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A Word from our President, Matthew Weber

It was not but a few weeks ago that many of you paused during your evening routine and set aside time to listen to the President's "State of the Union" address. I ask you to set aside a minute or two of your daily routine today and listen to this "State of Reunion" address. Yes, you read correctly, "Reunion." Fifteen years ago a handful of people shared a vision to make life for "Our Angels" the best that it could be. The hope was to have Angel Families unite together to spread the word about Angelman Syndrome and raise awareness and financial support to assist in the long

term care and the "normalcy" of living every Angel deserves.

While we encountered turbulence some time back, the past two years have seen us regroup, refocus and recommit ourselves to making that vision a reality. The "Biking for Angels" Spin-a-thon last Fall, and the recent Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction were both a success--so much so that we hope to "burn the mortgage" by year's end.

In all, the state of our "Reunion" is strong.

Spring, Just Around the Corner.....

Just days ago Punxsutawney Phil allowed us to believe that spring is just around the corner. Whether it is coming soon or will still be a while, spring brings with it many a household beginning their "Spring Cleaning." This is where you can be of help to the Love an Angel Foundation and Love an Angel can be of help to you !

We are planning for a large garage sale on the property sometime towards the end of May. As all of us begin to prepare for spring and begin sorting through the things we no longer want and/ or need, we would ask that you consider donating them to the Foundation. We will be happy to receive small appliances, furniture, clothing, children's furniture, games, toys, books and other miscellaneous items. We have already begun collecting items and will continue to do so through the first week of May.

We will be providing more information

concerning this event as we get closer to favorable weather and select a date. However, until then we would ask that you set aside items that you would like to donate. As you are ready, please contact us to either set a time for you to drop off your items at the foundation headquarters or if you need, a time for us to pick them up from you.

Please do not hesitate to give us a call at the office at 234- 678 -7466 for any questions or suggestions concerning this event. Also visit the website www.loveanangel.org as information concerning this event will be updated regularly as we move toward the day of the sale. We are in the office Monday and Friday 10:30 to 4:00.

Begin thinking "Spring" and **remember** as you begin your "Spring Cleaning"—
ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER
MAN'S TREASURE.

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Dates to Keep in mind:

- Garage Sale—May ?
- Biking for Angels—TBA
- June Newsletter

Volunteer 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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Angel Corner

First, to the entire Board of Directors, thank you for all the hard work you put into another fabulous event. Although the event is to raise money for the Foundation and allow supporters to observe our angels as they grow, it also provides an opportunity for us to spend an evening together.

As we enjoy the activities of the Raffle, we find ourselves in lots of conversation and sharing. Though it is true that our angels share the same diagnosis, it is interesting hearing the different ways we are helping our angels while using all the heart we can give.

Even though the night proved somewhat overwhelming at times, I found that I felt a little lighter and not so alone in the fight to keep moving forward—never giving up. I was convinced even more that each Angel parent must do what they feel is best for their own Angel while at the same time being sensitive to those making different choices for their Angel.

Thank you again, for the evening and all the hard work. And we are all looking forward to the days ahead for Halo Farm.



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

Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction Wrap-up

The 15th Annual For the Love of An Angel Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction was held Saturday, February 9, 2013 at St. George Fellowship Center. Over 100 guests were welcomed, and the Angel Families present were introduced.

All enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by TLC Catering. Burt Keiper our MC began the Reverse Raffle at 8 p.m. with the first number drawn and that recipient receiving a night at the Sheraton's Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Falls. Gift cards and certificates to various restaurants and places of businesses were given out to every 6th number drawn as the Reverse Raffle moved along to the last five numbers remaining. The five winners

did a surprisingly special split and went home richer and very happy.

Along with the almost 80 Silent Auction items, including trips to our state capital, spa and beauty packages, jewelry, Lenox items, four tickets to both Cedar Point and Great Wolf Lodge and much more, the evening presented itself with the excitement of the Goodyear Blimp Ride for Two as a Live Auction item. Many participated in the bidding for this rare and special opportunity. The bidding ended with a recently retired grandpa of an angel having the top bid at \$1100.

Balloons provided another source of excitement. They were \$10 each and over half of the balloons pro-

vided an opportunity to receive a gift certificate valued at \$15 or more. One balloon provided one lucky purchaser with \$100 cash.

As this year's Raffle comes to an end and we close the books on another successful evening, we would like to express our appreciation to our guests and our many donors. We are thrilled to have raised over \$22,900 and to have profited approximately \$17,000 from this annual event.

We are already anticipating the Sixteenth Annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction and hope to see **YOU** next year. Watch for information on the website and for a save the date card in the fall.