



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



February Love

A Note from Our CEO, Laurie Boswell

February is often associated with love: cards, flowers, and kind words shared with those closest to us. At Holy Angels, however, love is not something we celebrate for a single day or month. It is the foundation of our mission and the force that guides us every day.

For 60 years, our community has been shaped by love for each individual that we serve. It takes a special kind of love to sustain an organization like Holy Angels, and we were recently reminded just how powerful that love is during the winter storm that swept through the country.

We often *speak* about the love that exists on our campus, but *seeing it in action* during the storm was nothing short of magical. With roads iced over and most staff unable to travel to or from campus, our residents still needed care—and their care continued without interruption. Despite the challenging conditions, our staff responded with extraordinary courage, dedication, and selflessness.

Weeks before the storm, our Emergency Preparedness Team carefully planned and coordinated the necessary logistics: scheduling support drivers, transporting meals for residents and staff, keeping our campus safe and warm, and communicating updates to staff and family members. When the storm arrived, a dedicated group of managers and staff voluntarily left their own families on Friday and moved into the facility until Tuesday. They slept on cots, air mattresses, and even chairs, choosing to place the needs of our residents above their own comfort. Irene, Group Home Supervisor, even chose to spend her 46th wedding anniversary onsite rather than away from those she serves. These are not isolated acts; they are the daily heartbeat of Holy Angels.

We want to extend a special thank you to our courageous, selfless support drivers during the storm: Patrick Lukacs, Tom Murphy, Alston Johnson, Robert Dean, Justin Sevier, RJ Middleton, Ronnie Brown, James Peck, Caleb Hugh, and Dr. Rich Mancil. Because of your efforts, our residents and staff remained safe and cared for.

As we resume our daily activities, we do so with deep gratitude for the love that has sustained Holy Angels since its founding. We honor the vision of Bishop Greco, the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Pollards, the Gilsters, and the O'Briens, and we thank the leadership, staff, families, donors, and volunteers who continue to carry that spirit forward.

At Holy Angels, love is not just something we talk about—it is something we *live*. This February, and always, we celebrate love.

With gratitude,

Laurie

Out and About

Family Association Honors Staff for Dedication During Ice Storm

In recognition of the extraordinary loyalty and commitment demonstrated by Holy Angels staff during the storm, our Family Association is providing a \$25 gift card per day that each employee worked between Saturday and Tuesday, up to a maximum of \$100. This generous gesture reflects the deep appreciation our families feel for the dedication and sacrifice our employees show every single day, and especially in times of crisis.

"This is just the type of situation that aligns with our mission. To reward and acknowledge Holy Angels employees who continue to sacrifice and go above and beyond to care for and protect our loved ones." - Terri Medaries, Family Association President

We are incredibly proud of our staff, and we are equally grateful to our Family Association for recognizing these efforts in such a meaningful way. Their continued generosity makes a real difference in the lives of our employees and the individuals we serve.

Terri Medaries, President • **Pam Simmons**, Vice President
Susie McBride, Treasurer • **Vada Harris**, Secretary

Together Through the Storm

We are deeply grateful to the staff who worked tirelessly during the storm, caring for residents while putting their own comfort aside, as well as to those who supported them behind the scenes. We are truly blessed with the best staff, whose dedication and teamwork ensure that even in the toughest moments, no one is left without care.



Our Dietary and Culinary Teams ensured residents and staff were stocked up with meals!



Some residents enjoyed playing out in the snow!



Even the Administration Building pitched in to prepare boxes of food before the storm!

Most Influential Woman Meet & Greet

We had the pleasure of welcoming the 2026 *Most Influential Woman* and *Young Woman* honorees to our campus for a special meet and greet with our residents. The gathering provided a meaningful opportunity for connection as honorees learned more about our mission and the lives supported through this event.

The visit was filled with smiles, shared stories, and genuine moments of joy. Our residents loved meeting the honorees, who gained a firsthand look at the beautiful art and products hand-made each day in AngelWorks. It was especially meaningful to see our residents proudly explain their work and creative process to new friends.

