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Loving, living and learning for the differently able.

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An Awakening at Holy Angels



Rachel and her Mother, Debbie, spend time together having fun with the iPad.

It is said a picture can be worth a 1000 words - it can be also be the answer to prayers. Rachel, a resident at Holy Angels since she was 9, has had “an awakening that has never happened before” according to her Mother, Debbie, all thanks to technology.

Rachel was a happy child but communicated only with her eyes. Debbie wanted so much more, “I always wanted Rachel to reach for me, specifically to touch my nose, but it never happened.” Rachel never reached out for anything at all, preferring to not engage with others.

Then Holy Angels speech therapist introduced an iPad to Rachel and her

world was transformed. Rachel’s face lit up and she reached for the iPad that was playing a certain type of music that she demonstrated she didn’t like. As Rachel was shown how to make choices on her iPad she made an independent choice for the first time and actually started “dancing” to the music! Rachel now shows preferences and is moved emotionally when interacting with technology. Debbie said her time with Rachel is even more precious now as she “plays with her angel” – Rachel reaching out to mess up her Mother’s hair and yes, to touch her nose.

Our supporters help provide these awakenings and life changing events with their donations. Your gifts help to provide interactive technology, like iPads and the many apps that must be purchased. Thank you for your gift of communication for our residents and their families!



Rachel interacts with her iPad, making choices, playing games and listening to some of her favorite music. She loves the colors and sounds.

Grazie Mille...Weekend of 1000 Thanks



A good time was had by our guests at the Monte Carlo.

A fire breather, a wine pull, a sea of glow-in-the-dark rings and a once in a lifetime trip to Italy to stay with the Mammias – our 7th Annual Grazie Mille Gala Weekend definitely was the celebration you did not want to miss! The weekend before Thanksgiving is when new and old friends came together to give thanks for our unique mission and together they helped to raise over \$300,000 in one weekend, catapulting us to the \$1 million dollar milestone for monies raised from this event over 7 years!

On Friday, 300 guests attended “Monte Carlo” with cocktails, appetizers and Casino games sponsored by 14 featured businesses. The evening culminated with the casino players “cashing in” their chips for raffle chances to win great prizes, a rousing game of “heads or tails” to see who won an emerald ring – and a DJ spinning the tunes late into the evening.

Our Black Tie Gala hosted 300 guests who enjoyed silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing. Larry Sprinkle, with WCNC NBC Charlotte, enthusiastically encouraged our guests to participate in the festivities. This year we introduced our “Legacy of Love” award which was given to several worthy recipients who have

impacted either the past, present or future of Holy Angels significantly.

Sunday’s sold out cooking experience, held at The Art Institute of Charlotte, was where the Italian Mommas were featured as our celebrity chefs. They are the reason this event started 7 years ago and their fans from the states come to support these feisty chefs as they instruct aspiring chefs to make their tasty meals.

Many thanks to our sponsors and supporters that made this event such a success – mark your calendar for another great weekend with many more surprises – November 17-19 2017.



Dr. Ellis Fisher was surprised to see two old friends; former resident, JR Clewell and Robin Davis at the Grazie Mille Gala.



The big winner of the night at Monte Carlo!

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Legacy of Love

Regina Moody, Holy Angels President/CEO presented the inaugural Legacy of Love Award. This award was created to recognize individuals who have made a lasting impact on Holy Angels and the residents we serve – leaving a legacy to be long remembered. For our first year – we honored those individuals who have played a vital role in our Past, Present and Future.

Former NC State Senator, Marshall Rauch, was instrumental in raising funds to build our Morrow Center. As a state senator, Sen Rauch helped Holy Angels find long-term source of state funding that continues to support us today.

