

THE ANGELICA ADVOCATE

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THE NEWSLETTER OF ANGELICA PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROGRAM UPDATES



Smile! With five new digital cameras, residents and patients are looking at the world with renewed focus. The group has gotten off to a great start with an exhibit of their work on display in the Coler Hospital lobby gallery. The focus of the display is form and texture in nature. We're looking forward to more exhibits in the near future as they learn more about their cameras, set up compositions and capture different subject matters.

Angelica provided The Photography Club with the cameras, color printer and paper. Thank you to our supporters who made this program possible!



ANGELICA HIGHLIGHT

Young Adult Internship Program

Angelica had the pleasure of hosting student intern Tempest Stuart Miller as a Program Development Associate for ten weeks this spring, as part of Henckels & McCoy's Young Adult Internship Program (YAIP). The program is offered to young adults who possess the basic skills necessary to enter the work force and demonstrate potential for success. It is a unique opportunity to build connections for sustainable employment or educational and training opportunities for career advancement.

Some words from Tempest about her experience with Angelica:

"...It was wonderful to be a part of an organization that is so committed to and effective at helping others. I enjoyed all of my work, especially pitching corporate sponsorships and trying to arrange performances and events. Thank you Angelica for providing me with this valuable experience. I know it will help me as I continue to train and prepare for my career and my future."

Angelica was pleased to be a part of YAIP. By the end of the term, Tempest had an understanding of Angelica and a compassion for our work at Coler-Goldwater. We hope that Tempest will remember her experience with us as she advances as a professional, and we look forward to hearing about her progress. Good luck, Tempest!

HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS

Dinner and a Movie

Patients and residents at Coler-Goldwater Hospital rarely have the opportunity to go out to eat when they are craving something different. In response to overwhelming demand, this year we decided to bring new taste to the typical menu by instituting the very popular White Castle Tuesdays.



With the help of White Castle's District Manager, Sylvia Babilonia, over 100 burgers are delivered monthly to Coler Hospital. Patients now enjoy White Castle's delicious burgers while attending movie night.

Thanks to Sylvia, White Castle and our donors for making this program a success.

ANNUAL EVENTS



2010 Sweetheart Ball

HIGHLIGHTS FROM COLER AND GOLDWATER HOSPITALS



Upcoming events:

- Goldwater Carnival
- Coler Harvest Ball
- Spa Day

For more pictures and information log on to:
www.angelicaprogram.org

PROGRAM UPDATE

On the Road Again

Angelica donated \$10,000 to the Therapeutic Recreation Department for 2010 to fund monthly trips for each of the residential units. Excursions will include trips to museums, botanical gardens, The Bronx Zoo, movies, restaurants, sporting events, Broadway shows and Coney Island. These trips help improve social and cognitive functioning, mood and outlook, and create a sense of community and adventure.

DONOR'S CORNER

Help Support Angelica!

We received a wonderful donation of books from Little, Brown & Co. for the Coler Library. This busy place carries books, magazines, DVD's and CD's for the patients' enrichment and enjoyment. The librarian told us that she is very pleased with the new selection of books.

Please ask friends and family members to make a donation to Angelica. Many companies match donations to Angelica. Angelica is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt and qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

Go to www.angelicaprogram.org or send a donation to: Angelica Patient Assistance Program 101 Park Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10178.

FUNDRAISING

Great Grant News

We are happy to announce that the hard work of Angelica volunteers and supporters has resulted in the award of two new grants in the past six months.

Liquidnet Challenge

In December, Angelica participated in the Liquidnet Challenge. Angelica won 3rd place out of 28 local non-profits, and received an award of \$17,500. The funds have been used to significantly increase programming this year. Read more about our winning effort online at www.angelicaprogram.org.

Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation:

Pinball Wizards

Angelica was awarded a \$7,200 Quality of Life Grant from The Christopher & Dana Reeve Paralysis Foundation (The Reeve Foundation). The grant, funded through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was



used to purchase an adaptive pinball machine for patients and residents.

This machine enables individuals with disabilities and special needs to improve hand-eye coordination through challenging entertainment. It also encourages social interaction among many of these patients who cannot participate in most other activities. This is a new direction for the hospital's therapy program and it is already a favorite pastime for many patients at Coler Hospital.



Our heartfelt thanks to Liquidnet and the Reeve Foundation for supporting Angelica's efforts to make a difference in the lives of the patients and residents at Coler-Goldwater Hospital!

HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS

Wednesday Nights @ Coler

Game night, movie night, poker night, birthday parties -- these are just a few of the reasons that patients and residents at Coler Hospital look forward to Wednesday nights. Our weekly evening volunteer program started in January and is going strong. If you or someone you know has any interest in becoming part of this group, please contact us at angelica.program@yahoo.com.

The mission of the Angelica Patient Assistance Program is to enhance the lives of economically disadvantaged patients in need of long-term medical care and to support long-term medical care facilities.

For more information about Angelica, log on to: www.angelicaprogram.org
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