

Steady Progress

Bronze sculpture takes Vision of Value campaign to \$5.12 million.

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The Angus Foundation has announced that with \$5.12 million in outright cash gifts, pledges and planned giving commitments, it is steadily progressing toward its \$11-million Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus fundraising goal. The new amount, reached by auctioning the “Looking to the Future” bronze at the Angus Foundation’s Supporter Recognition Event Nov. 15, 2008, in Louisville, Ky., will help

the Angus Foundation continue its mission of supporting the education, youth and research activities of the Angus industry.

Bob Schlutz, former chairman of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors and Bryce Schumann, chief executive officer (CEO) of the American Angus Association, welcomed supporters to the event. National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Directors Mallory Trosper and Trey Davis introduced and recognized special guests and donors.

Bob Funk of Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla., and Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., were presented plaques for their respective gifts and/or pledges of \$100,000 or more to the Angus Foundation this year.

Walt Stinson, NJAA communications director, thanked the Angus Foundation for its support of NJAA programs and encouraged those in attendance to continue

to support the Angus Foundation in its fundraising efforts. Stinson stated that a wide array of NJAA activities are funded by the Angus Foundation.

Chairman of the campaign leadership cabinet Howard Hillman updated the Angus Foundation supporters on the progress of Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus. He highlighted the exciting growth the campaign has undergone this year and emphasized the need to continually give, encouraging others to join in this effort.

“With your ongoing support, the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus will continue to benefit everyone in the Angus industry, including breeders and commercial producers, friends of the breed and allied industry partners,” Hillman stated. “It is vital to the Angus breed to have the support that enables us to fund lifelong education, exciting youth programs and cutting-edge research.”

The evening’s festivities ended with the auctioning of the Curtis Fort bronze, “Looking to the Future,” by auctioneer Col. Steve Dorran. With a winning bid of \$40,000, Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark.; Tanner Farms, Shuqualak, Miss.; and Whitestone Farms, Aldie, Va., purchased the bronze sculpture.

Before making his closing remarks, Bob Schlutz was recognized with a plaque for his years of service as chairman of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors.

For more information about the campaign, contact Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president, at 816-383-5100 or visit www.angusfoundation.org.

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► Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark.; Tanner Farms, Shuqualak, Miss.; and Whitestone Farms, Aldie, Va., cast the winning bid of \$40,000 to purchase the “Looking to the Future” bronze sculpture. The purchase pushed the amount of outright cash gifts, pledges and planned giving commitments toward the Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus to \$5.12 million.



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