As we celebrate our Present, we honor Dr. C. Ellis Fisher. Serving as Holy Angels' Medical Director for 40 years, Dr. Fisher has shared his caring hands & caring heart and provided compassionate care,

We look to the Future with our fundraising and we say Grazie Mille to our Italian Mammias, from Tuscany Italy; two sisters Mimma Ferrando, Franca Gatteschi; their cousin, Lele Vitale and friend, Cristina Carletti. For the past seven years these Italian chefs brought us their recipes and their joy for life to help us create the Grazie Mille weekend. And they will say, "it is for the children!!"



Legacy of Love Winners with Regina Moody, Holy Angels President/CEO; the Italian Mammias, Lele Vitale, Cristina Carletti, Franca Gatteschi, and Mimma Ferrando; Senator Marshall Rauch & Dr. C. Ellis Fisher

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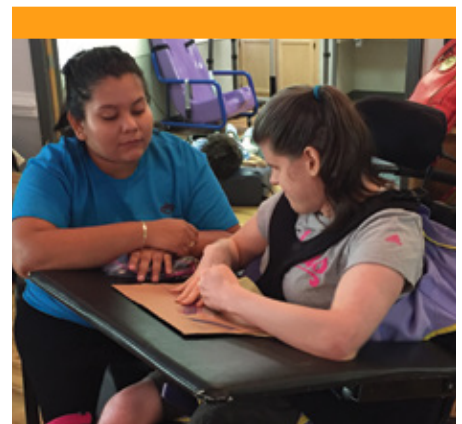
2016 Memorable Moments



A highlight from 2016 - a former resident, JR, returns to visit and stays as a volunteer. He will say it was the love and care he received at Holy Angels his first 8 years - that helped him be who he is today.



Peter Conrad, Colonial Pipeline, received the 2016 Eagle Award named in memory of Maria Morrow. It is a highlight of the tournament each year - given to someone who has supported the golf tournament.



Our 2016 summer volunteer program was a huge success - with over 100 students volunteering with our residents & participants at Camp Hope, summer activities, field trips and music therapy.

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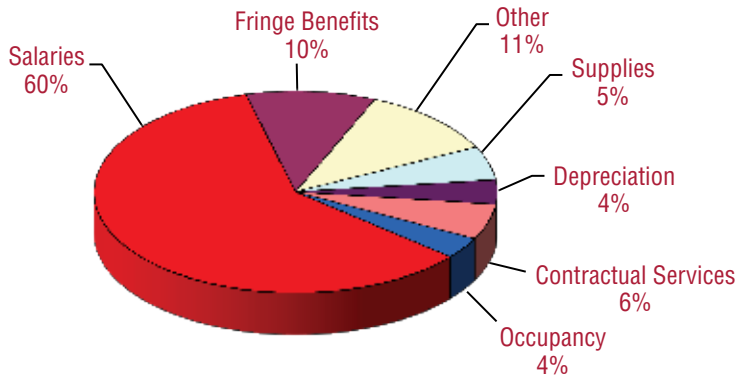
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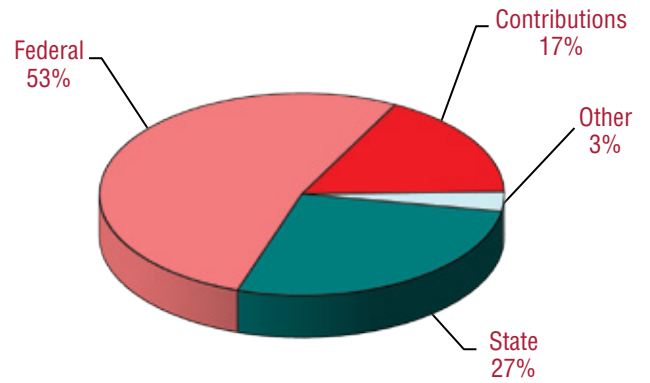
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**Holy Angels, Inc. Expenses
2015 - 2016**

