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"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life."
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The Angel Foundation Update

Yearly Report on The Angel Foundation--a nonprofit organization facilitating final wishes for adults in Ohio 2009-2010

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Picture perfect

Patricia Nance of Latty wanted all of her five children together as she knew her time was getting closer.

Her daughter, Emma, and grandson, Nathan, came to The Angel Foundation with her request of an airline ticket to bring Patricia's daughter, April, home from Texas.

The day that April came home was the most exciting day for Patricia because four years had past since she last seen her.

For the first time in many years, she was surrounded by all of her loved ones. During the week that the family was together, The Angel Foundation also made arrangements for Denise Davis, owner of Shutterbugg in Van Wert to take family portraits.

Denise donated everything from the sitting fee to many pictures for the family. The highlight of Patricia's week was her birthday—the family took her to her favorite place, Red Lobster. Everyone came out and sang "Happy Birthday" to her while she celebrated her special dinner with her family.

Patricia spent more than 30 years as a nurse providing loving, compassionate care to her patients. She is truly an angel in heaven and will be missed by all whom she touched in her lifetime.



Jessica Fortman and family of Defiance

Always loved lighthouses

Jessica Fortman, 28 of Defiance wanted take a trip with her family to Marble Head to see a lighthouse for the first time and then spend a few days at Put-N-Bay.

Due to her rare disease, she has a difficult time getting around without the assistance of a walker or wheelchair.

Jessica states that "their children (ages 7,6, and 3) face on a daily basis, the stress of having a terminally ill mother."

She wants nothing more than for the family to take a break and be able to make some fun memories with her while she still can.

Within a couple of weeks, a package was put together for the family to fulfill Jessica's wish. The family started their trip visiting the lighthouse at Marblehead.

Jessica was able to finally see in person what she had only seen pictures. After visiting the lighthouse, they were on their way to Put-In-Bay.

Everyone enjoyed the ride on the Jet Express to the island. When they arrived, Linda and Denny Rectenwald, owners of Harriet's House & Island Suites picked them up and took them back to their room.

They donated a cart for the family to use during their stay on the island. The family spent their time together on the tour bus, exploring butterfly house, playing war of 18 holes, visiting the Heineman's Winery, touring the caves, swimming, eating out, and sight seeing.

On the morning of the last day on the island, Denny and Linda gave the family a gift certificate to Pasquales for breakfast. Jessica and her family had a very memorable trip. Jessica and Jason wrote "thank you from the bottom of our hearts".

Jessica and her social worker, Lindsey, have made a memory box for each of her children. During the trip, many pictures were taken and have been added for her children to always remember their special trip together.



Patricia Nance family of Latty



Making family memories

Larry Southward, 47, of Springfield had a goal "to make a memory" for his family, and he asked his social worker, Tami to assist him in making it a reality.

Larry's plan was to take his wife and children, Luke and Amber, to Disney World. With his health starting to deteriorate two years ago, he was told that he would never return to work and more recently he was admitted to a hospice program.

Tami contacted The Angel Foundation with Larry's wish. Within a short time, it was decided that Larry had become too weak to make the trip to



Larry Southward and his family, Tami, Luke, II, Amber, 7 of Springfield.

Florida and something closer to home would be more appropriate and not so exhausting. Several ideas were discussed.

Andrea, his wife, had stated that they loved going to Kings Island when they first met and not very far away. She mentioned that the Howl-O-Fest was going on at Kings Island and the Great Wolf Lodge Water Park was nearby.

Arrangements were made for the family to stay at the lodge. Luke and Amber had a great time swimming as Larry was able to relax and watch his kids beaming with joy.

The next day they went to Kings Island with the kids dressed up for the Howl-O-Fest. While they were there they painted pumpkins.



Couple enjoys trip to Tennessee

Christy Cline of West Portsmouth initially wanted to take a family vacation with her husband, grown children and grandchildren—14 in all.

Several options were explored—her first desire was to go to Myrtle Beach. However, the financial situations for everyone involved made that impossible.

Christy was diagnosed with stage-four breast cancer and was determined to fight as long as possible for her family. She stated that she "had so much to look forward to" watching her grandchildren grow up.

