



# HOLY ANGELS

Loving, living and learning for the differently able.

# HEARTLINE

WINTER 2019

## Fifty & Fabulous!



*A celebratory 50th Toast with Martha and her family & Regina Moody, Holy Angels President/CEO*

50 years old, a significant milestone, especially when the doctors and experts said you probably wouldn't get to see your third birthday. That's Martha for you - proving them wrong for the last 47 years!

Like most parents, Rom and Meli Colindres were eagerly anticipating the birth of their first child. Martha was born February 11, 1969 but her parents weren't expecting the following news –Down syndrome and a severe, heart condition. As a result, doctors only gave Martha a few years to live.

Rom and Meli navigated the world of disabilities that first year, but when they found themselves expecting again and without any close family nearby to help out, they decided to place Martha into the care of Sister Mary Patrice at Holy Angels.

What a blessing! Martha didn't just survive, she thrived at Holy Angels! Martha was one of the first residents at Holy Angels to move into a community group home and be integrated into the community. She also was one of the first residents to begin working at Cherubs Café.



*Martha loves helping out at our Cotton Candy Factory. She is great at checking on the inventory needs.*

Even though Martha has had many successes and celebrations in her life, she has also had some devastating setbacks. She's battled several medical issues over the years, including corneal transplants and her severe heart condition.

Today at 50, Martha is still going strong! This strong-willed, determined woman can still be found working at our sponsored businesses including the Cotton Candy Factory and the newly opened Spruced Goose Station - Gifts & Art Studio in McAdenville. Martha's family credits Holy Angels unconditional love, guidance, support and education for making Martha the woman she is today - Fifty and Fabulous!



*The joy of celebrating your 50th birthday - Martha and her brother, Robert.*

# 2018 Grazie Mille

## MONTE CARLO SPONSORS

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During our 9th Grazie Mille Gala, emcee Larry Sprinkle encouraged all to “hop on the van” and help us raise funds to replace our four Community Group Home vans. And they did just that – raising over \$90,000 for this specific need and allowing us to purchase 3! Robin and Jack Salzman from Gastonia Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram also answered the call – and donated one van. Monte Carlo on Friday night entertained with more sponsors and guests than ever before and we added a silent auction to the mix! Overall the weekend was a triumphant success. We could not have done it without our generous sponsors and supporters who make these mercy moments happen!



John and Beth McGill won the “Blissful Night to Remember” from Bliss Gallery at the live auction item.



Monte Carlo night features fun times at the Black Jack table.

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# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

## Memorable Moments



*Tony Simonds drove off into the sunset after picking up his Harley Motorcycle he won in a raffle.*



*The Bishop William G. Curlin Clinic was dedicated and opened. Mac was one of the first patients at the dental clinic.*



*62 staff & residents from Carobell in Jacksonville, NC traveled to Holy Angels to stay out of harms way from Hurricane Florence.*

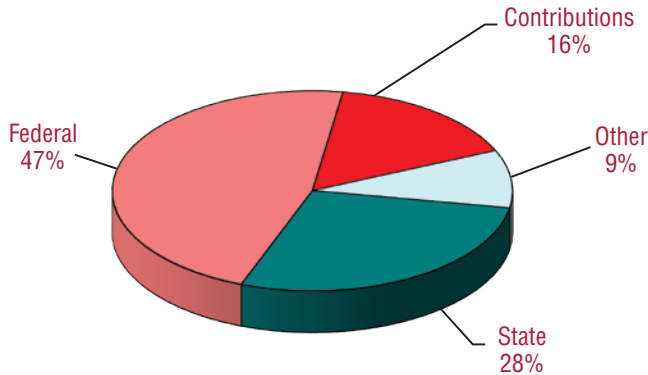


*Toy Story was the theme for the South Point residents costumes for the Great Adventures Halloween dinner/dance.*