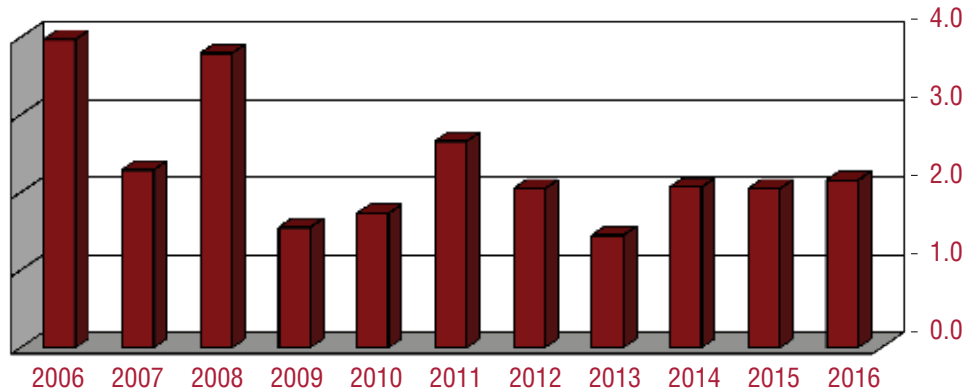


**Holy Angels, Inc. Revenue
2015 - 2016**



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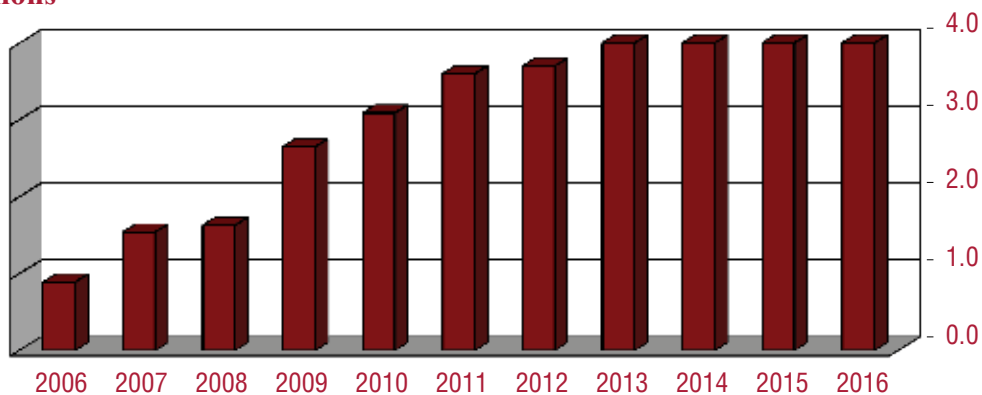
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Volunteer Spotlight

On any given Wednesday if you see a quick blur whiz by you at Holy Angels you can bet it is JR Clewell on his way to music therapy. JR and his journey back to where it all started was featured on the front page of The Charlotte Observer on Christmas Day. Once a resident, JR sees becoming a volunteer as his way of expressing appreciation for all the love and care he received as a resident from infancy to age 8 when he was adopted. "I want to give back and pay it forward."

"Paying it forward" means to JR that "we all should show love, kindness and care to those around us. We live in a harsh world – despite all the chaos around us, there is a glimmer of hope." During his time volunteering he has enjoyed being able to interact with the residents during music therapy. He feels it is his job to bring positive vibes to not only the residents, but staff too when he is here. And that he does!

JR says to others considering being a volunteer, "it is an experience you will never forget"! He believes that by impacting the lives of the residents and staff that his life is being impacted as well. He does warn though, "Don't look at becoming a volunteer as just something to do. Being a volunteer at Holy Angels becomes a part of your life – it is an opportunity to show love."

And that is exactly what JR does.

Staff Members Bring Their Hearts To Work

The annual Employee Banquet is one of the highlights of the year – and begins the New Year on a really high note. It is a time when we give thanks and recognize the work they do "from the heart . . . your heart", as they work with our residents and participants.

Five members of the Holy Angels staff were honored with the Achievement of Excellence Award.



