

# FOUNDATION FUNDAMENTALS

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## Season's greetings!

*What is the most memorable Christmas gift you've ever given? Not received, but given. Each gift is special. Each gift, given to bring happiness. Each gift, given to bring joy to the one receiving.*

Christmas gifts come in many different forms. Beautifully wrapped or unwrapped, adorned with bows and ribbons or without, in sight under the tree or hidden for added surprise; giving gifts brings a sense of fulfillment to our lives.

Giving gifts to family members, close friends, farm and ranch staff, neighbors who helped work calves or harvest crops or who came to our side in times of crisis, or perhaps others we may never meet or know who benefit from our giving, reflects our gratitude. No strings attached, no expectations of anything in return, simply giving from the heart.

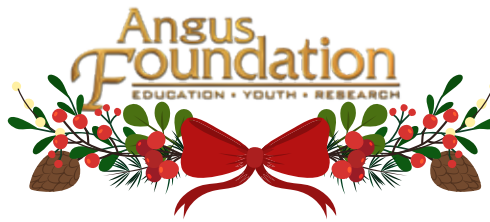
### Expressing gratitude

"Gratitude helps you to grow and expand; gratitude brings joy and laughter into your lives and into the lives of all those around you," wrote author Eileen Caddy. Christmas brings out the best in us.

Expressing gratitude by giving gifts any time of year, of time, talent and treasure to organizations and causes important to us is another reflection of who we are, what we value and hold significant in our lives.

Give of your time and talent. Each of us possesses unique talents, skills and abilities we can offer to others. Volunteer for an assignment or project during the holidays at your

church, hospital, community center, convalescent center or shelter for the less fortunate. Serving as a volunteer pushes us outside of our comfort zone. Those served by you will be grateful for your gratitude, giving them of your time and talents.



Give of your treasure. Honor the Lord with your finances. Experiences and events in life's journeys will likely influence our charitable giving. Losing a loved one to a debilitating health issue, for example, will move us to contribute to the 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization associated with finding a cure.

Fellow farmers and ranchers across the country incurred extensive animal losses and structural damages from catastrophic fires, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, drought and blizzards in 2018, resulting in ongoing economic hardship. Support these local, regional, state and national recovery efforts with your financial gifts.

### End of year giving

Other opportunities to give of our financial support leading up to Dec. 31, will be in response to end-of-year

appeals from charitable organizations asking for our financial support.

One appeal "Caring. It's Our Business." was from your Angus Foundation in early November. If you haven't contributed already, your Angus Foundation Board of Directors and staff ask for your unrestricted charitable financial support to further advance the Angus breed through the 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization's mission of education, youth and research.

Feel free to contact our director of development Rod Schoenbine at 330-464-9793 (cell) or myself at 816-390-4357 (cell) with questions about end-of-year giving strategies. This might include publicly traded securities (stock), or the benefits of using your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Charitable Rollover provision to charities this calendar year. We'll be happy to consult with you on these and other charitable giving strategies available to you.

Angus friends and supporters, may God bless you and your family this joyous holiday season, and best wishes to you from the Angus Foundation's Board of Directors and staff for your continued happiness, health and prosperity in 2019.

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