



GUARDIAN ANGEL GAZETTE

Serving children with life threatening illnesses and their families in Louisiana

December 2016-January 2017



Our Christmas Tree entry at Treasure Chest Casino

Jocelyn is in treatment but wouldn't miss Santa.

The very generous Mercedes Benz-New Orleans Staff's brought many smiles to our children at their Christmas Party. Thank you **Jamie Moll!**

Angels' Place, our children and their families had a wonderful Christmas thanks to the overwhelming outpouring of gifts and love from our community. Thank you so much for thinking of and caring for our children. We hope 2017 brings lots of good health and prosperity for all.

We want to give a VERY Special Thank You to all who made it possible for our children and their families to have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas by adopting a child and/or a family, donating presents or donating your time and talent. We send our deepest gratitude.

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What's Up at Angels' Place



Couldn't have done it without our fabulous fundraising Committee, (L to R) Maria Weidenbacher, Debbie Pinto, Kathryn Firmin, Mark Firmin, Vina Nguyen, Jeannie Redmann, Gail Lavie, Kate Kenney and Nicole Ferrier



Great turnout. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported us!!!!



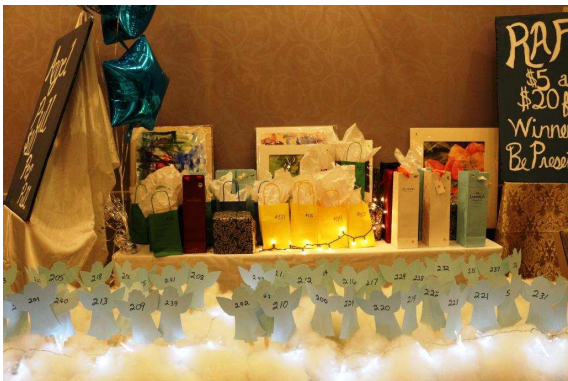
Alice with daughter ,Ashley, and Taeshawn—two of our Angels' Place kids. Taeshawn received a new kidney after the fundraiser and we are all absolutely thrilled for him!



One of our Angels', Katelyn, (middle) joins in the fun with John Michael Eddleman



Our AP volunteers, Weezy and Judy are ready to party!



Lovely items on Angel Pull

We want to thank our generous sponsors:
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We want to thank our **Fundraising Committee** who worked tirelessly to make our event a success and the **Sheraton Metairie** for the beautiful job they did on the décor and service. Thank you **Greg Reggio**, Master of Ceremonies and owner/Chef of **Taste Buds, Inc.**



The Amelia EarHawks gave an exciting performance

"TPot" is "in it to win it" in the fierce battle



Mark Firmin gives a crowd pleasing performance in the Lip Sync Competition and won the coveted award!



"Stevie G" goes nuclear in fierce Lip Sync competition



Thank you "**Dynamite**" **David Hardy** for hosting the Lip Sync Battle.

In Loving Memory

Mary Granier *in memory of* her daughter, Julie, who lost her battle with cancer.

Thomas and Mary Kennedy in memory of Lisa Comarda

Thomas and Mary Kennedy in memory of Remi J. DeLouche

Thomas and Mary Kennedy in memory of Nancy Garnon

Anna Rickoll in memory of Beverly Medan

The Gaubert Family in memory of Sandra Oubre

Thomas and Mary Kennedy in memory of Milton Saling

Thomas and Mary Kennedy in memory of Audie Scardino

Sharon & Danny Morel in memory of Faye Stubbs

In Honor of

Geraldine Haydon in honor of Don and Jessica Dippel's 25th Wedding Anniversary

Winston Sexton in honor of Anita Gilford

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Margaret Wagner
Katelyn West and friends
Himasa Wijetunge



The top 2 pictures are from the Mercedes Benz Staff Christmas Party.

(L) **Raeleigh** is all smiles, and (R) **Javier** enjoys his spiffy new car. Thank you so much for adopting our families and giving them a great Christmas.

Mark Firmin and **John Michael Eddelman** (above) paid a visit to our favorite Saints fan and AP child **Dylan**. Next on the above right **Tim Tamm**, a friend of AP volunteered to pack packages into bags for delivery to **Magnolia Community Services**. Next picture is our AP child, **Brice** with his dad, **Pat**. Brice has been an AP child for many years. He had Medulloblastoma (brain cancer) when he was very young but is in remission now. The picture to the direct right are all those wonderful volunteers involved in delivering the bags of presents to Magnolia. Bottom @ picture is **Mark Firmin** with the **Archbishop Rummel Alumni** volunteers who help bring all our Christmas Presents to the Magnolia Community Center.



Our thanks to all the Kiwanis Clubs who are dedicated to our children. (L) The Kiwanis ladies serving the sandwiches, cookies, drinks and chips the clubs provided.

Our thanks and gratitude to all those wonderful people that make it all happen!

In Loving Memory

Erik Peter Daniel Kjorling

February 6, 1991—
December 22, 2016



Erik's last moments in this world were in the arms of his loving mother, Ana. Erik was a delight to all who knew him and was loved by all. He touched the hearts of many people and will be sorely missed.

He was welcomed into

heaven and is now enjoying a new body and new life completely healed and happy.

Our sincere sympathies go out to his mother Ana, his father Peter, and siblings Katya, Claudia and Edgar. May the peace that passes all understanding be with you and that Almighty God holds you in the palm of His loving hand during your time of great sorrow.

Angels' Place Honors Three Great Ladies



It was a pleasure to honor three great ladies and Angels' Place contributors at our "Party with the Angels" fundraiser. Pictured is L to R, Mark Firmin, Honoree **Joan Scheuering Ingram**—Charity organizer, **Greg Reggio**, MC, Honoree **Anita Gidiere Gilford**—Angels' Place Founder, AP Bd. Member, Nicole Ferrier and Honoree **Eve Marie Werner**—Dyna-Play CEO. These very special honorees have played a vital part in the continued growth and betterment of Angels' Place and our children. Our deepest thanks and gratitude for all you have done for us.

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