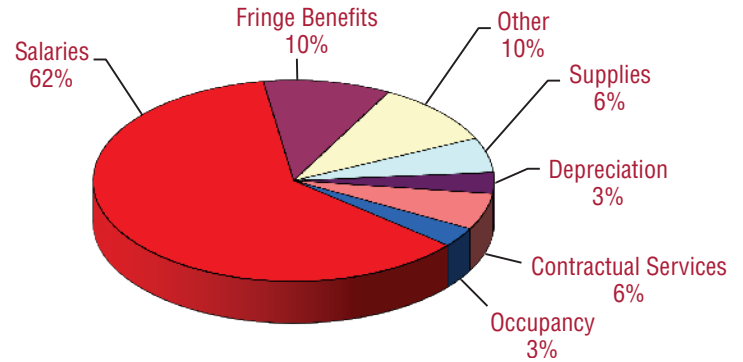


*We held our 1st Annual Clay Shoot - it was lots of fun & a huge success. Plans are underway for The 2nd Annual Clay Shoot scheduled for Friday, May 17.*

## Holy Angels, Inc. Revenue 2017 - 2018



## Holy Angels, Inc. Expenses 2017 - 2018



## Grants and Foundation Gifts in 2018

Ability Experience  
 American Endowment Foundation  
 Associated Foundation  
 Bank of America Charitable Foundation  
 Bank of America Foundation Matching Gifts  
 Bridgestone-Firestone Trust Fund  
 CAF America  
 CaroMont Health  
 Carrie E. & Lena V. Glenn Foundation  
 Carstarphen Family Foundation  
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 Charlotte Mecklenburg Community  
 Foundation  
 Combined Federal Campaign  
 Community Foundation of Greater  
 Chattanooga, Inc.  
 Community Foundation of New Jersey  
 Community Foundation of Northeast Florida  
 Cooper Foundation  
 Dallas Foundation  
 Darrell & Patricia Steagall Family Foundation  
 Dover Foundation, Inc.  
 Duke Energy Foundation  
 Duke Energy Foundation Matching Gifts  
 E. D. M. Schachner Foundation, Inc.  
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 Enterprise Holdings Foundation  
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 Order of Malta Federal Association  
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 Speedway Children's Charities  
 St. Gabriel Catholic Church  
 Stanly County Community Foundation  
 Stowe Foundation, Inc.  
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 YourCause, LLC Trustee

# Did You Know?

## SUMMER VOLUNTEEN PROGRAM



**107**  
**VOLUNTEENS**  
Participated

30 public, private  
and home schools  
represented

Together they  
donated  
**3,552.50 hours**

## MEDICAL INFO



Medications  
administered  
during 2018  
**680,361**

Number of  
on-site clinics held  
by physicians  
**349 CLINICS**  
(101 last year!)

## CHRISTMAS AT HOLY ANGELS RESIDENT PARTICIPATION

McAdenville  
Lights  
**70**

Parade  
**20**

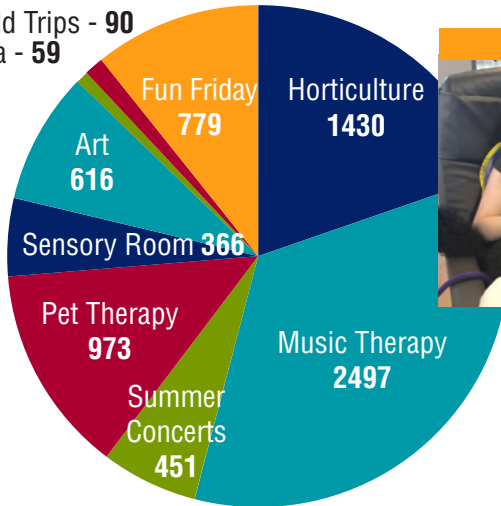


Winter  
Wonderland  
**59**

Santa Day  
**95**

## ACTIVITIES & CONCERTS RESIDENT PARTICIPATION

Field Trips - **90**  
Spa - **59**



## BOATING

Boat Rides  
**168**  
**RESIDENTS**



Boat Rides  
**32**

Volunteer Boat  
Captains  
**16 CAPTAINS**

## BLISS GALLERY

Total # of Guests -  
**360** at receptions, **210**  
at Christmas Village,  
**1339** throughout the  
year (1909 total)



Exhibits  
**8**

Receptions/  
Events  
**8**

Guests at  
Ribbon Cutting  
**60**

## Christmas Thank You

*“Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.” – Ruth Carter Stapleton*

Christmas is always a miraculous time at Holy Angels, and this year didn't disappoint! For the first time, residents could not gather in the Rose Room on Santa Day to see what gifts our donors had purchased for them because of the non-stop rain! So . . . . Santa and Mrs. Claus went to each individual home with gifts in tow and the staff and residents loved it! We believe we have started a new tradition!

