



Angels Against Abuse
August 8, 2023

Angels Against Abuse met on August 8, 2023, at the Pasadena Community Church Life Enrichment Center at 8:30 am. President, Sandy Kearney, welcomed everyone.

Our speaker was Melanie Benner, mbenner@bridgepointfl.com, Missions Coordinator from Bridgepoint Church. She told us of their outreach program of Building Beds. Volunteers build beds in the community for children (18 years old or younger) who have no beds. The beds are twin sizes made of raw wood. They provide a bed, mattress, comforter, and bedding set. They always look for volunteers to help with the process of assembling them. It is such a rewarding experience for families. Please email Melanie if you are interested in volunteering. Since 2014 they have provided 3,341 beds.

Members introduced themselves and updated us on their organizations' activities among which are:

Diana Santangelo, PhD dsantangelo@cftampabay.org of Thrive by Five talked about getting children ready for kindergarten; First Five works with children and their families in the classroom. They work with the children to prevent expulsion from school; Mad Hatter Tea Party was another successful year, and all the children had a wonderful time.

Lisa of Better Together works with Bridgepoint. She is holding a Second Chance Job Fair to help those looking for a job to get ready, helping with interviews, etc.

Ashley reported that the Angel Center is open seven days a week and has done 120 hours this past month.

We will kick-start the Gala at our September meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Valerie Rankin, Recording Secretary