Her husband, Hershel, "has not wavered at all during this difficult journey. Their love for one another has only grown

more deeply than both of them could have imagined."

Her family is a very close one and Christy wanted to make great memories with her family and forget about the cancer, even if only for a short time. Several times, Christy's wish was put on hold to help another family member in need.

Eventually, she decided that a wish to Tennessee with her husband would be nice because they had not been able to take a trip together for many years.

Arrangements were made for Hershel and Christy to stay in Pigeon Forge. During the week they were there, they were able to see the Dixie Stampede, visited Dollywood, and watched the shows.



Christy and Hershel Cline of West Portsmouth

When they returned, Christy stated "just to get away from it all was real blessing, just seeing the beautiful hills with all of the fall colors. Everything was wonderful, thank you all again."



Father/son trip to Montana reunites brothers

James Pope, 53 of Belle Center had Lung Cancer and wanted to go to Montana to spend time with his brother, Dave, because he had never been there before.

"It would be great to be able to take my son, Shawn, so that we could enjoy the sights together," James wrote. "With always working and being divorced, I have not been able to spend as much time doing things with my son as I would have liked to."

With James's brother living so far away, they only see each other every five years. Flight arrangements were made so that

James and Shawn could fly out to Montana for a week to spend time with Dave.

During their stay, they spent time catching up, swapping stories about the past. The highlight of their trip was taking a Snow Coach Tour of Yellowstone together. All three of the gentlemen had a wonderful time during their week together.

First family vacation

Gary Green of Hicksville wanted to take his wife and daughters (ages 7 & 15) to Branson, Missouri for a family vacation.

He has had congestive heart failure for about 10 years resulting in the failure of his liver and lungs. Because of his health condition, he is not eligible for a heart transplant that he needs.

The family has never been able to really take a vacation together. Due to his health, it was decided that a closer trip to Tennessee was more appropriate and arrangements were

made for a trip to the Pigeon Forge area.

During the week they were there, they were able to see the Dixie Stampede, visited Dollywood, watched the shows, and went to Ripley's Believe It or Not, and the aquarium.

The girls were able to go swimming and Gary was able to relax in the whirlpool, which he enjoyed very much. They finished out their week traveling to Galveston to visit with family they had not been able to see in a long time. Gary and his family had a great time on their first vacation as a family

"Trip of a lifetime"

As Hospice of the Western Reserve Shared Care team in Ashtabula got to know Lonnie Nelson, he revealed to them that the only sister he had left out of 16 siblings called him every Sunday.

His sister lives in California and has physical limitations herself. Each Sunday she would call to say, "I wish you could come for a visit."

When asked what gave him hope, Lonnie would say, "I wish I could see my sister." But, financial limitations on both sides prohibited a visit. The Angel Foundation made a five day trip to California possible.

The brother and sister were ecstatic to meet each other again after 20 years. Lonnie and his wife stayed in a camper nearby, but Lonnie did not want to leave his sister even when sight-seeing opportunities were offered by younger family members.

Lonnie and his wife, Debbie enjoyed the plane ride, meeting his sister and brother's families. They also enjoyed the fresh fruit, chicken enchiladas, sitting under an avocado tree, sleeping in the camper and the comfortable climate. It was a "trip of a lifetime."



Brothers brought together

A gentleman from Newark who chose to remain anonymous was diagnosed with metastatic melanoma. He wanted to fly to Michigan for a visit with his older brother so he could spend time with him.

The Angel Foundation made all the arrangements, but deterioration in health made it necessary to cancel the trip shortly before the scheduled flight.

The Angel Foundation then made flight arrangements for the brother to come to Newark for a visit. The wish recipient and his brother spent time reminiscing and enjoyed sitting around bonfires at another brother's home. The wish recipient's sister said the visit was "wonderful and it wouldn't have happened without the Angel Foundation."

Memorable family roadtrip

James "Lee" Selmon, 44 of Williamsport, knew what he wanted for his family within moments of being diagnosed with lung cancer.

A proud husband and father to five children (ages two to 14), he envisioned a road trip with the assistance of his brother to Disney World.

Arrangements were made for the family to begin their journey within a few weeks. Lee's social worker, Courtney, graciously lent the family her vehicle to use for the trip to accommodate everyone. Lee's wife, Debbie, and his brother, Raymond, took turns driving to Florida.

