring a friend, bring your family, and come celebrate creativity, community, and a cause that truly makes a difference. We can’t wait to see you there!

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

April 25 | 8:00AM | Holy Angels Campus



It's time to run with the angels - lace up for another year of fun!

Give for Good Day

Join the Holy Angels' Champions at Bodacious BBQ for our Give for Good Day Event! Bring your friends and family to help support our Angels. Our team will be on site to make giving easy and fun. Come grab dinner, enjoy the performance of JBrown, the Vibe'Olinist, and help us close out Give for Good Day in a strong way!



We positively impact the lives of over 200 individuals, including residents, Holy Angels Academy students, and AngelWorks day campers, every month. Your continued support is invaluable!

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Holy Angels' Fun Fact of the Month

Did you know...

Holy Angels has two basketball teams:
The Red Cobras and the Holy Bananas!