

# Faces of Progress

Angus Foundation wraps up 2012 with Supporter Recognition Event in Louisville, Ky.

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The Angus Foundation would like to thank all who attended its 2012 Supporter Recognition Event, an event intended to honor and thank Angus Foundation supporters who have contributed \$250 or more the past fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2011-Sept. 30, 2012). The event was hosted at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Louisville-Airport Kentucky Fair & Expo Center (KFEC) in Louisville, Ky., in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

More than 250 people attended the event.

The event theme, Faces of Progress, was meant to depict faces of individuals who have helped support and who have been supported in some way by the Angus Foundation in the past year.

“It is with immeasurable gratitude and appreciation to our generous financial supporters that we offer the Angus Foundation Supporter Recognition Event in Louisville each year,” says Milford Jenkins,

of this impact and our organization’s tireless efforts to help advance the Angus breed.”

Featured speakers for the event included emcees JanLee Rowlett, chairman of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Board of Directors from Hurricane Mills,

Tenn., and Megan Ahearn, foundation director of the NJAA Board of Directors from Wills Point, Texas. The junior directors provided testimonials on how the Angus Foundation has assisted them in reaching their goals and putting themselves through college. Angus Foundation Board Chairman Cathy Watkins of Middletown, Ind., also encouraged those in attendance to continue supporting the Angus Foundation’s youth, education and research programs.

Highlights of the event included honoring Camron “Cam” Cooper of The Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont., and Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., for reaching the prestigious “Angus Builder” donor level (\$100,000-\$249,000) in outright cash contributions during the 2012 fiscal year; a special presentation to National Junior Angus Show Carcass Steer Contest



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► Camron “Cam” Cooper of The Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont., was honored for reaching the Angus Builder donor level during the 2012 fiscal year. Phil Trowbridge, Ghent, N.Y., accepts the award from Megan Ahearn, NJAA Foundation director, Wills Point, Texas, on her behalf.



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► Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., were honored for reaching the Angus Builder donor level during the 2012 fiscal year. Long accepts the award from JanLee Rowlett, NJAA Board chairman, Hurricane Mills, Tenn.



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► Sara Stevenson, Hobson, Mont., announced that Angus producers in Montana have raised an additional \$10,000 for the Montana Angus Youth Scholarship (MAYS) endowment, originally endowed in 2011 at \$25,000 by the Montana Angus Association and the Montana Angus Auxiliary.

winners, including the champion winner Laramie Chaffin of Roodhouse, Ill., and reserve champion winner Caroline Cowles of Rockfield, Ky., by award sponsor Curtis Long; and recognition of Watkins for her service and leadership on the Angus Foundation Board of Directors during the past year.

A distinct part of the program each year is the announcements of new major gifts to the Angus Foundation. These announcements included a \$10,000 contribution by the Montana Angus Association and Montana Angus Auxiliary to expand the Montana Angus Youth Scholarship (MAYS) Endowment Fund those organizations established within the Angus Foundation last year, and a \$20,000 gift from Intrust Bank to fulfill the first phase of "The \$75,000 Card Challenge." In the second phase, through Dec. 31, 2012, Intrust Bank will continue to donate \$100 to the Angus Foundation for every new and activated Angus Platinum Visa® booked. If 300 more new and activated accounts are achieved before Dec. 31, Intrust Bank will throw in an additional \$25,000 to support the Angus Foundation.

Concluding the event was the auction of the Ruger® 10/22® Cattle Drive, a .22LR semi-automatic rifle, with all proceeds benefiting the Foundation's efforts to support youth, education and research programs. This limited-edition rifle, engraved with scenes of cattle drives that depict the story of the American West, was purchased for \$15,000 by David and Mary Ann McMahon of Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark.

The Angus Foundation was established in 1980 as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization to support Angus education, youth and research. To learn more about the Angus Foundation and the programs it supports, call the American Angus Association at 816-383-5100 or go to [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

**Editor's Note:** Katie Allen is director of marketing and public relations for the Angus Foundation.



► Dave and Mary Ann McMahon, Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., purchased the Ruger 10/22 Cattle Drive sold to benefit the Foundation's efforts to support youth, education and research programs. The limited-edition, .22LR semi-automatic rifle is engraved along both sides of its walnut stock with scenes of cattle drives that depict the story of the American West.



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►The winners of the Carcass Steer Contest at the National Junior Angus Show were recognized during the event. From left are Gil Cowles; Diane Cowles; Catherine Cowles (representing sister Caroline), Curtis Long, contest sponsor; Laramie Chaffin; and Annie Chaffin.



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►Linda Cullinan, senior manager of Intrust Bank, announced the continuation of the \$25,000 bonus offer from Intrust Bank's credit card challenge.



►Left: Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins recognized Cathy Watkins for her services as chairman of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors.