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All of us at LAAF wish to express our gratitude to all who supported the 2014 “For the Love of an Angel” Dinner, Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction, The Acme Community Cashback Program, and/or the 3rd Annual “Biking for Angels” Spin-a-thon. We are also very thankful for the 4 grants we received this year: The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Philoptochos Society Melissa, The Welty Foundation, The R.C. Musson & Katherine Musson Charitable Foundation, and the County Councilman, Mr. Bill Roemer Salary Charitable Donation.

As we say goodbye to 2014, acknowledging it’s many blessings, we look forward to your continued support as we move toward our goal for 2015, the groundbreaking of Phase II, the Gathering Place.                      Thank You

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# SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2015**

**6:30 PM**

Invitations will be mailed in early January.  
Share the evening with a special someone.  
Consider inviting family and friends.

## **“For the Love of an Angel” DINNER, REVERSE RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION**

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



**Reminder**  
**Community Cash Back**  
September 18, 2014 to **February 4, 2015**



**Save your Acme Receipts!**  
Mail them to the office at any time:  
3108 Vanderhoof Road  
New Franklin, OH 44216  
Or bring them the night of the Dinner, Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction.  
(We must submit them by February 9, 2015)

## When I think of Christmas

When I think of Christmas, I think of Angels. I think of the angel announcing to Mary that she was with child, the angel appearing before the shepherds, telling them of the birth of the new born king, and the multitude singing “glory to God in the highest...peach on earth”. I think of the angels not only decorating churches and Christmas trees, but those worn on shirts, sweaters and as jewelry. I think of what angels represent: messengers of love, joy, peace and hope.

When I think of Angelman Syndrome, I think of the “Angels” who



are among us. I think of how they are unique and yet alike in so many ways. I think that even though they may be compromised, they exhibit a happy demeanor, a joyful spirit and freely give unconditional love.

When I think of Angelman Syndrome Angels and their future, I think of the many professionals and volunteers who dedicate their time and expertise to not only improve the lives of the Angels, but who are working toward a possible cure. I think specifically of the two national foundations: Angelman Syndrome Foundation ([www.angelman.org](http://www.angelman.org)) and FAST, Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics

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([www.cureangelman.org](http://www.cureangelman.org)). Both of these foundations have fully mapped out how AS is caused in both humans and mice, and each has developed their own possible cure of AS in mice. While these therapeutic drugs are being tested, this research brings hope that there will be adequate treatment in the future for those with AS. Even though this research is not currently able to cure our Angels, the hope is that it will provide a better quality of life.

While researchers are aware that they are certainly a long way from a preventative cure (in-utero) for Angelman Syndrome and other neuro-disorders, this gives overwhelming hope.

When I think of our Love an Angel Foundation story, I think of the fact that Angels are the

story. Unlike the Christmas story, where an angel announced a child, our story began with the diagnosis of an “Angel Child”. As the Foundation grows, through you, our supporters, we continue our mission: to Provide Comfort, Assistance, Relief and Encouragement to those touched by Angelman Syndrome and similar disabilities and bring to reality the “Halo Farm Complex”. While research continues its efforts to improve the quality of life and an eventual cure for AS, it is our desire to provide a safe environment — including an area of play, a day care program, and a temporary or permanent facility. That is our dream for Halo Farm and our Angels.



## A Year of Remodeling



Countertops & sink installed



Mr. Foys Painting



Karl & Doneita rehangng painted cupboard doors



Patching holes in the floor

Thank you

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During the past 10 months, many volunteered their time, as well as needed materials, in the effort to complete the remodeling of the Halo Farm century home kitchen. We have had cabinet and cabinet doors painted, walls repaired and wallpapered, new plumbing and gas line put in, subflooring repaired, and new carpet, counter tops and sink installed.

Ed Bell, of Tank Pro Inc. generously provided the funds for the kitchen flooring which allowed the project to get underway. We now look forward to the donated refrigerator and stove being brought out of storage and placed in the kitchen.

Our goal has been reached.... The Angels can now come to a safe place to visit and participate in an activity.



New Carpet Installed



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