

Valentine's Day reunion

With his health continuing to decline from liver cancer, Jose Ramos of Defiance wanted his daughters from Texas to come for a visit.

He and his son Michael had talked to the hospice social worker about the possibility of The Angel Foundation helping with the cost of the airline tickets. Arrangements were made for the

daughters to fly home within a few days.

During their visit, they decorated Jose's room with pictures and Valentine's Day décor, made homemade soup, and took many pictures. Jose was very happy to see his daughters and they were so grateful for the opportunity to spend precious time together.

Our Mission:

To fulfill wishes for terminally-ill adults throughout Ohio

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life."

-Proverbs 13:12, NLT

Family vacation

Realizing that with her prognosis time was limited, 51-year-old Tamara Compston of Carrollton knew each moment with her family was precious. A family vacation to Pigeon Forge, Tenn. is exactly what she needed to focus on having fun with her loved ones and make lasting memories. Her social worker had discussed The Angel Foundation with her and the possibility of making her wish come true. Arrangements were made for the family to stay in the "Dreamcatchers Spirit" cabin for five days and the Dixie Stampede donated two tickets for an evening show. Tamara was grateful for the opportunity to be in an environment with her family gathered around surrounded by love and support.

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"One Last Great Thing"

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A date night with her daughters

There are very few things in life that 69 year-old Jacqueline Libecap of Huber Heights doesn't enjoy doing, and it doesn't take much to make her happy.

But, the one thing that she has always enjoyed is when her husband would take her out for a steak dinner on Saturday nights - something she looked forward to each week.

This was their date night to talk, enjoy each other's company and connect. Even after he passed away 15 years ago, Jacqueline continued their tradition by taking herself out for a steak dinner on Saturdays as a way to remember a special time in her life with the man she dearly loved.

Shortly after being diagnosed with a terminal illness, she was no longer able

to get out of the house. During a visit with her social worker, Cindy, she expressed a desire for a steak dinner with her four daughters.

Cindy contacted The Angel Foundation regarding the request and arrangements were made.

Steak dinners for Jacqueline and her daughters were prepared by Carver's Steaks and Chops of Dayton and delivered to Jacqueline's home on Saturday night. In addition, Jan's Flower & Gift Shop of Vandalia graciously donated a floral arrangement.

Jacqueline wrote: "My girls were so happy for the gift you provided for us. We didn't have to be in Las Vegas, Miami or another country to make our wish happen. It happened in my home around a table of delightful food. We felt like queens!"



A week in Mayberry

Charles Rose of Canton was a big fan of *The Andy Griffith Show* and always wanted to visit Mount Airy, NC., Andy Griffith's hometown, upon which the fictional Mayberry was based.

With his health continuing to decline due to ALS, arrangements needed to be made quickly for Charles and his girlfriend, Melissa,

During their four-day stay in the iconic town, they visited the Andy Griffith Museum, took a tour in the squad car, and watched a bluegrass

session at the historic Earl Theatre.

Charles enjoyed the trip and was grateful for the opportunity to have his wish come true. Upon returning from the trip, he stated he was ready to move to Mount Airy because it was so nice and peaceful.



"I firmly believe that in every situation no matter how difficult, God extends grace greater than the hardship and strength and peace of mind that can lead us to a place higher than where we were before."

- Andy Griffith

Lunch date

After recently being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, Christine Wistinghausen of Defiance wanted to spend time with her friends. A lunch date was arranged for her and three of friends to enjoy her favorite meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and pumpkin pie at a local restaurant. Christine was also presented with a corsage for her special day. Everyone had a great time and shared many laughs.

College graduation

For a 53 year-old anonymous wish recipient with stage-4 lung cancer, family has always been the key to her happiness.

Once her only son began college, the amount of time they could spend together was very limited. Now with his college graduation from Columbia University in New York City quickly approaching, she could hardly wait to see her son walk to receive his degree as he was a double-major.