We are deeply grateful to these remarkable women for their compassion, leadership, and commitment to serving others. We look forward to celebrating them at the *Most Influential Woman* luncheon on Thursday, March 5, and to the lasting impact their support will make in our community.

MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMAN TICKETS



Residents enjoying meeting the honorees and telling them about Holy Angels!



2026 Honorees with Laurie Boswell and Nell Shehee

Holy Angels Catering

Did you know Holy Angels offers catering?

Recently, a few of our Culinary Arts residents delivered a catering order to the Krewe of Gemini and had the opportunity to tour their den and receive special beads. We appreciate the Krewe of Gemini's support and hospitality, and we're glad they enjoyed our chicken spaghetti!

CATERING MENU

To place an order, contact us at 318-629-1711.



Darla and Isabel loved touring the Den. Thank you to the Krewe of Gemini Queen!

Campus Highlights

Dietary Department Spotlight



The Dietary Department at Holy Angels may be small, but their impact is mighty. This dedicated team prepares more than 300 meals each day (over 9,000 meals a month!) while maintaining a positive, caring attitude, even during the busiest moments. They know each resident by name and take great pride in ensuring every meal is both enjoyable and carefully tailored to individual needs, including pureed, chopped, gluten-free, weight-conscious, low-sodium, and other modified diets.

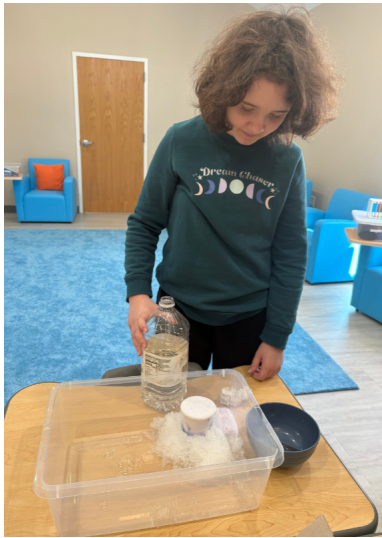
What truly sets this team apart is their commitment to inclusion. When standard options aren't enough, they go the extra mile, such as creating custom dressings for residents with strict dietary restrictions, so no one feels singled out.

Beyond nutrition, they create a welcoming dining experience through thoughtful choices, seasonal décor, and resident involvement. Their greatest reward is resident satisfaction, because everything they do is in service to those they care for. We are deeply grateful for the heart and dedication they bring to Holy Angels every day.



Holy Angels Academy at a Glance

The recent ice storm gave us a meaningful opportunity to connect classroom learning with our students' real-world experiences. Our educators and therapists thoughtfully incorporated storm-related themes into lessons like building snow volcanoes to observe chemical reactions and creating snowflake models with toothpicks and marshmallows to learn about shapes and symmetry. These activities helped make science and math concepts concrete, visual, and fun. We also supported social-emotional learning by helping students process unexpected schedule changes, practice flexible thinking, and communicate their feelings. Through these strategies, we reinforced the understanding that even when routines shift, school remains a predictable and caring place.



Our faith reminds us that even winter storms can hold purpose and beauty! Just like every snowflake is uniquely designed, we celebrate the unique gifts of each child in our care.

Visitors and Volunteers

The 4-H Club from NSU Elementary Lab School completed a special service project by packing 200 gift bags and visiting campus to hand them out to our residents. Their kindness and generosity were truly inspiring, and it was heartwarming to see such compassion from the next generation.





We love our volunteers, especially these two from Centenary!

Events

Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Awards

March 5 | 11:30AM | East Ridge Country Club

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Congratulations to all of our honorees!

MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

- Stacy Brown
- Dorothy Anne Gremillion (posthumously)
- Lisa Friday Johnson
- Valencia Jones
- Judy Madison
- Dr. Jayda Spillers

MOST INFLUENTIAL YOUNG WOMEN

- Elizabeth Briery
- Ellissa Bryant
- Averil Martinez
- Caroline Schoonover
- Maya Trutschl
- Kate Tynes

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

April 25 | 8:00AM | Holy Angels Campus



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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...

The Sisters and residents once produced most of their own food and marked their efforts each year with an annual Harvest Festival on campus to celebrate and admire their hard work!