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A Word from our President, Matthew Weber

Angel Families and Friends,

How ironic that you may be reading this "Letter from the President", sitting in your easy chair while Presidential ads continually echo in the background. It can be an exhausting time trying to sort through all the twisted statements, lofty promises, questionable tactics and senseless finger pointing. (For a moment there I thought I was reflecting on daily life with a teenager.) However, this President (me) won't make any promises and will tell it like it is.... We have a great group of Board Members that are working hard to provide opportunities for the Foundation to extend an olive branch to all those families effected by Angelman Syndrome.

Thank you to all members of the Board and other volunteers who have helped with the renovation of the respite care/office facility. The interior of the facility is really taking shape and looks beautiful. Work has begun on the exterior landscaping. Patti and Doneita will be soliciting volunteers and materials for use in the spring.

Thank you to Pete Cipriani of Cipriani Systems (www.ciprianisystems.com) for his assistance and patience with developing the Love an Angel Foundation website. It is still a work in progress but through his patience and hard work I know he will have the office personnel prepared to manage the site effectively. Please check out Pete's website and support his business if the opportunity presents itself.

Through all the facility renovations, transitioning of the Foundation leadership and establishment of an operating office, the Board was still able to organize the first, of

what will hopefully be many, "Biking for Angels" fundraising event. The event raised a significant amount of financial support to aid in the Foundation Mission. Equally as exciting and important, the event presented an opportunity for continued public awareness through our presence at the Akron General Health and Wellness Center West (Montrose) and the television piece by Tracy McCool of Fox8 News. Thank you to both Tracy and the Wellness Center for their belief in your cause.

Thank you to all biking participants, donors, instructors and volunteers. A special thank you to Patti and Michelle B. for their tireless efforts in making the event a success.

The support you have shown for your Angels over the years has been tremendous. Your Angels thank you and invite you to join them at the upcoming For the Love of an Angel Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction Saturday February 9, 2013 at St. George's in Copley. This event has been the Foundation's financial base and we are looking forward to another successful year. Please help us continue to grow for the future. Invite friends and family, you know your Angels will make them feel welcome.

Regardless of the campaign slogan that takes you to the voting booth, we can only ask that you consider this....the success of the Love an Angel Foundation is because of YOU....and we are truly grateful.

Matthew L. Weber, P.E.

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Dates to Keep in mind:

- Saturday, February 9, 2013 - "For the Love of an Angel" Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction

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



Save the Date

At this time of year, when our thoughts turn to and we become busy in preparation of the coming Holiday Season, your LAAF Board would like to extend to you our wish for a

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

As we enter 2013, please mark your calendar for our annual "For the Love of an Angel" Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction and Dinner.

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2013

Invitations will be mailed the first week of January. We would like to increase our ticket sales/attendance this year. Please consider inviting some friends. You might think about HOSTING a table. (Tables can be 8 or 10.) We can always use volunteers to assist in this very important event. If you would be interested in helping in any way, please contact Patti at info@loveanangel.org.

Visit our website for updates as we prepare for this annual event. Hope to see you there.



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"Biking for Angels" Spin-a-thon – BIG SUCCESS



Sunday, October 14, forty enthusiastic bikers, along with Fox 8 News anchor, Tracy McCool, entered the lobby of the Akron General Health and Wellness Center, West to "keep in motion" indoor cycle bikes and to raise money for the children of Northeast Ohio diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome.

This first annual "Biking for Angels" Spin-a-thon was a **Big Success** and raised

over \$8600.00. The Diamondback Indoor Cycle, provided by Fitness Serve of Rocky River, served not only as a raffle item but, through the sale of raffle tickets, aided in bringing awareness of Angelman Syndrome and the goal of our Love an Angel Foundation to many who visited our table. Mr. John (Chip) Vasko was the winner of the bike and now he can no longer say "I never win anything"—which were his very words as he purchased his five raffle tickets. Congrats Chip!!

We also wish to acknowledge, Mrs. Mandi Schisler of Columbus for collecting over \$1900.00 from her sponsors and recruiting three friends to bike. She stated "I had a great time and hope to return next year

with even more recruits and sponsors."

Bikers' hearts were touched as they had the opportunity to meet Madeline, the first angel, for whom LAAF was established. Madeline joined in the fun with the bikers as she rocked and squealed with the music. Drew Thompson, arriving later at the event, seemed overwhelmed as he saw the many bikes and bikers as they were finishing their spin.

LAAF and Lifestyles wishes to thank all the participants and their sponsors, Tracy McCool and Fox 8 News for helping make the first "Biking for Angels" Spin-a-thon such a big success.

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Extra \$\$\$\$ for LAAF

Every home, business, and nonprofit has overhead. Utilities, taxes, etc. We have been trying to find innovative ways to pay for these and make every donated dollar count toward the more important goals of the LAAF. One such community opportunity is the Acme Cash Back Program.

Acme offers the opportunity for non profits to receive money back on collected receipts of purchases made between September 22, 2012 and February 9, 2013. Please consider joining us in saving your Acme receipts.

Please mail collected Acme receipts to Love an Angel Foundation at 3108 Vanderhoof Road, Clinton, OH 44216.

Don't forget there is always the night of the "For the Love of an Angel" Reverse Raffle, Dinner, & Silent Auction on February 9, 2013, when you can bring those last few receipts you have collected.



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"Angels" Corner

In past years of Love an Angel Foundation, the parents and their "angel" enjoyed several organized "get togethers" during the year. Your new Board of Directors would like to see this reinstated as part of the LAAF mission.

Our "activity" room is close to completion. It can, at this time, accommodate a limited activity such as working on a craft project and enjoying some refreshments together. And while challenging, we believe this would prove fun for both parent and "angel" as they "socialize" and share with each other.

Another suggestion, due to an invitation from a bowling alley in Barberton, would be a bowling party. (Remember they have a special set up for the handicapped.) This could definitely be a family activity as siblings can also join in the bowling.

What about the love of water—swimming. This too, could include the whole family. We would look into renting a facility (or getting donated) for a

few hours of private/safe "water fun". I can almost see and hear the angels as they play "safely together"!!

We realize that this time of year finds families busy with Holiday shopping, office and school parties and family gatherings. We do not wish to place another "thing that you must do" on your schedule but rather hope that you would find an angel with angel activity a "SPECIAL THING" to do. We present this to you in hopes that we can schedule something BEFORE your Holiday Season calendar fills up.

These are just a few of the thoughts as we consider our mission: To provide Comfort, Assistance, Relief and Encouragement as we work towards the development of our Halo Farm Complex. Your Board of Directors does "**CARE**".

Please let us hear from you. If you have a special activity or idea you feel would be fun and enjoyable for our angels and their families, let us know. We hope to, with your help, plan for an activity quarterly or as often as your family schedule will allow.