

Angus Foundation Supporters Light the Way



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The Angus Foundation hosted its 2014 Supporter Recognition Event Nov. 3 at the Hilton Hotel Kansas City Airport in conjunction with the first-ever Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show. Themed “Lighting the Way,” the event honored Angus Foundation supporters who have contributed \$250 or more during the past fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2013-Sept. 30, 2014).

“This wonderful event is our way of saying thank you to our supporters,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “These are just a few who enable the Angus Foundation to be successful, and, in turn, advance the Angus breed for years to come. Their giving allows us to invest in our mission of education, youth and research. They are shining a light for the Angus breed.”

More than 250 attendees listened to emcees Cory Watt, Iva, S.C., National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) chairman; Will Fiske, Greenville, Va., NJAB Foundation director; and Scott Foster, Niles, Mich., chairman of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors.

Highlights of the event included recognizing, posthumously, Thomas and Catherine Chambers of Chambers Angus, Ontario, Ore., as Angus Leaders who contributed \$250,000 or more during the fiscal year. Wilma Minix of Black Witch Farm, Athens, Ga.; Robert Funk of Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla.; and Charles W. and Judy Herbster of Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, Neb., were honored as Angus Builders who contributed \$100,000 or more during the fiscal year.

Additional highlights from the evening included a special presentation to the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Steer Carcass Contest winners and recognition of Chairman Foster for his service and leadership on the Angus Foundation Board of Directors.

Because of the generosity of its dedicated supporters, the Angus Foundation announced a new fiscal year total revenue record of more than \$2.4 million.

Lifetime giving

Featured for the second year was the Lifetime Giving Recognition Program, recognizing supporters with accumulative giving of \$25,000 or more since the organization’s inception in 1980.

Those recognized as Lifetime Angus Platinum Benefactors, giving \$25,000-\$49,999, were:

- Robert and Hollyce Neumeyer of Jaynbee Ranch, Bonners Ferry, Idaho;

- American Live Stock Insurance, Geneva, Ill.;
- Texas Angus Auxiliary; and
- Sysco Newport Meat Co., Irvine, Calif. Recognized as Lifetime Angus Patrons, giving \$50,000-\$99,999, were:
 - Bill and Betty Werner of Werner Angus, Cordova, Ill.; and
 - Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa. Lifetime Angus Builders, recognized for donating \$100,000-\$249,999, were:
 - Wilma Minix of Black Witch Farms, Athens, Ga.;
 - Tom and Lois Ames of Spruce Mountain Ranch LLC, Larkspur, Colo.;
 - Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), Wooster, Ohio; and
 - Dwight “Kip” Palmer of Palmer Foods Service/G&C Foods, Syracuse, N.Y. Recognized as a Lifetime Angus Leader, donating \$250,000-\$499,999, was:
 - Robert Funk of Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla.

Lastly, Thomas and Catherine Chambers of Chambers Angus, Ontario, Ore., were recognized posthumously at the Lifetime Angus Visionary level of giving, having donated \$500,000-\$999,999 to the Angus Foundation.

Comprehensive lists of Lifetime Giving and annual supporters of the Angus Foundation are included in the Angus Foundation’s *2014 Annual Report*, which is available upon request.

In a special presentation through the Angus Foundation’s planned giving program, the Angus Legacy Society, Joe and Susanne Bush of J&S Ranch, Gatesville, Texas, announced the Angus Foundation as the primary charitable beneficiary of their estate, formally bequeathing their ranch and other significant assets to the Angus Foundation. Proceeds will establish the Joseph and Susanne Bush/J&S Ranch Scholarship and Junior Activities Endowment Fund, supporting Angus youth undergraduate scholarships and junior activities.

To conclude the event, the Angus Foundation auctioned the *Building an Angus Legacy!* final No. 4, limited-edition granite planter. Purchased for \$32,000 by Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., the exquisite engraved planter is beautifully displayed at the entrance of the American Angus Association headquarters building at Saint Joseph, Mo.

Doug and Sharon Stevenson of Basin Angus, Joliet, Mont., purchased the final wall paver for \$8,000. It is also displayed at the entrance.

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