Living on a very limited income because she could no longer work, she decided to submit an application in hopes that she would receive the financial assistance she needed to make the trip.

Earnestine's wish was granted to see her son graduate. He also moved back home to spend some time with his mom before beginning a new career.

A trip to Holy Land

Linda Ridgway and Brenda Herbrock of North Canton have been best friends for years—in fact, their children grew up together and they were more like family.

Linda was diagnosed with Stage 4 Sarcoma Cancer. Even more disappointing was the fact that treatment was not an option due to the advanced stage of the cancer.

"Everything happened so fast, it's still all pretty new to me," she stated in her wish request letter.

Brenda, determined to help her friend in any way she could, asked her over dinner one evening what the first thing on her "bucket list" was. As the two friends chatted, Linda talked about how she always wanted to visit Israel because she "wanted to be able to walk where Jesus walked and see his tomb."

Now facing her terminal illness, her dream seemed out of reach. Linda also talked about a place called the Holy Land in Orlando, Florida and how it

has the history of Jesus and that she felt she could make the trip if she had some assistance with the expenses.

Brenda contacted The Angel Foundation to see what could be done to help her friend. Within a week, Linda's wish came true to visit the Holy Land.

Once the friends returned, Linda wrote: "The whole trip was more than I could have ever expected. Holy Land was beautiful. The grounds were just more breath taking than you can write about and the programs and everyone there were just wonderful."

The trip also allowed Linda the opportunity to visit with her brother in Florida as well as Brenda's daughter, husband and child who they hadn't seen in many years.

"You really can't know the depth of the whole trip for me. Because of my illness, I didn't know if I would ever get to see any of them again and I just can't tell you in words what this trip meant to me. I'll never be able to express on



paper what is in my heart for you and The Angel Foundation and how you have given me so much more than just a trip. I really don't know what to say because a mere thank you doesn't even begin to express how I feel."

**The Angel Foundation would like to thank "Austin" from the Fairfield Inn & Suites Orlando near Universal Orlando Resort. Austin was so helpful during their stay, making them feel at home and provided information about the area. He even suggested a show at a comedy club close by. Brenda said the show was fantastic and had the two of them laughing all night.

Captain Chemo delivers hope to sick kids

Writing children's short stories provided a way for 48-year-old Renee Robinson, of Baltimore, Oh. to cope with her cancer.

Renee studied writing and communications. In addition to children books, she wrote fiction, poetry while fighting terminal colon cancer for four years.

Her father planted the seed of writing books for children with life threatening diseases, injuries and disabilities. Thus the book, "Captain Chemo: Out Cancer Out!" was born.

Renee had already written several books and is in Amazon's Top 100 in children's book sales, but her new book was very meaningful to her.

In the book, Renee was able to deal with cancer in simple terms designed to inform children a little about the

disease in a gentle, positive way. The stories are upbeat, non-threatening and meant to deliver hope. With Captain Chemo on your side, you are never alone.

The dedication inside reads: "To the children who fight to live. To the children who fought and won. To the children who will fight in the future. Hold onto Captain Chemo and be strong just like him. Think of happy thoughts when you are down and remember hope never runs out."

Renee's wish was to have her book made available to all children facing serious illnesses at Columbus area hospitals.



The board of The Angel Foundation unanimously decided to sponsor \$500 in books that were distributed between the Nationwide Children's Hospital and local hospices/hospitals in Renee's community.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist Renee with her wish in helping children who are battling cancer with the help of Captain Chemo.

A taste of the South

Kermit Castle wanted to enjoy a good ole southern meal with his family.

Kermit lived in Defiance but he originally came from the South. His request was for a "good" southern meal.

Through The Angel Foundation, a meal for nearly 20 family members was provided by Classic Catering by Kim Brown, of Defiance and served at the hospice center where Kermit was a patient.

Kermit was never married and did not have any children, but he has a

sister and she came with her children and their children.

They had fried chicken -- the most important thing -- and mashed potatoes and gravy, corn pudding, green beans, and biscuits and gravy.

