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FtLoaA Reverse Raffle Wrap Up

Over 200 guests attended our February 9th, "For the Love of an Angel" Dinner, Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction. Thank you to all who attended, and thank you to those

Welcome to the
"Love an Angel
Foundation"
Dinner, Raffle Silent

who shared how much they enjoyed the evening.

When the

doors opened guests were welcomed to the Sushi Bar (Twisted Burgers and Sushi), appetizers (TLC Catering), and



open bar.
Guests
also began
to greet
and visit

with each other, purchase sideboards, Bingo cards and place their bids on over 100 silent auction items.

We were saddened to not see many of the familiar faces of our Angels.

We were especially concerned for our Ayleah, who was planning to attend, but taken to PICU at Children's Hospital just days before the event. However, we were pleased to introduce two new families. Kaeth Shaughnessy, mother of 40-year-old Angel Andy Brown (who was unable to attend), and Dan and Heidi Leslie in attendance with 10-year-old son, Brodyn (NKH). (We will be featuring our new families in upcoming newsletters.)

With the conclusion of dinner, the Reverse Raffle began. Through the generosity of Rockne's and Jimmy Johns Montrose, every 5th and 10th numbers were awarded a gift certificate. The first number called received a \$100 coupon booklet from Gervasi Vineyards, and our last prize before the final 5, received a certificate for two to ride the Cuyahoga Valley Railroad.

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Dates to Keep in mind:

- Ladies Night
 Out Garden
 Party,
 Designer
 Purse Bingo
 5/18/2019—
 Get your \$50
 ticket Now!
- Reverse Raffle 2/8/2020

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Reverse Raffle Wrap Up Continued

Our last five winners decided to split the grand prize, with each receiving \$400.

Guests collected their silent auction items and another successful evening came to an end. Our MC, Burt Keiper assisted by Board President, Matt Weber did a fantastic job.

Of course everyone is anticipating our financial result.

This was a great year, we grossed just shy of \$51,000.

Thank you everyone and see you next year.





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V o I u n t e e r Opportunities are available. Please call our office at 234-678-7466 if you would like to discuss how you can become more involved.

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Continuing the Work, - What Is Next?

Love an Angel Foundation is getting geared up for our 2019 "Grant Writing". If you are associated with any organization, foundation or company that allocates grants or matching funds, please consider letting us know. At this time, we are looking for Capital and Operating Grant opportunities.

We are pleased to announce that this quarter we have received grants from:

Verna E. McKibben Memorial Foundation
Schwab Charitable Grant
The Welty Family Foundation

Once again, we thank those of you who sent in generous private donations throughout the year.

We are looking forward to the day, hopefully not too distant, when we will be able to focus more on program funding and the use of our Gathering Place.



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Angel Corner: An Angel Family Get Together

On February 23, Ray and I had the honor of attending an Angel Families' luncheon and meeting with ten (10) Angels, their parents and their siblings. It was exciting to meet additional families from surrounding areas, hear their stories and share about our granddaughter and LAAF. We look forward to the day that these families can come together at The Gathering Place, either on their own or as a group enjoying each other's company.

A picture is worth a 1,000 words—Enjoy! The families will be featured in our Angel Corner of future Newsletters. Ray and I are anxious for you to meet them and read their stories and adventures.

- Shott Family, Dale and Andrea, Angel Lucas and big brother Gavin.
- Bistline Family, Damon and Gini, Angel

- Ivy and her twin brother, Emmett, big sister Vera and big brother, Dale.
- Marilou Senseman and her "special"/
 Angel daughter Emily, older sisters
 Kasey, and Kaitlyn and older brother
 Ryan.
- Valerie Postle, Michael DeLoach, with her Angel son, Mason.
- Melissa Jones, and her four grown/ teenage Angels, Drew, Christina, Ryan and Ashley.
- Newman Family, Ben and April, Angel Elise, older sisters, Grace, Leah, and Annie and younger brothers, Johnny and Peter.
- Cindi Jackson, Angel daughter Zoey Jackson, big brother Nathan Jackson, Nick Senghas (Dad), and little brother Brady Senghas



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National Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk

Angel Parents: I made a mistake. Last fall, I committed to a spring fundraiser for LAAF and forgot to check on the date for the May National ASF Walk. Unfortunately, I chose the evening of the morning walk. While I will not be able to attend, as I will be setting up for our new fundraiser, Ladies Night Out, Garden Party, Designer Purse Bingo I will most definitely be thinking of all of you. LAAF will be sending in a donation to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation on behalf of your dedication to the ASF Walk.

Friends: If you would like to donate towards the ASF Walk, we will be accepting 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 ASF Walk. As always, our Angel families appreciate your support.

(The ASF Walk takes place in many major cities world wide on May 18th and the proceeds go to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation "Be the Cure" research program.)

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A Quote from an Angel Parent

"Just how rare is Angelman Syndrome? Here's some statistics of other disorders to put it in perspective...."

Autism- 1 in 59 (Some of these could also have AS)

Aspergers- 1 in 68

Cerebral Palsy- 1 in 323 (Some of these could also have AS)

Down Syndrome- 1 in 700

Angelman Syndrome- 1 in 15,000 world wide, over 500,000 case have been diagnosed!

"Rare. Very rare. There are so many resources for other disabilities that we lack. If you tell someone your child has downs or autism they know what you're talking about.

When we tell someone our child has AS we have to continue on to educate them on what it is, AND I will continue to do so until it is well known.

Why is it SO important for it to be known? Because that's how you get resources, funding for treatment, and how you can help find a cure.

Angelman syndrome isn't recognized but I'm here to change that!"

This is WHY the Love an Angel Foundation began, and one of our most important goals.





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Hey Ladies, Grab some Friends and join us at the **Ladies Night Out: Garden Party** Register Now

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