



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Joyful New Beginnings in January

A Note from Our CEO, Laurie Boswell

A New Year Rooted in Legacy, Guided by Purpose, and Filled with Hope

As we welcome 2026, we reflect with gratitude on the strong foundation established 60 years ago by our founders and look forward with excitement to the opportunities ahead. Holy Angels continues to thrive because of the unwavering support of generations of donors, the dedication of our staff, and the leadership—past and present—that believes deeply in our mission.

This year, we are committed to enhancing the lives of those we serve through Residential Services, the AngelWorks Day Program, and Holy Angels Academy, with bold and innovative goals for 2026:

- Academic Excellence delivered by master-level teachers specializing in special education.
- Comprehensive Behavior Supports led by three PhD Behavior Analysts, specialized psychiatrists, and nationally certified professionals.
- Paid Internship Partnerships with LSU-S and Centenary College, offering opportunities for students in kinesiology, psychology, education, and behavior support.

- Technology Initiative upgrades systems to improve quality and efficiency across the organization: clinical and medical electronic records, purchasing, financial, and IT systems.
- Enhanced Safety and Security measures, including a facility-wide emergency All-Call system, keypad door entries, and newly completed secure playground and basketball court.

With a highly skilled and dedicated team, Holy Angels remains steadfast in its commitment to meet critical needs not only for individuals in residential services, but also those in the community. With excellence, we honor our past and confidently embrace a future filled with promise.

Join Us in Making a Difference

Your support helps us continue our mission of providing exceptional care and opportunities for those we serve. Consider making a donation, volunteering your time, or partnering with us to create lasting impact. Visit our website at www.laholyangels.org or call 318-797-8500 to learn more.

With gratitude,
Laurie Boswell

Out and About

Independence Bowl Visits

We were thrilled to welcome the players from LA Tech and Coastal Carolina during their visit to campus! It was such a fun day filled with games, cookies, and plenty of football talk. Seeing the joy on our residents' faces as they were surrounded by the players' kindness and love never gets old. We are so thankful to the Independence Bowl for their continued support of Holy Angels!



Louisiana Tech University



Coastal Carolina University

Glam Day with the Debutantes

We want to extend a huge thank you to the Debutantes for spoiling our girls with an unforgettable Glam Day! They arrived with gifts and beauty supplies in hand and created such a loving, joyful atmosphere for our special ladies to enjoy. We are so grateful to these wonderful young women for taking time out of their busy season to celebrate our girls and remind them just how beautiful they truly are, inside and out!



Laura and Ella Turner



Callie and Mae Mae McDonnell



Mary Marzelle Elberson and Jasmyn

Campus Highlights

Annual Christmas Pageant



What a truly moving performance! Our residents and staff once again poured their hearts into our annual Christmas Pageant. From the Christmas Spirit Style Show to the Nativity and the beautiful closing song, every moment was a joy to experience. Thank you to our faithful community for continually showing up and supporting our Angels, we are so blessed.

Employee Christmas Luncheon

Our staff truly deserves all the Christmas love! We are so thankful to the Holy Angels Family Association for treating them to this special time filled with lunch, games, and festive fun. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the season and show appreciation for all they do.



Holy Angels Academy at a Glance



Our Holy Angels Academy learners enjoyed many Christmas-themed STEM projects during the month of December. Through science, technology, engineering, and math activities, students practice problem-solving, logical thinking, and creativity in a structured and engaging way.

STEM projects encourage collaboration and communication as students work together toward a shared goal. We are so excited to see each of our students grow and thrive!



DeSoto Parish Schools DOVE Program

We hosted the DeSoto Parish DOVE Program in AngelWorks. This program is designed for Alternative Jumpstart students to develop the skills necessary to live, work, and engage in recreation across diverse community settings, supporting their transition from school to adulthood and promoting the highest possible level of independence in society. We were honored to host them!



Great work in Ceramics!

Visitors

We have been so blessed this season with an abundance of love poured out to our community with visitors. To all who have spent time with us, thank you.



The Walnut Hill Choir performed a beautiful, interactive Christmas program!



The King was in the house! We love spending Christmas with Elvis.



The Mennonites caroled all around campus giving a beautiful Christmas Performance!



The Broadmoor STEM Academy shared their voices and Christmas spirit with us.



Huntington High's Choir, the HHS Voices, performed a beautiful acapella set during morning assembly.

Events

Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Awards

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



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

April 25 | 8:00AM | Holy Angels Campus



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 a group of young, energetic supporters called the **Champions for Individuals with Disabilities**.

This impressive group is made up of professionals working to become the next generation of leaders in our community. The Champions promote engagement with the community and aim to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Champion, let us know!