When they first arrived, they visited with Lee's brother in Cocoa Beach. After a short time visiting, he was surprised by his

two sisters' who flew in to see him.

This was the first time they had all been together in a long time. During their visit, they shared stories, visited the beach, and enjoyed dinner together. Once they arrived at Disney, Brooklyn (age 4) wanted a pair of Mickey Mouse ears. When she put them on, Lee had the brightest, most magical smile on his face that stayed for the entire trip.

The family enjoyed watching the shows and parade, seeing the different parks, and the "incredible" Safari ride. Many wonderful memories were made during the week the family spent together.

Lee passed away within a few weeks of returning home. Debbie was very grateful for the opportunity for Lee to see the joy on his children's faces in such a magical place.

Christmas wish

With Christmas coming, a 63-year old father with lung cancer wanted to thank his wife and children for standing by his side.

The Angel Foundation presented the family with a Playstation 3 along with a game.

"We had a wonderful family Christmas this year thanks to The Angel Foundation," the family wrote in a thank you note.

Visiting family in New York

Lawrence Coupal of Fairborn wished to visit his family in New York. In her letter to the Angel Foundation, Lawrence's wife, Marcella, wrote that Lawrence had not seen his family since 1996.

Lawrence moved to Ohio so his disabled wife could be close to her family. Lawrence had a desire to see his Mom, four brothers, two sisters and several aunts and uncles while his health would permit it.

The Angel Foundation purchased round-trip airline tickets for Lawrence and Marcella and a room for them while they are in New York.



Disney birthday wish

Tonda McMichael of Van Wert received a 50th birthday trip to Disney World through the Angel Foundation. McMichael is in the end stages of a bout with melanoma cancer. The cancer has metastasized throughout her body.

Tonda started collecting Disney paraphernalia about seven years ago and has always dreamed of going to Disneyland in California for her 50th birthday on May 25.

After she contacted The Angel Foundation, it was decided that due to the advanced condition of her illness that a shorter trip, the sooner the better, would be more appropriate. McMichael traveled with her aunt and two nieces. The Angel Foundation provided air fare, lodging and food and spending money for the trip.



Smiley faces mark Disney trip

A 37-year old nurse and mother of three, who chose to remain anonymous, wanted to take her family to Disney World.

She and her husband had been planning the trip to Disney when she was diagnosed in June 2008 with breast cancer. After going through five months of chemo and a double mastectomy, the cancer had already returned before she could start radiation.

Over the next few months, the cancer had spread into her lymph nodes and liver. Realizing that they were not able to make the trip to Disney financially was very hard as they told the kids. Her brother had heard about The Angel Foundation and called.

He talked to his sister and her husband about considering a wish to Disney for the family, especially while she was feeling pretty good. The trip was planned for them to leave in three weeks—right after school was out.

Both sets of grandparents even traveled with them to help with the kids. They had t-shirts made for all of them to wear to find each other easily—they even had smiley faces printed on the back. When they arrived at the airport, they were complimentary



Family trip to Florida

A 29-year old mom battling advanced breast cancer wanted to take her husband and their 3 children on a trip to Ft Myers, Fla. She wanted to see her father and family that she had not been able to see in years.

During their time in Florida, they were able to stay with family and visit the beach. SunSplash Waterpark donated tickets for the family to spend the day. They also received complimentary tickets to Mike Greenwells Family Fun Park where they were able to golf, play arcade games, and ride go carts.

The Angel Foundation Remembers:

The Angel Foundation remembers the following wish recipients who died this past year:



- ❖ Eric Babcock
- ❖ Leah Head
- ❖ Patricia Nance
- ❖ James Pope
- ❖ James Selmon
- ❖ Larry Southward
- ❖ Carolyn Swann

Brother, sister-in-law reunion

A gentleman from Fulton County battling esophageal cancer wanted to bring his sister-in-law home to be with the family for not only physical support, but emotional support as well.

He wrote, "it is very important to me to have all of my family together during this trying time."

The Angel Foundation made arrangements for a plane ticket home. During the time she was home, she was able to spend quality time with her loved one and family.

