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State of the Foundation from our Executive Director

Welcome and Thank You

I would like to welcome those who are new to the Love of An Angel quarterly newsletter and give a brief summary of what has been taking place at the Foundation during the past 6 to 12 months.

- The office/activity room kitchen has been wallpapered (donated by January's Wallpaper and Paint) and the new flooring has been installed (donated by Tank Pro)
- Andreas Furniture Store (Sugar creek) donated a 92" trestle table and 6 side chairs for the kitchen
- A1 Limestone gave a generous reduction for the cost of gravel/limestone to line the main portion of our circular driveway
- Advanced Quality Lawn has donated lawn care treatments for the lawn immediately surrounding the Century Home office/activity room
- Volunteers continue to help mow our main lawn and the adjoining field
- In 2014, we received a total of \$6,500 in grants and gifts for operating and maintenance expenses of Halo Farm
- We have submitted grants toward both operating and maintenance/renovation expenses (decisions expected August/Sept)

- We are diligently working to acquire the necessary estimates for submitting grants to help with building costs for the " Gathering Place" Pavilion.
- We currently have over \$51,000 toward our \$125,000 goal needed to break ground for Phase II, The Gathering Place (walking paths, pond, pavilion and accessible playground equipment)
- We continue to prepare for our two major fundraisers: "For the Love of an Angel" Dinner, Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction (Feb) and "Biking for Angels" Spin-a-thon (Fall)

Once again, welcome to our new readers and thank you for opening your hearts to the LAAF mission.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have supported us since the first "For the Love of an Angel" Dinner/Dance Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction (1999). Thank you for having contributed toward the growth of LAAF and support of our most special asset—our Angels, be it through financial sponsorship, volunteering, in kind donations and prayers.

Patti

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

Dates to Keep in mind:

- **4th Annual Biking for Angels Spin-a-thon, Date to be announced soon.**
- Saturday, February 6, 2016 Reverse Raffle/ Silent Auction
- Angel bowling party **Date to be Announced.**
- Acme Cashback starts Thursday, **August 20, 2015**



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AmazonSmile and LAAF

GOOD NEWS FOR ONLINE SHOPPERS!!

We recently were made aware of a program (AmazonSmile) available through Amazon that allows a portion of your purchase to be donated to your favorite non-profit organization. AmazonSmile is a great way to have Amazon donate to their customer's favorite cause and it only takes a few simple steps.

Love an Angel Foundation has joined the AmazonSmile program. We would ask our generous supporters to take a few minutes and register for this program. Please go to www.smile.amazon.com. There you will be asked to provide your email address and then be given the opportunity to choose your charitable organization – please type in **Love An Angel Foundation!** That's it!!! Whenever you log in, please make sure you go to smile.amazon.com and **not** amazon.com. Each time you make an AmazonSmile purchase a portion will go directly to us. For example, if you spend \$100.00 then \$.50 will be donated to LAAF.

We are excited about this wonderful opportunity. So many people are making their purchases on line and in particular on Amazon. All the services are the same with Amazon and AmazonSmile. Please share this information with your family and friends. We have come so far in reaching our goals these past few years and it could never have happened without all of your support. Thank you so much!

CrowdRise Fundraising for LAAF

Have you ever participated in a Walk, Run, Relay or Marathon to raise funds?

The Akron Marathon Charitable Corporation, who is this year organizing 3 races in the Akron area including the Akron Marathon on September 26, 2015 has partnered with **CrowdRise** to help facilitate participants in raising funds for their favorite charities. We have registered with CrowdRise. If you are participating in any of the races on June 27, August 15, and September 26, or would like to **sponsor** someone who is, please make a donation to our online fundraiser on CrowdRise at

<https://www.crowdrise.com/LoveanAngel>

Our Administrator Susie often participates in fundraising walks, 5K's and similar activities. As she says "It's a great motivator for staying fit and helping others."



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www.LoveAnAngel.org

Volunteers Needed:

1. Lawn maintenance
 - Mowing
 - Edging
 - Weeding
2. Newsletter mailings
3. Indoor repairs
4. Activity volunteers
5. Fundraiser workers

To Volunteer
call us at
(234) 678-7466

Or email at
info@loveanangel.org

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Love an Angel Foundation Walks for Research



On Saturday, May 16th, several of our Angels, along with family and friends and your LAAF staff travelled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to participate in the Angelman Syndrome Foundation (ASF) Walk. The ASF Walk is a National Walk, held annually since 1999, to raise funds to support ASF, a National nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the awareness and treatment of Angelman Syndrome. This year, 35 cities across the country had families, friends and individuals with Angelman Syndrome participate in the Walk.

This was the first year for LAAF to form a team and participate at the ASF Walk. Although we had a small group, we hope

that our participation will grow through the coming years. As the "Love an Angel Team" walked together, they shared information concerning Angel's diets, meds, therapies, behavior and the "just simple fun" that Angels bring into their lives. Not only did they enjoy time together, they were thrilled with the opportunity to meet other Angels and their families and friends and share experiences with them.

The day started out overcast and gloomy and the threat of rain was announced by the weatherman. However, the walk was not interrupted with any showers. Only the last few, who lingered in saying their goodbyes and were heading for their cars

had to endure a little shower. As our happy sweet Angels continually bless us, they were truly blessed with a not rainy, not too cold, not too hot "Fun" Angel Walk.

As **Stephanie**, mother of **Ayleah** put it:

This was our fifth year walking in Pittsburgh to support ASF with several family members and some friends from Boardman, who have walked with Ayleah and I each year. We always look forward to seeing and meeting other Angels and their families.

The greatest thing is seeing AS individuals in all stages of life. The walk is a great experience - "and we like winning raffle prizes too!"

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

Walk for Research



Rebecca, mother of Nayla expressed:

This was my first time participating in the ASF Walk. I was so happy that I was not only able to bring Nayla, but also two of her 6 siblings (a brother and a sister). In addition to the fact that they were excited to support their sister, I felt it to be a great experience for them to see and meet other individuals with AS.

It was good for me to be a part of our first LAAF Love an Angel Team. Meeting other parents and their Angels from other areas was exciting. Sharing situations and

stories about our Angels was extremely reassuring and refreshing. After the event my kids and I explored the area and made it a family day. I look forward to participating with the LAAF team next year.

