



Foundation Fundamentals

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Reflecting and giving thanks

First, on behalf of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors and staff, I want to extend our warmest season's greetings to you and all of our wonderful Angus friends and supporters across the country. You have provided another bountiful year for the Angus Foundation!

Annual traditions

The holiday season traditionally is a time when we give thanks for the blessings we have received and pause to reflect on the past year, while also thinking about the future, short-term and long-term. Your Angus Foundation is no different.

This year, in close step with the American Angus Association, significant strides have been made in offering new educational opportunities for Angus breeders and commercial producers, in expanding scholarships and leadership training opportunities to a greater number of Angus youth, and in exploring a wide array of cutting-edge research endeavors to benefit the Angus breed and beef cattle industry.

To gain an even greater appreciation and understanding for the scope of your Angus Foundation's impact on the Angus breed, read the organization's annual report, *The Faces of Progress*, included in this issue, or visit our newly launched and more interactive website, www.angusfoundation.org.

Looking back

Charitable financial support from you, our benevolent benefactors, is what empowered your Angus Foundation to achieve the pinnacles of success outlined in our annual report.

The Angus Foundation is also thankful for our volunteers who unselfishly give of their time, talents and treasure to see a task through to completion in order to advance education, youth and research for your benefit. Activities such as the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD)

conference, National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and our fundraising events, including the silent auction and golf tournament at the NJAS, Angus Night on the Mountain and Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition events are just a few examples.

Looking ahead

Be sure to join us in Denver next month at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) for the auction of the 2013 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, donated by Connealy Angus of Whitman, Neb. The auction will be Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the NWSS Complex. The Connealys are generously offering the pick of their 2012 spring heifer crop. Following the heifer auction, join us once again at Spruce Mountain Ranch in Larkspur, Colo., where Tom and Lois Ames of Spruce Mountain Ranch will host Angus Night on the Mountain II, a fundraising event for the Angus Foundation. All are invited to attend.

Look for more information about these two upcoming Angus Foundation events in this issue.

Giving

In addition to reflecting on where we've been, what we're thankful for and where we are going in the future, the end of the year and holidays are also traditionally a time for

us to exchange and share gifts with family and friends. It can also be a time to share with others through charitable financial gifts as "end-of-the-year" tax considerations become better known.

It would be our hope you view the Angus Foundation as a noble and worthwhile cause for your charitable gift considerations when making these types of decisions.

Regardless of the charity(ies) you decide

to support, experience the joy of giving money and helping to make a difference in another person's life.

Just as a friendly reminder, in order for your gift to any charitable organization to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return, your gift must be completed by Dec. 31. For cash or gifts by check, in accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines, your gift must be personally delivered or mailed to the charity in an envelope postmarked no later than Dec. 31. (See "Association Highlights" for more detailed information specifically related to gifts to the Angus Foundation.)

Blessings

Even more importantly, in this season of reflecting and giving, may we all selflessly give of our love, attention and time to family, friends and those special people near and dear to each of our hearts; for we all are abundantly blessed to live in a free country, worship as we choose, raise Angus cattle and freely pursue our individual goals, aspirations and dreams. Priceless!

Happy holidays to you and yours, and may God bless you and your Angus operation for a prosperous 2013!

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