

Auxiliary Heifer Auction Raises Funds

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The 2011 Auxiliary heifer auction at the All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity June 19 in Louisville, Ky., raised \$6,000 for the American Auxiliary scholarship fund.

The heifer, O'Neill's Eraline 259, donated by Jim and Ardyce O'Neill of O'Neill Angus Farm, Logan, Iowa, sold to Greg Buie, Copan, Okla.

"The heifer was a good fit for my program, and I knew the money would go to a good cause," Buie said. Buie has just transitioned to the Angus breed and said the heifer will help expand his herd with quality genetics. He toured the O'Neill farm



before and after the sale, traveling more than 700 miles.

"I know buying the heifer was the right thing to do because O'Neill Angus Farm is more than quality Angus cattle. Jim and Ardyce are generous and honest people wanting to make a difference," Buie said.

American Angus Auxiliary President Barbara Ettredge said, "The Auxiliary is grateful to Mr. Buie and all other individuals who realize the importance of our scholarship program."

The Auxiliary hopes to continue the project for many years and is beginning work for next year's heifer auction.

"After a 15-year absence, the fundraiser was a success, and the Auxiliary is excited about the funds raised," Ettredge said, attributing the success "to the dedication and hard work of everyone who had a hand in organizing, promoting and bringing the project to fruition."

The proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward the Auxiliary's scholarship fund managed by the Angus Foundation. Each spring, the Auxiliary reviews the scholarship fund activity and determines scholarship amounts.

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