

Our Vision....

A New Angels Unaware's Group Home For Wheelchair Residents





Who we are:

The H.A.L.O. Foundation is a non-profit (501c3) corporation that serves the needs of Angels Unaware, Inc. and the Developmentally Disabled. It is an endowment style foundation that is designed to be maintained through limited investments. The earned interest and income will then be dispersed for the benefit and activities of Angels Unaware, Inc. and the developmentally disabled of Florida that Angels Unaware, Inc. serves.

Angels Unaware, Inc. is a non-profit (501c3) corporation operating in Hillsborough County since 1973, whose express goal is to provide quality professional residential group-home care for severe and profound developmentally disabled citizens in a community home setting. We currently own and operate eight homes and supervise four individuals in supported living apartments serving a total of fifty-two handicapped residents. Each home is highly specialized to serve the individual needs of its residents. Current program utilizes a behavioral modification management approach designed to meet the needs of each individual. A Board of Directors made up of parents, concerned professionals and other concerned citizens from the community governs the Corporation.

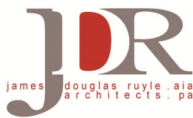
Our need: A growing number of Angel's residents use wheel chairs and are joining our community's senior citizen population. In the past, Angels Unaware would retrofit an existing home to try to fit the needs of the developmentally disabled population. In all cases their needs were difficult to meet because the house was not designed for wheelchair use. Building a new house with the necessary design standards and considerations will make caring for these residents more efficient and will allow for a higher standard of care.

Our goal: Our goal is to build a warm and welcoming home for Angels Unaware's wheelchair challenged residents that is specially designed for their use. Our intent is to obtain a building lot through donation and build this new home with a combination of public and private grant money, a partnership with a Community Housing Development Corporation, a partnership with a construction industry association to solicit donations of labor and materials, private mortgage money and other community sources.

The home: The home was designed by James Douglas Ruyle, AIA, Architects, PA. Jim Ruyle is a resident of Temple Terrace and has assisted with the initial stages of this project. A copy of the elevation and floor plan is attached to this document.

Funding: The H.A.L.O. Foundation and Angels Unaware, Inc. has partnered with Florida Home Development to write two grants with the Hillsborough County of Affordable Housing to obtain a building lot and for the funding to build the home. In the fall of 2009, the project was given a favorable review by the Office of Affordable Housing Review Committee. Additionally, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners approved the finding package that included both grants. It is our assumption that construction could start in the spring of 2010 and take approximately 12 months to complete.

A Conceptual Design for



Angels Unaware Group Home