



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Marching into Spring

A Note from Our CEO, Laurie Boswell

Dear Holy Angels Friends and Families,

As we continue to face new and critical challenges, the responsibility for Holy Angels' future rests with the hearts of those who love this mission most—the Holy Angels Family. When I joined Holy Angels on July 17, 2007, I was blessed to spend treasured hours under the mentorship of Sister Concetta. Her words remain etched on my heart: 'Laurie, ask every family to prayerfully consider their level of support. Ask every family to give sacrificially. Do not be afraid or shy about asking for help because you are not asking for funds for yourself but for those we serve.'

I also believe deeply that every family and friend deserves to understand the 'why.' Why do we ask for your help? Why does your generosity matter so profoundly?

First, we carry forward Bishop Greco's sacred dream—a dream built on love, sacrifice, and a belief that every person, regardless of ability, deserves a lifetime of dignity and care. He envisioned a home that would walk beside each individual from cradle to grave, offering behavior supports, job training, social connections, spiritual guidance, and compassionate medical care. Even in the face of financial hardship, this dream has never wavered. Bishop Greco and the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows gave their lives to build this sanctuary of hope. When Sister Concetta retired in 2009, she passed the baton to all of us. And we accepted it with profound humility. Together, we honor their legacy by upholding excellence, providing unwavering love, and serving as faithful stewards of every gift entrusted to us.

Our mission is made real every single day through the commitment of our staff. They are the hands and feet of Christ. They are heroes—arriving with packed bags during storms, leaving their families behind on holidays, and pouring their hearts into the angels they serve. I have never witnessed such devotion. Holy Angels is special because of them.

To continue attracting and retaining the caliber of staff our angels deserve, we must remain competitive and compassionate. In October, we provided each hourly staff member with a \$3.00-per-hour raise—an increase of \$6,240 per year, resulting in a \$1.3 million investment for this fiscal year.

Their stories of gratitude have touched us deeply. One staff member, carrying the heavy burden of caring for her critically ill husband, had been preparing to take on a second job just to afford the support he needed as he faced the devastating onset of blindness. But, because of this pay increase, that sacrifice is no longer necessary. Instead of rushing from one job to the next, she now returns home each evening – able to sit beside him, care for him, and hold onto the precious time they have together.

Their words of gratitude remind us why this matters so deeply.

Receiving this raise is more than just a financial boost; it's an acknowledgment of my hard work, dedication, and growth within the company. This raise alleviates some financial stress and allows me to invest in something meaningful; I truly appreciate how this increase has impacted my life and motivated me to work harder. This support encourages me to take on new challenges and pursue professional development opportunities. This increase inspires me to continue pushing my limits and contributing even more effectively to our team.

*Thanks for everything,
Holy Angels Employee*

This is why your support is imperative. To all who give: we are eternally grateful. Your generosity keeps this mission alive.

Love Always,
Laurie

Out and About

Mardi Gras Magic

Our campus was bursting with purple, green, and gold as we celebrated our annual Mardi Gras Parade and Dance! The weather was perfect and everyone's spirits were high. A special thank you to the Student Council from Captain Shreve High School for coming out to celebrate with us, and to the Krewe of Justinian and the Krewe of Highland for making our day extra festive with their visit!



RJ Middleton, Martha Hammock, Laurie Boswell, and Keith Burton enjoying the festivities



No dance is complete without a conga line!



Thank you, Captain Shreve Student Council!



Throw me something, mister

Sweetheart Luncheon



This year's special couple looking fabulous!

The Sweetheart Luncheon is a cherished Holy Angels tradition. Our angels were showered with love and enjoyed a delicious meal made by our Dietary Department. There was enough love, laughter, and smiles to go around. Congratulations to Patrick and Mary Gay, this year's Sweetheart King and Queen!

