

FOUNDATION IN FOCUS

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Cherishing traditions

December! Wow, where has 2022 gone?

I look forward to the month of December. It's the time of year when we are reminded to slow down and enjoy time with friends and family. We can also partake in the traditions that hold a special place in our hearts and tug at our emotions, as we relive the memories that come along with them.

One of my favorite traditions is watching *The Polar Express*. If you haven't seen this movie, I highly recommend you take time this Christmas season to watch, as it brings back the magic of Christmas.

The movie stars a train conductor who helps a little boy believe in Santa again as he travels to the North Pole. The plot is centered around a Christmas bell. Only if you believe in Santa would you hear the reindeer's Christmas bell ring. Tom Hanks does an incredible job playing multiple characters, and the animation is excellent. *The Polar Express* may be just another "happily ever after" Christmas movie, but there is something about the true magic of the holiday season.

I think all of us, as we grow up, remember our times as a kid — how much we loved characters like Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy and the Easter

Bunny. If only we could go back to childhood when the world was simpler and more carefree.

My favorite line in *The Polar Express* is, "Seeing is believing, but sometimes



the most real things in the world are the things you can't see."


During the Christmas season, we are asked and give to many worthy causes. It now comes full circle through the Angus Foundation.

A Legacy Built

I hope you have heard of our annual appeal "A Legacy Built." A one-time donation of \$150 helps to grow the Angus Fund that furthers our mission of supporting education

programs, youth conferences and research projects. The "Legacy Built" campaign centers around the celebration of 150 years since George Grant brought Angus bulls to America and started a legacy that lives on today.

I hope you consider giving to the worthy causes that are near and dear to your hearts. With your donation to the Angus Foundation, you are showcasing your belief in the next generation of leaders, the betterment of the Angus breed and educational tools. Although the return on your investment will be seen for years to come, the legacy you are helping to continue is what keeps us believing.

Merry Christmas to you and your family this season. I hope there is time for you to slow down and cherish the traditions you have made. 

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