Christmas is truly magical at Holy Angels because of the loving generosity of our supporters who connect with our staff to find the perfect gift for each one of our residents. “Lynn's Elves” (coordinated by volunteer, Lynn Leonard) donate their gift of time to decorate campus in preparation for the holidays. Our Christmas Appeal was the most successful to date, raising over \$630,000 which truly was a miracle given the funding shortages we are experiencing. Thanks to all of you who helped us by shining your love for all to see – you bless us!

## Christmas Happenings



*Helen is a beautiful Mary during the Nativity at our Christmas Liturgy.*



*Santa and Nora are sharing secrets during Santa Day at the Morrow Center.*



*Robert loves dancing to the accordion music by Bob Wilusz at the annual Knights of Columbus Christmas party in Charlotte.*



*Zach is wondering what Santa is up to . . .*

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## Awards & Honors



*Dr. Ellis Fisher, recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.*



*Larry Sprinkle celebrates his Legacy of Love award with The Moonglows and a little bit of beach music.*

### Legacy of Love

The Legacy of Love award was presented to Larry Sprinkle, Holy Angels favorite weather anchor on WCNC NBC Charlotte. It was his longtime friendship with Holy Angels first resident, Maria, that brought him to Holy Angels.

For over 25 years he has served as one of our Angel Bowl emcees and for nine years he has emceed the Grazie Mille Gala.

Larry Sprinkle will long be remembered for enthusiastically sharing his time, talents and compassionate heart not only for Holy Angels (for over 40 years) but for many other organizations throughout the Charlotte region.

### Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Dr. Ellis Fisher was given the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award during the Grazie Mille Gala. It is the most prestigious award conferred by the Governor of North Carolina. Throughout his 45 plus years of practicing medicine, Dr. Fisher has shown, through his example, the love he shares with his patients and their families.

According to Senator Kathy Harrington, "Dr. Fisher was the first physician in Gaston County to be certified as a Child Medical Examiner. I met him when I served as a victim's advocate at the Children's Advocacy Center. Dr. Fisher performed the certified medical exams for the children that came through the Center. This was always difficult for the children and parents to undergo but the gentleness and kindness shown by Dr. Fisher was both inspiring to watch and healing to those who needed healing the most."

He knew how important it was to care for and love deeply the most vulnerable members in the community – the children. He is known throughout Gaston County and beyond to be a compassionate pediatrician and a selfless human being.



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**May 17, 2019**

Meadow Wood Farms  
Waxhaw, NC



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The mission of Holy Angels is to provide compassionate, dependable care and opportunities for high-quality living to those with intellectual developmental disabilities and delicate medical conditions through physical, social, spiritual, vocational, educational and emotional support.



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## From My Perspective...

Regina P. Moody, President/CEO

Our Christmas season was filled with much joy and grateful hearts for all the donors and friends of Holy Angels

who bought needed gifts for our residents or shared their resources in support of our programs and services. There were plenty of smiles as they opened their gifts from Santa who visited each one in their homes this year due to the rainy season.

In this issue you will read a story about one of my next door neighbors, Martha, who recently turned 50. A resident since she was just a few months old, she is a delightful woman, who has faced many challenges with courage. Not expected to

live beyond early childhood, Martha has shown her determination to not let anything keep her from enjoying life.

2018 ended on a high note with our most successful Christmas appeal campaign – gifts to be used to continue providing high quality care and services for the residents we serve. THANK YOU! You, our donors, make things happen through your support. We couldn't do what we do without YOU!

Blessings to you and your family this year. Please remember us in prayer as we continue to keep you in our prayers.

Regina P. Moody, M.Ed.  
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