



# ANGEL NEWS

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## A Word from our President, Matthew Weber

Dear Angel Friends and Family,

Often as I write the “A word from our President” section of the newsletter, I try to be cute and clever with some type of application to all of our lives. This letter would seem to be no different. With Fall upon us and Summer in the rear view mirror, I would likely encourage us all to reflect on how quickly the seasons change, both the climatic seasons and the seasons of our lives. For all of us, if we don’t like one season, we know there are three

other seasons to look forward to. If we don’t care for a particular phase in a child’s life we reflect on our own lives and understand that a different season will create change in their life as well. As Angel parents we rest in the hope of a new season where Halo Farms can provide the “loving future our Angels need”

Thank you for your continued support.  
Matthew L. Weber

## Acme Community Cash Back Program

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**WHAT:** Acme Fresh Markets’ annual **Cash Back** program

**WHEN:** Beginning: **Thursday, September 18, 2014**

Ending: **Wednesday, February 4, 2015**

**WHAT TO DO:** **SHOP:** Local Acme Fresh Markets

**SAVE:** Grocery receipts

**SEND:** Receipts to the LAAF office

LAAF wishes to invite you to participate in this generous program sponsored by the Acme Fresh Markets. It is a simple way to help increase LAAF’s budget.

Mail your receipts to the LAAF office or bring them with you February 7, 2015 to the “For the Love of an Angel” Dinner, Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction.

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**SHOP, SAVE, SEND**– we will do the rest!!!

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### Dates to Keep in mind:

- Acme Community Cash Back starts September 18th
- Biking for Angels Date 10/26/2014
- Reverse Raffle February 7, 2015

Volunteer Opportunities are available. Please call 234-678-7466 to become more involved.



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## 3rd Annual “Biking for Angels” Spin-a-thon

### Registration Open

The Biking for Angels spin-a-thon is just weeks away!! If you have not yet participated in this annual fall fundraising event, consider joining us this year!

Sunday, October 26, 2014

9 AM — 1 PM

Akron General Wellness Center — West

In recent years, spin-a-thons have become popular fundraising events as cycling has become a popular exercising activity. It works like a walk-a-thon or 5K, except instead of walking you ride a stationary bike to raise money for a charity through sponsorship donations.

LAAF’s goal for this year’s spin-a-thon is to raise **\$25,000** towards the \$125,000 needed to break ground for the outdoor



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#### Check out our website:

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recreational area of Halo Farm Complex. In order to do this, we need to increase both our number of spinners and our spinners’ sponsorship donations.

\* More detailed information and registration opportunities are available at [www.LoveAnAngel.org](http://www.LoveAnAngel.org)

### Come join in the fun — Invite a Friend

Not wanting to “spin” but wish to donate? Visit the website and Donate.

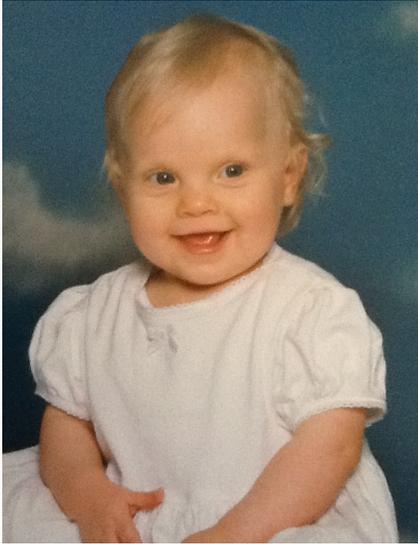


Participant from 2013 and Fox8 News Tracy McCool visiting with Angel Ayleah



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

## Angel Corner



Jordan 12 months

Jordan was born February 4, 1998. We were so excited to welcome our first baby! When she was 4 weeks old and only 7 lbs she developed RSV and pneumonia. She spent 3 weeks in the NICU at the Cleveland Clinic, barely hanging on to life. Being the fighter that she is, she pulled through and once again, we brought her home to stay!

We thought she was developing normally until about the 8th month. She wasn't reaching cognitive or motor milestones but everyone kept telling us it was because she had a "rough start", spending so much time in the hospital. I had a feeling as a mom, and as an occupational therapist, that something wasn't quite right. We started early intervention therapies and at 16 months old she was tested and diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome.

We were devastated. We cried. We denied. We were mad at God. We asked "why us?" However, we reflected on our lives and then asked "why not us?"

We really saw that Jordan was part of Gods plan for us even before Jayson and I met. I grew up with a childhood friend who was handicapped. We did everything together. I became an occupational therapist and worked with children with severe disabilities so God was preparing me with the knowledge and skills I would need, knowing Jordan was in our future.

Jayson also grew up teaching handicapped children how to swim. He studied Psychology and mentored a boy with disabilities for several years. He brought our lives together and said, "Now that I have prepared you both, I have sent you a very special angel to love and care for like no other parents could do. I trust her in your care until I call her home."



We are very blessed to have Jordan in our family. We also have 2 boys who are the best brothers she could ever ask for. Because of Jordan, they are able to see beyond other kids disabilities and are very accepting of differences.

Life has definitely not been easy with Jordan. We have been stuck in the toddler stage for the rest of our lives, but our toddler is no longer 30 lbs!! We are never able to completely relax or turn our minds off when Jordan is home as she is constantly, let's say, "exploring"! Attention to anything is usually less than a minute, unless it's eating!

## Angel Corner Continued

We try to include Jordan in everything we do as a family. We get the stares and the comments from people who don't understand. Sometimes we try to explain and sometimes we just ignore it because in our eyes she's perfect.



Jordan attends a special education classroom and has a 1:1 helper. School is definitely not her favorite place to be though! She is a typical teenager who doesn't want to be forced to do anything! She does not say any words except for the most important one....."mama"!!

In thinking about Jordan's future, our biggest concern is what will happen to her after we're gone or can no longer take care of her ourselves? I pray everyday that I will out live her by one

day. We have been part of the Love an Angel foundation for nearly 13 years. Their mission to build Halo Farm, a place where families and children can find respite and a safe, loving future is something our Angels need. Even though we moved away from Ohio 6 years ago, we still consider the Angel families part of our family and pray that someday we can, once again, be part of Halo Farm.

Janet and Jayson

Jordan, Jacob and Jared



## Some "Angels" back in school

