

Be a Race Angel!

There are 202 children, adolescents and young adults at St. Mary's School in Alexandria that think what we are doing for them is quite extraordinary. They think of us as "angels."

This year, we are not only racing to support the children at St. Mary's, but they are adopting the racers to be their "Race Angel." Each racer will receive a badge with the photo of a child and a decal for their race car that shows the name of the child they are racing for.

100% of our event proceeds support St. Mary's autism programs and services. St. Mary's specialized programs, like the ABA Learning Center, rely solely on the generosity of donors and organizations. Each resident has an individualized program and a one-on-one intensive training program. Support is needed for the staffing of the center, all books and learning materials and general supplies. No state or federal funds are available for this intensive training and it is only through the generosity of donors that these children are able to receive these services. Through the training, the children learn communication, social and daily living skills. Most of all, they learn how to trust and love.

St. Mary's is the only residential facility in the State of Louisiana that cares for children with severe and profound developmental disabilities and autism. These children, adolescents and young adults have families that reside in all areas of the state of Louisiana.

In December, 2009, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that autism now affects one in every eighty children, making it the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States and the world.

Stop thinking about it and act now. Be a Race Angel!