"My brother-in-law was glad to see me, even though he was not able to talk, he could still communicate through his eyes. It was like he was saying thanks for being here for my wife and girls," the sister-in-law wrote.

"With the holidays coming around this year and our families still adjusting to the loss we give thanks to the Angel Foundation for the support they gave in granting a wish that was so appreciated by all."



A bed for Mom

Carolyn Swann from Antwerp had a special glow about her that was infectious to anyone around her.

She had been diagnosed with brain cancer and she knew time was running out. Carolyn had told her daughters many times she wanted to see her mom before she died.

With that in mind, her daughters discussed this with her hospice nurse, Melissa. With Melissa's help, they submitted Carolyn's wish to The Angel Foundation. The request was simple—two nights lodging and a bed so her mom would have a place to stay.

Carolyn lived in a trailer park surrounded by many friends. The owner of the park, Mary Leinard, was familiar with hospice and wanted to help out any way she could.

As fate would have it, she had an empty trailer across the road from the one Carolyn

lived in, they just needed a bed. The Angel Foundation contacted Phil Farris from P&R Medical Connection and they too wanted to help. They donated a bed and arrangements were made for them to deliver it the next day.

Because Carolyn's mom could not drive, her aunt made the trip with her. The day her mom walked through the door, Carolyn just beamed with joy.

During her mom's stay, they were able to catch up on the past because they had not seen each other in years. There were many memories, laughter, and smiles shared among the two of them.



A simple wish for home

Eric Babcock from Napoleon was a patient at the Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center and longed to be at home one last time with his wife and children.

"[Dad] had been battling a second round of cancer for over two years," Eric's son, Brad, wrote. "Hospice was a great choice for my father's care. It became a second home for my family during this trying time."

Eric also had a very special visitor while he was at the hospice center--NASCAR racing driver and Indianapolis 500 winner, Sam Hornish, Jr. A native of Defiance, Hornish and his family donated to the campaign to build the facility.

Nevertheless, being away from home for more than a month and facing the end-of-life at age 40 was taking its toll on Eric psychologically.

In order for him to go home, he needed to be accompanied by a nurse. Valerie Johnson, an LPN at the center, was very excited about the privilege to assist Eric in his visit home.



While at the inpatient hospice center, Eric Babcock received a visit from NASCAR driver and Indy 500 winner, Sam Hornish Jr. (right).

"There was no fanfare, no party," Johnson said. "This was a simple wish for a quiet man who was longing for the sense, peace, and tranquility one can only find at home."

He visited with his wife, two adult sons, Brad and Ryan, and his seven-year-old daughter, Lydia, and their five cats and two dogs for four short hours.

Businesses team up for birthday party

The letter from social worker, Tami Clark reads: "Leah is a kind and caring lady. She has a gentle and quiet spirit. Family is her strength."

Leah Head from Springfield has coped with a long history of medical issues. Twelve years ago, she had a brain aneurysm that left her unable to live alone and just two years ago, she was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Her daughter, Shamla has always been by her side to take care of her. In her journey, Leah has taught her family to make each day a new beginning. Leah knew her 66th birthday was just around the corner and "wanted to be able to give something back to her family to thank them and celebrate her birthday together."

Initially, Leah wanted to go to Great Wolf Lodge for her celebration with her daughter and grandchildren. Shamla realized her mother was becoming too weak to make the trip and wanted to know if they could have a birthday party for her mom instead.

A birthday party is exactly what we had! Everyone pitched in to let friends and other family members know about her special day.

A call was made to Brian Patterson of Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs. They graciously donated everything from the food, beverages, ice cream, dinnerware and a beautiful cake.

Flowers and balloons were also delivered the day of her party. The florist even made a corsage just for Leah with her favorite flowers—an Easter lily, daisies and sunflowers.

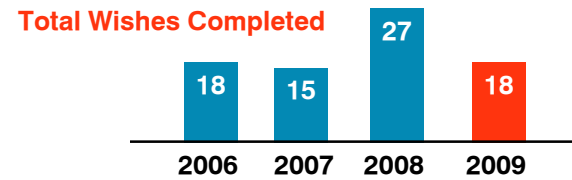
At the end of the afternoon, Leah gave everyone flowers to take with them as a small token of her love. Leah had a wonderful birthday celebration with her family and friends that day.