Jennifer Pearson, Amy Griggs, Taylor, Dee Martin, Amanda Summey with Regina Moody

Supported Employee: Taylor, a resident in our Lakewood Community Group Home
Related Services: Jennifer Pearson, Director of Development, member of Holy Angels Foundation
Relief Staff: Amy Griggs, Direct Support Professional, Morrow Center
Direct Support Professional: Dee Martin, Job Coach, Cherubs Café
Program Professional: Amanda Summey, RN

Named in memory of Beth Withers, RN; the Beth

Withers Make A Difference Award was presented to Lynn Crenshaw, who works in Area 2 in the Morrow Center. She brings her heart to work every day and makes a difference in the lives of the students in Area 2.

The Maria Morrow Spirit Award, named in honor of our first resident Maria, is given to a staff member who shares the same spirit of love, perseverance and fun. Kristina Manger, group home manager at the South Point home, received the award. She shares her fun and creative spirit with the residents.

The prestigious President's Award was presented to Paula Atkins, who serves as the Program Director for the ICF-IIDD group homes. She is a mentor to the staff she works with and advocate for the residents.

The members of the Power of the Past Tractor Club was the recipient of the Dr. C. Ellis Fisher Caring Hands, Caring Heart Award. For 22 years, they have gone from county fairs to tractor shows, selling \$1 raffle tickets for the Angel Tractor. The 22nd Angel Tractor will be their last. They have raised over \$250,000 in support of Holy Angels Creative Arts program.

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A Christmas Thank You

“It is in the giving that we receive...” – St. Francis of Assisi

At Holy Angels we are continually blessed by the generosity of others – and this Christmas those blessings of love were showered upon us. Beginning in November churches and businesses donated their time and resources to wrap 97 boxes that held our residents and participants gifts this holiday season. Employees from Walgreens and Gordon Foods spent days decorating our campus with brilliantly lit angels, greenery and bows. Our Christmas “Elves”, friends of Holy Angels, decorated over 25 trees around campus for our residents to enjoy. Our Volunteers from the summer returned to help with Winter Wonderland as did Girl Scout Troops, youth groups from local churches and employees from Wells Fargo. Individuals and businesses purchased gifts and Santa made his traditional stop for “Santa Day” as college kids home for the holidays assisted our residents with opening their presents.

The largest blessing of all was our Christmas Appeal – our Christmas card sent out to over 16,000 supporters who hold Holy Angels close to their hearts. The response was overwhelming as people were moved to give, helping us to have the most successful campaign to date – over \$505,000. We take time to pause, pray and give thanks for all those loving hearts and hands.

Winter Happenings



Cory is enjoying his visit with Santa.



One of our littlest angels and lamb participate in the Christmas story.



Greg is excited about seeing Santa at the Knights of Columbus Christmas Party, Council 770. Staff member, Stella Bommarito was lending a helping hand.



Mary Ellen loves Christmas time at Holy Angels.



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From My Perspective...

Regina P. Moody, President/CEO

2017 is well underway – and thoughts of Christmas seem like a distant memory. We had wonderful celebrations with our residents, participants and their families; friends and donors. Our annual Christmas Mass was inspirational and moving helping us focus on why we celebrate Christmas.

We saw the return of JR, a former resident at Holy Angels. He left when he was 8 years old (he is now 34), adopted by a family in Charlotte. Imagine our surprise and joy to see him walking down the sidewalk (a child who was told would never walk and wouldn't live very long). Miracles do happen every day!

Our use of technology increases with more of our residents using them for communications and learning opportunities. Through the use of iPads, we have seen many who have begun to smile more often and extend their arms in order to select their favorite games, books or music.

Without our donors – Holy Angels would not be able to provide many of our services, especially our communication devices. We can't thank you enough. Please know of our prayers for each of you and your families. I ask you remember this special ministry in prayer as we move into the coming months ahead.

Regina P. Moody, M.Ed.
President/CEO

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