

# ANGEL NEWS

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## A Word from our President

Reprinted from the 20th Anniversary "For the Love of an Angel" program:

Dear Friends,

It was twenty (20) years ago that Madeline was diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome and the vision of the Love an Angel Foundation was born. As the years have passed and our lives have changed Madeline has remained a constant.....

loving, kind, energetic, happy, strong, resilient, forgiving and thankful. As with Madeline, we see these same characteristics in her Angel friends and are grateful for their impact in our lives. If you have not yet been touched by an Angel, be still, one will find you.....brace yourself.

Through your continued support, the Love an Angel Foundation is fast approaching another significant milestone in the continuation of our vision to provide

**C**omfort, **A**ssistance, **R**elief and

**E**ncouragement (*CARE*) to those touched by Angelman Syndrome.

The Love an Angel Foundations request for a conditional use to operate an indoor/outdoor recreational facility has been approved and we have obtained our Zoning Certificate and Conditional Use Certificate. We are now in process of finalizing the detailed building plans and on schedule to break ground in June of 2018.

Your prayers and support will continue to move this project forward.

We thank you. Have a Blessed evening.

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### Dates to

#### Keep in mind:

- 2018 ASF Walk: Saturday, May 19 Pittsburgh, PA—  
\*Our staff is unable to attend this year!
- Biking for Angels date TBA
- Reverse Raffle 2/9/2019

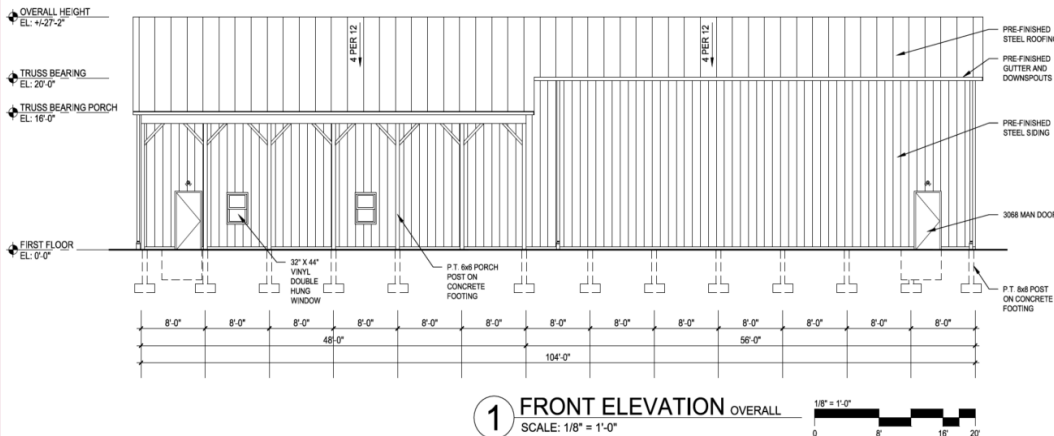
### Office Hours:

Mon & Tues: 9 AM to 3 PM

Tue thru Sun by appointment only

We do close for Holidays, Vacations or in case of illness, so please call first!

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## 20th Anniversary Celebration



On Saturday, February 10, 2018, The Love an Angel Foundation not only celebrated our 20th year since the beginning, but also enjoyed the For the Love of An Angel Dinner, Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction's largest attendance. We were so thrilled when, Mr. Catalano (TLC Catering) called and moved our activity into St. George's larger facility – the St. George Family Center and served a very special anniversary dinner. This spacious facility offered comfortable seating at the tables adorned with fresh floral centerpieces donated by ten of our local florists.



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Guests enjoyed appetizers, sushi, and an open bar while purchasing sideboards, bingo cards, and placing their bids on over 130 silent auction items. This year we added poker games for extra tickets— and another chance for the top prize.

The program for the evening began with a

presentation of our Angels. Pictures were shown on the big screen as the Angels present took a stroll among our guests. The excitement of our Angels was contagious and brought smiles to every face. We missed three of our Angels and their families, who were unable to attend at the last minute due to illness.

Aside from technical difficulties due to the new computer program, the reverse raffle began and continued relatively smoothly. The first number eliminated from the raffle received an overnight stay at the O'Neil House.

## 20th Anniversary Celebration continued

Every 5th number received \$10 and every 10th number received a \$25 Rockne's gift certificate (compliments Rockne's Restaurants). The last number out before the final five received a Longhorn Steakhouse certificate. The \$2,000 top prize ended with a four way split, each receiving \$500.

The "Burst of Fortune" Game is always exciting. This year, ladies from Witan (Women in Touch with Akron's Needs) and additional helpers surrounded the room with 130 pink balloons for \$10 each. When all balloons were sold, the signal was given to burst your balloon(s). This year's winners had a "red heart" sticker on the paper. Prizes ranged in worth from \$5 to over \$90 – with two cash prizes – of \$50 and \$100.



This year's Bingo Winner received \$402 cash. Sideboard winners were awarded \$325 for the \$5 sides and \$650 for the \$10 side. As always, there were many opportunities for guests to "go home" with prizes, not forgetting the Sports Memorabilia and Silent Auction Items.

In honor of the 20th Anniversary, guests were given a special gift, a commemorative magnet. This was made possible through the generous donation of Excelsior Marking.



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We are excited to announce that the 2018 For the Love of an Angel Event grossed over **\$43,000.**

See you next year....watch for your save the date....Saturday, February 9, 2019!!

**The Angel Corner will return  
in our June/July Newsletter.**



## National Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk

The 2018 ASF Walk will be on Saturday, May 19th or Sunday, May 20th, in several cities through the county, and raises funds for research. We are sad to say that for the first time in many years none of our staff will be able to attend. However, Love an Angel Foundation will be supporting our Angel Families who are able to attend. If you would like to donate towards the Walk, we will be collecting donations thru the end of May. If you choose to donate online thru PayPal, please indicate in the comments that the donation is for the Walk. As always, our Angel families appreciate your support.

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## Acme Community Cash Back Update!

Once again, LAAF has benefited from the Acme Fresh Market Community Cash Back Program. The 2017 program brought LAAF our largest return.



As in the past five years, the funds have gone directly into our office operating expenses.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who saved their Acme Fresh Market receipts during the 2017 program.

Please continue shopping Acme Fresh Market and participate in the 2018 Community Cash Back Program beginning August 9, 2018. Look for the exact start date in our next newsletter.

## \$\$\$ Grants, Gifts, & Donations \$\$\$

Love an Angel Foundation is pleased to announced that this quarter we have received grants from:

Verna E. McKibben Memorial Foundation  
Schwab Charitable Grant

We have also received very generous donations from Marshall Construction Company, EM Construction Company.

Special thanks to those of you who sent in generous private donations throughout the year.