The Angel Foundation extends its sincere thanks to Young's Jersey Dairy for their generosity in helping to make beautiful memories for Leah's family and friends to always remember her.



2009 Annual Report

The Angel Foundation completed a record 18 wishes this year (from Oct. '08- Sep. '09). Several additional wish requests are received each year that cannot be fulfilled. Sometimes the request is made too late, when the recipient only has a few days remaining; other times, the recipient's health quickly deteriorates or they expire.

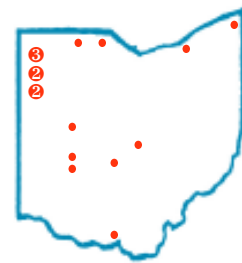


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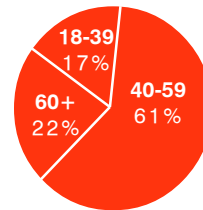
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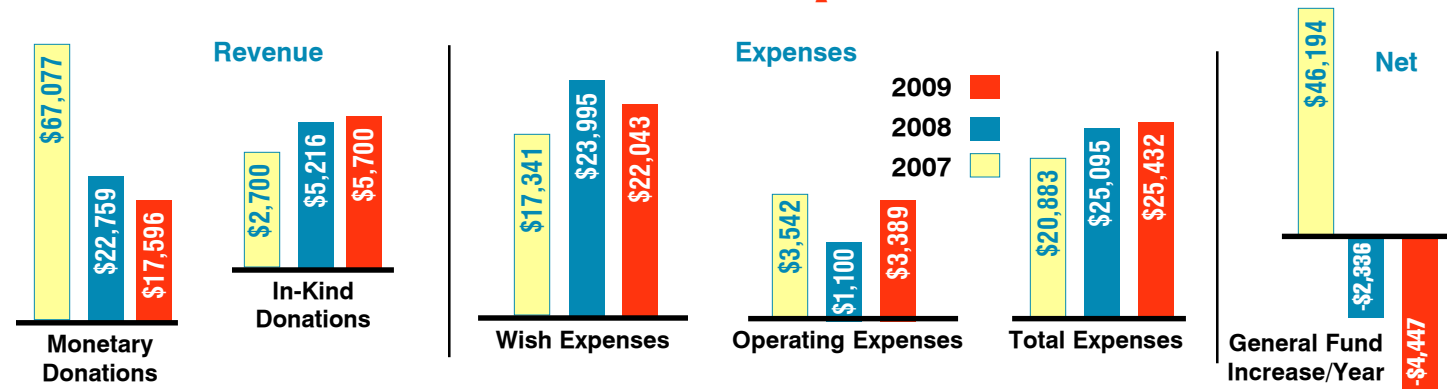
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Financial Reports



Like most nonprofit organizations, The Angel Foundation is feeling the effects of poor economic conditions. Monetary donations were down 23% from 2008. (A portion of a large estate was received in 2007). Wish expenses decreased by 8% with nine fewer completed wishes. However, the average cost per wish was up 38%. In-kind donations increased by 9%. Operating expenses were nearly tripled due to some nonrefundable costs for wishes that were put together only to have the recipient expire and the development of our website. Monetary donations were down. Overall, our general fund experienced a \$4,447 loss for the year, following a \$2,336 loss in 2008. The board decided to suspend Disney wishes (our most expensive wish), and limit the number of wishes for certain portions of the state. Your financial support is needed, since we are completely reliant on private, individual, business and organizational donations. The attached envelope makes it convenient to send in your tax-deductible gift. You can also donate on-line at our website www.TheAngelFoundation.net.

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Team Galaxy at Van Wert Middle School, consisting of the sixth-grade classes of Mr. Moody, Mrs. Morris and Mr. Prichard, raised \$275 from its sixth annual bake sale to benefit The Angel Foundation.



Jean Miller of The Angel Foundation was presented the donation by Jesse Parks and (Back, L_R) Jonah Karhoff and Hannah Stemen.

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Team Galaxy set a goal of \$275 for the event. If they reached the goal, Mr. Moody agreed to have his head shaved by members of the team.