Night to Shine

What an incredible evening! Our residents had the time of their lives at the annual *Night to Shine* event. We were thrilled to see so many of our residents not only looking beautiful and handsome, but feeling their best, as well. They enjoyed music, dancing, and laughter with their fellow community members. A big thank you to everyone who helped make our residents feel so special!



Go, Jennifer!



Henry and Kasey are ready to dance!



Looking sharp, Aaron!

Campus Highlights

Circle One



We were honored to host the Circle One women of First Methodist Church Shreveport to Holy Angels! After a beautiful tour of campus and learning about what we do from our residents themselves, these lovely ladies enjoyed our Culinary Department's chicken salad, chicken tortilla soup, and Howdy Homemade Ice Cream!

If you are interested in taking a tour of Holy Angels, please reach out to angels@laholyangels.org.

Louisiana Shoebox Parade

In the AngelWorks Day Program, Mrs. Mary and her class had a wonderful time celebrating Louisiana culture with our first Shoebox Parade! After learning about the rich traditions, history, and spirit of our state, the class created 15 unique shoebox floats to showcase what they discovered. From colorful designs to creative cultural tributes, each float reflected their hard work and excitement. Everyone gathered in the gym to watch the parade roll by, and it was such a joyful and memorable experience!



Holy Angels Academy at a Glance



We're excited to share that water safety training is underway at Holy Angels Academy! This program helps our learners build confidence, develop essential safety skills, and feel more comfortable around water.

Structured instruction is especially important for students with autism, who may face increased risks due to curiosity or difficulty recognizing danger.

Guided by our lifeguard-certified line techs, students gain life-saving awareness in a supportive environment.

Swimming also strengthens coordination, supports sensory regulation, and reinforces routines. These skills extend into daily life while giving families greater peace of mind about their child's safety.

Visitors and Volunteers

Students from Captain Shreve High School ate lunch with us after the Mardi Gras parade!



Our Centenary Volunteers make AngelWorks even more fun!



Everyone loves when Princess Leia visits AngelWorks!

Events

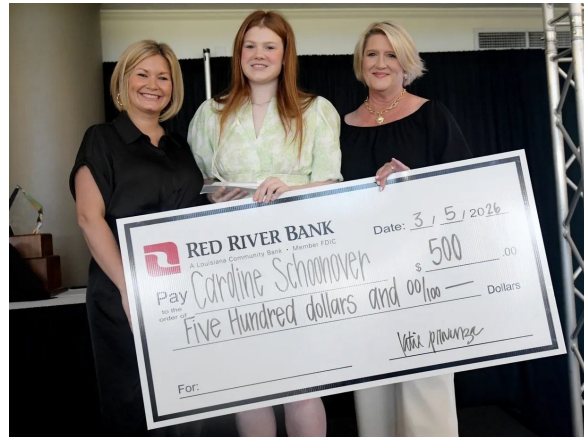
Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman

Congratulations to our 2026 Most Influential Woman, **Judy Madison**, and our 2026 Most Influential Young Woman, **Caroline Schoonover**!

Their leadership, dedication, and impact continue to inspire everyone around them. We extend our thanks for the difference they make in our community and for setting such a powerful example for others to follow. We are proud to celebrate the achievements of all of our honorees and can't wait to see what they accomplish next!



Most Influential Woman, Judy Madison



Most Influential Young Woman, Caroline Schoonover

Congratulations to all of the 2026 Honorees

MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMAN

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

MOST INFLUENTIAL YOUNG WOMAN

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





please join us

EASTER PAGEANT

March 26 | 10 AM | O'Brien Gym

Free culinary samples and 25% off at the Holy Angels Gift Shop.



Celebrate Easter at Holy Angels with an inspiring performance from our residents! Immediately following, enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres prepared by our culinary team and take advantage of 25% off all items in the Holy Angels Gift Shop, located at 1012 Overton Brooks.



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!

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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...

One of the little joys of campus life is vending machine restock day! Somehow residents always seem to know exactly when it's happening. When the Coca-Cola delivery driver arrives, it's basically a mini celebrity sighting!