The family and Kermit really enjoyed the meal and even had leftovers for the next day.



Time with great grandkids



the grandkids. The staff at the hotel was so wonderful and accommodating - they hated to see her leave.

During their four-day visit, the Capital Theatre in Wheeling, WV generously donated several tickets to the "The Legends" show for Lorraine, her daughter, and grandchildren.

Lorraine really enjoyed the show, so much in fact that it was the highlight of her trip. They also drove to "The Wilds" safari park and conservation center and went on a tour.

For Lorraine Williams of Hicksville, being able to visit her granddaughter and great grandkids that she hadn't seen for a while was very important to her.

Due to the medical expenses from lung cancer, she knew she couldn't afford to make the trip on her fixed income.

The Angel Foundation made arrangements for the grandmother to travel with her daughter, Deb, to see the grandchildren.

Lorraine and Deb stayed at the Days Inn & Suites in Belmont, Oh., close to

Lorraine had a great time during her visit and greatly appreciated the opportunity to be reunited with her precious grandchildren.

Her granddaughter, Jackie said "It was great to see my grandmother laughing and so full of life during our visit. We are so grateful for the time we could spend with her."

Mother and son reunited

A 76-year-old woman from Hicksville who wanted to remain anonymous, wanted to see her only son. Due to financial constraints, The Angel Foundation provided funds for food and gas in order for the son from North Carolina to make the trip home to Ohio. The mother and son were thankful for the time they were able to spend together, laughing and reminiscing about old times.

Anniversary Drive

David Christner of Millersburg, retired in 2012 as an electrical safety inspector due to being diagnosed with ALS. He enjoyed his job very much over the years as it allowed him to work on commercial building sites and interact with fellow electricians.

One of the things he missed was not being able to see the new buildings and additions that had gone up around Holmes County since his retirement.

Due to utilizing a motorized chair to get around, David would need a wheelchair-accessible van for the trip.

Holmes Transport graciously donated a driver and use of their van. David and his wife, Carol, enjoyed an afternoon drive on the day of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Lou was their driver and did a great job working with David in making sure that he was comfortable.

It was a beautiful May afternoon for the drive and David had the route all planned out. Lou not only took him to the buildings, but also drove up to them so David could see everything.

The Posey Pad donated a lovely bouquet of flowers. David and Carol said "everything was just perfect."

A weekend of BIG laughs!

The request was fairly simple: romantic hotel, lobster dinner, and a comedy show. Sandra Pfab, 61, of Wauseon was battling lung cancer and wanted to take a honeymoon with her husband that they never had.

After making a few phone calls, The Angel Foundation had all of the reservations in place. For the first night of the honeymoon, the Belamere Suites in Perryburg donated a Presidential Suite for a one night stay.

For the first time in a while, Sandra was able to take a real shower in the room's walk-in shower. She also enjoyed sleeping in a regular bed instead of a hospital bed.

On the second night, The Ramada Inn Toledo donated a Presidential Suite. After checking in, the couple enjoyed a lobster dinner donated by The Real Seafood Company; Kelly, the general manager made them feel welcome and a part of the family.

Harry and Sandra enjoyed a delicious meal with wonderful people. Following dinner, they were treated to a comedy show featuring Heywood Banks.

Mark Anderson, Owner of Laff's Comedy Club graciously donated the tickets and food for the show.

Sandra wrote in a letter of thanks to The Angel Foundation: "Thank you all so very much for the wonderful things you have done for us! You have no idea how much this meant to this dying old lady!"

Harry and I had a wonderful time and could not have asked for a better time. Other than the not walking thing, I almost forgot I am dying of cancer.

I can't express how grateful I am for all you wonderful people whom donated everything to us. The rooms we had were just beautiful and relaxing. We truly felt so important to everyone. Thank you for all of the wonderful memories I will hold in my heart.

I also want to tell you how grateful we are for the comedy club! