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Our First “Ladies Night Out”: Garden Party Designer Purse Bingo

On Saturday, May 18, LAAF held its first Ladies Night Out featuring Designer Purse Bingo at St. George Fellowship Centre. Our very own Burt Keiper (pictured below in a becoming Minnie Pearl Hat) was the MC with the assistance of Mark Weber. Running the evening activities were the men of our Board, men friends of LAAF and volunteers from the Akron Witan, Women in touch with Akron’s Needs (several pictured below).

Throughout the evening and around the hall, food stations were available for dining pleasure. A desert table was provided at intermission. Activities for the evening included a 50/50, “Chinese” Basket and Wristlet raffles. The “She Who Dares” Box raffle, valued at over **\$1,200**, included a Coach Satchel purse with coordinating Coach wristlet, crystal whiskey decanter set, Savior Faire Certificate, a one night stay with



breakfast at the Holiday Inn in Mentor, dinner for two at Marion’s Restaurant in Mentor, and several additional items.

A highlight of the evening was the “Minnie Pearl” Hats, which when sold out became a fast reverse raffle, with a “fun gift” for each participant, and several designer purse prizes.

While the main event—calling bingo for the 16 different Designer Purses (Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Kate Spade, Radley of London, Vera Bradley, Michael Kors and Brahmin) were being called, our 110 ladies were constantly surprised with door prize drawings featuring 6 additional designer purses.

As the saying goes—a picture says a 1000 words. Enjoy taking a peek on the next page into the fun of our First “Ladies Night Out”: Garden Party Designer Purse Bingo.... A successful event that brought in over \$11,600.Thank you to all who donated purses, attended, and especially those that filled VIP tables!!!



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Dates to Keep in mind:

- Reverse Raffle 2/8/2020
- Ladies Night Out: Designer Purse Bing To Be Determined Fall 2020

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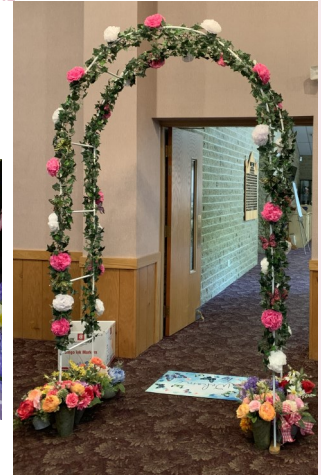
Ladies Night Out continued:



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Check out our website:
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Volunteer Opportunities are available. Please call our office at 234-678-7466 if you would like to discuss how you can become more involved.



To Provide Comfort, Assistance, Relief, and Encouragement to those touched by Angelman Syndrome.

Dream Team: Random Acts of Cleanness



With our focus on raising funds for the Gathering Place, some routine housekeeping has fallen behind.

Luckily for us, Perfect Power

Wash reached out via their Dream Team and aided us in beautifying our 136-year-old headquarters, returning the building to all its glory.

From the moment they arrived to the follow-up phone call, their team really went above and beyond in rejuvenating our headquarters so that we can once again take pride in our building's appearance and focus on the tasks at hand - Providing Comfort, Assistance, Relief, and Encouragement (CARE) to those touched by Angelman Syndrome and similar disabilities.

Lead by a group of highly skilled technicians from Perfect Power Wash, the Dream Team combines their expertise with their small business roots to give back to the community. We are thankful to be one of many organizations blessed by their random acts of cleanness.

With 19 years of proudly servicing Northeast Ohio, Perfect Power Wash

wants to do more to help our Foundation. To do this, they have graciously extended a fundraising opportunity to our organization. If your home needs a power wash, now is the time to do it. If you call their team and

schedule a service, they will donate \$50 to Love an Angel Foundation.

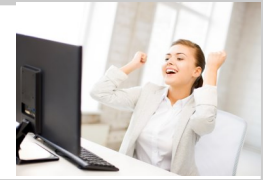
To take part in this opportunity, mention Love an Angel when you schedule any power washing service. Once that service is completed, Perfect Power Wash will donate \$50. Call 1-888-860-WASH to schedule.



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Looking for YOU!



The Love an Angel Foundation is looking for an office assistant. We prefer someone who has a working knowledge of Microsoft Office Professional as well as QuickBooks and is adaptable with a few different email programs. We use Word, Excel and Publisher nearly daily. If you are interested in applying, please call the office at 234-678-7466 to speak with Patti and/or Susie on Mondays between 7 AM and 3 PM or call Patti on her cell phone at 330-701-1886.

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Five Years of Kindness and Lawn Service

We want to express our gratitude to **Advanced Quality Lawn** for their five (5) years of donated service to the lawn surrounding our headquarters.



Shop,



Save,



Send



Acme Community Cash Back Program **Began Thursday, August 8, 2019 and Ends Saturday, December 28, 2019.** Remember LAAF applies the earnings from this program to our operating expenses.

- Shop: At your local Acme Fresh Market Stores
- Save: Your shopping receipts
- Send: Your receipts to the LAAF office



High School Graduates

Celebrating two of our Angels who Graduated from High School in 2019. Jordan Cromly graduated from Andover High School and Madeline Weber from Del Roy High School.



Angel Corner: Elise



A smile is happiness you'll find right under your nose, and I assure you that you'll find plenty of happiness in

our home with our daughter, Elise. We are the Newmans, Ben and April, and we have a daughter with Angelman Syndrome. Elise is five years old and is the fourth of our six children. Our three older daughters are Grace (11), Leah (9), and Annie (6). Our two boys are John (2) and Peter (5 months). Having had three children prior to Elise, we knew by the time Elise was four months old that she was not developing like a typical child, but it was not until seventeen months of age that we received a firm genetic diagnosis of Angelman Syndrome, deletion positive.

I can't say it's been all roses, this journey with Elise, but I can say that if it's a thorn-strewn path, Elise's life diffuses the essence and beauty of the rarest rose. Elise shares many similarities to other children with Angelman, enjoying water and crinkly plastic, the wind in her face, and her favorite people.

Elise appears to be most happy when outside surrounded by those whom she loves and who love her. At church, she tromps around like the celebrity that she is, searching for her friends, young and old. Our sweet girl is above all things a lover of people and strong social bonds. Elise began walking shortly before her fourth birthday, and she is now about as close to running as I am. :) Her latest victories include eating popsicles (she avoided cold foods for a long time), feeding herself with a preloaded spoon, communicating desire by handing us things, such as her cup or an iPad, and small gains towards potty training. These victories also bring with them new challenges—because when opportunity knocks, Elise never hesitates to answer.

Having read April's moving tribute posted on social media, we asked her to use it in closing her article. It sums up life with Elise very well.

"We celebrated Elise's birthday this week. She turned FIVE!

This year she mastered some great skills: getting up from the floor



Angel Corner: Elise continued



independently, hold things while walking, hand things to us, pedal an adaptive tricycle, open any unlocked door, ascend and descend

stairs erect and without assistance, and drink from a straw. Elise's favorite things right now are chocolate milk, drinking from a regular cup (still a work in progress), being outside, swinging, and Mr. Rogers. She dislikes loud, unhappy, or scary noises and scenes, getting her hair brushed, sitting in traffic, and being left behind. She is the sweetest, happiest girl on the whole earth, and she makes the world a better place.



But can I tell you a hard thing? I still struggle most days with Elise's disability. I hate that she can't tell me anything, not even yes or no. I

long to hear her say the words "mama" or "I love you," or even, "My tummy hurts." Her lack of safety awareness scares me every day, her

fondness of running away is an hourly fear, and her unintentional destructiveness is the bane of my existence. I hate that I always feel that I should be doing more therapy, more anything and everything to help her reach new milestones.

I still have to ask the Lord for peace and acceptance 3+ years after her diagnosis of Angelman Syndrome.

Being given a special needs child has been the single greatest thing in drawing me closer to a loving, Heavenly Father. I am so thankful that I walked this path, but if I could, I would still make Elise's 15th chromosome complete. Maybe someday I will be at peace with it, but in this journey of life, I'm not there yet. But I am thankful for her. She is the essence of all that is good, of the innocence of childhood that everyone admires but loses before they even know to admire it. I love you, Elise Magdalen."

