



ANGELS AGAINST ABUSE
September 8, 2026

Angels Against Abuse met on September 8, 2026, at Bridgepoint Church Tyrone, 6690 Crosswinds Drive North at 8:30 am. President, Sandy Kearney, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Our first speaker was Jessica Haugh who spoke about the dePaul School for Dyslexia. Their mission is a “specialized, independent school dedicated to the education of children in K-8th grades, with dyslexia and related language-based learning difficulties, with the primary goal of enabling these students to achieve academic and personal success.” Their core values are to respect the child, teach the child, challenge the child, and inspire the child. They hope to help high school students in the future.

They have a gallery showing twice a year to display the art of some of the students. DePaul School has locations in Clearwater and has now expanded to St. Petersburg. They do screenings of children to determine whether they need help. The earliest diagnosis age is 5 years old. The school would like to have an adult screener and to be able to screen all over.

Our second speaker was Diamond Johnson, director of the Family Hope Center of Ready for Life. They have weekend workshops and teach life skills to those who are aging out of the system or have aged out. They have a pantry, clothing closet, and a hygiene closet to help the kids learn skills and get ready to go out on their own. They also help families with education and setting goals for parents to learn how to budget, do repairs, to organize skills, etc. It takes six to twelve months to get a family healthy so unification can take place.

Following the speakers, members introduced themselves and gave updates on their organizations. Directions for Living will hold a PB&J Run on September 19, 2026. Pace will have an informational open house on September 17 from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Family Hope Center will hold group parenting classes every Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Ready for Life. The Angel Center is close to full capacity

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Valerie Rankin
Recording Secretary.