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Sr. Angelita (now Sr. Anne Wasco), who lives in Florida, will be at the celebration along with Selma Bartlett, long-time hospital and community advocate. Bartlett will read the story and present copies of the book and a specially designed Angel Bread pin to the young contest winners. The book will be available in the hospital's gift shop.

The community is invited to attend.

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ANGEL BREAD—Sister Anne "Angelita" Wasco, creator of Angel Bread, signs autographs for Hugo and Rolando Marquez at St. Rose Dominican Hospital on March 7 as part of "The Women of St. Rose: Past, Present and Future," an ongoing

project to honor women who have made an impact on the hospital throughout the years. The project is held each March in conjunction with International Women's History Month.