

# Angus Foundation Recognizes Major Supporters

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**T**hemed *Rooted in the Future*, the Angus Foundation's 2013 Supporter Recognition Event honored all supporters who contributed \$250 or more during the past fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2012-Sept. 30, 2013). The event took place Nov. 16 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville, Ky., in conjunction

with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

"It's our pleasure to offer this wonderful event that enables us to convey our heartfelt gratitude to our generous financial supporters," says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. "Through their

charitable gifts, these benefactors and hundreds of others are making an immeasurable difference in the lives of Angus breeders and our youth across the country. We believe this year's theme, *Rooted in the Future*, appropriately captured the spirit of our organization's tireless efforts to help our

members advance their Angus herds, the Angus breed, and the beef cattle industry that is our livelihood."

Jacy Alsup, Gravette, Ark., chairman of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of

Directors, and Luke Nord, Wolverton, Minn., Foundation director of the NJAA Board of Directors, served as co-emcees for the event, which was attended by nearly 300 supporters.

Speakers in addition to Alsup and Nord included Angus Foundation Board of Directors Chairman John Elbert Harrell of Opelika, Ala., and Curtis Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo.

Highlights of the event included recognizing Camron



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►Themed *Rooted in the Future*, the Angus Foundation announced at its Supporter Recognition Event a new fiscal year total revenue record of \$2,316,079.



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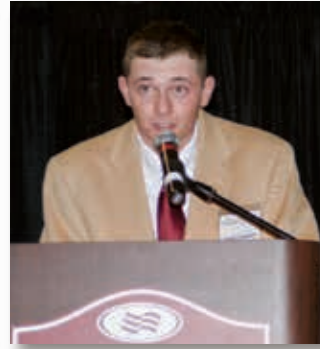


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► John Elbert Harrell spoke of his year as chairman of the Angus Foundation board.



► Luke Sankey talked about his steer that won the carcass contest at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).



► Wyatt Schumann spoke about his reserve grand champion steer in the NJAS carcass contest.



► Luke Nord, Foundation director on the National Junior Angus Board, co-emceed the event.

“Cam” Cooper of The Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont.; Jerry and Sharon Connealy of Connealy Angus, Whitman, Neb.; Charles and Judy Herbster of Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, Neb.; and the 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). These honorees are considered “Angus Builder” donors with contributions of cash, gifts-in-kind, etc., totaling more than \$100,000 during the fiscal year.

Other highlights included a special presentation to the 2013 NJAS Steer Carcass Contest winners by Long and recognition of Harrell for his service and leadership on the Angus Foundation Board of Directors during the past year.

In addition, the Angus Foundation announced a new fiscal year total revenue record of \$2,316,079!

Jenkins announced the Thomas and Catherine Chambers Estate of Ontario, Ore., gift of more than \$700,000 to the Angus Foundation in support of Angus youth activities and scholarships through the Thomas and Catherine Chambers Endowment Fund. Members of the Angus

Foundation’s planned giving program “The Angus Society,” the Chambers had named the Angus Foundation as a charitable beneficiary in their estate plans in 1996.

A new feature of this year’s event was the introduction of the Angus Foundation’s Lifetime Giving Recognition Program recognizing supporters with accumulative giving of \$25,000 or more in outright cash gifts, sale proceeds of gift-in-kind and planned giving commitments since the organization’s inception in 1980.

Many of these longtime generous supporters were presented plaques at the event. A complete list of these special VIP supporters can be found in the *Angus Foundation’s 2013 Annual Report* in the December 2013 issue of the *Angus Journal* and on the organization’s website, [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

To conclude the event, Col. Eddie Sims of Oklahoma auctioned the *Building an Angus Legacy* Limited Edition No. 3 granite planter

on behalf of the Angus Foundation. Purchased for \$19,500 by Bob and Cathy Watkins of Middletown, Ind., the engraved planter will be placed at the entrance of the American Angus Association headquarters building at Saint Joseph, Mo.



► Regional Manager Kurt Kangas takes bids for the third granite planter offered in *Building the Angus Legacy!*



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► Bob and Cathy Watkins were the buyers of the No. 3 limited-edition granite planter. Pictured are (from left) Bob and Cathy Watkins, and Milford Jenkins, president of the Angus Foundation.



► A reception before the event offered a carving station and viewing of a 1/3-scale replica of the limited-edition granite planter that was featured for display-only purposes at the event.

