

FOUNDATION IN FOCUS

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Giving thanks

The Angus Foundation has a lot to be thankful for. Since 1980 we have distributed more than \$4.2 million in scholarships and awards to our fantastic youth involved in the Angus breed, all because of our generous donors.

We also have helped to support our educational programs through the Association such as the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) conference, Beef Leaders Institute (BLI) and research priorities through gifts made to the unrestricted Angus Fund.

As I have grown in my role during the last year, many of the requests for giving have been for unrestricted funds. Any donation received by the Angus Foundation is classified as either unrestricted or restricted. Unrestricted dollars can be used to directly support the American Angus Association's programs through the Angus Foundation's mission of education, youth and research. These programs include leadership conferences, educational events, the National Junior Board of Directors, and educational programs like BLI, webinars or research priorities through Angus Genetics, Inc.

The value of your donations to the unrestricted fund is more than the total dollar amount. It's crucial to continue the programs that benefit the diverse membership of the American Angus Association.

One current opportunity is the Legacy Sustaining campaign. It was established to advance the Angus Foundation's mission and grow the unrestricted Angus Fund. The request of an annual gift of \$150 or \$12.50 monthly goes to the Angus Fund and helps us to continue to provide educational opportunities. We have a goal to get 1,000 donors to pledge \$150 by Dec. 31, 2023, in hopes to raise \$150,000 for the Angus Fund and commemorate 150 years of Angus coming to America. We have also had a group of Angus breeders step up to fully match the 1,000 donors. These George Grant Challengers are each pledging \$15,000 if the goal is met by Dec. 31. You can help support

by going to the Angus Foundation website at www.angusfoundation.org, or scan the QR code below.

Forty-three years later, the Angus Foundation has been helping provide outreach to Angus breeders with 31 LEAD conferences, 17 Raising the Bar conferences, 15 BLI conferences and multiple research advancements for the Angus breed. The impact that has been made on the membership through unrestricted funds is remarkable, and the cooperation between the Angus Foundation's support of the Association's educational opportunities is a win-win for all. As Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." 

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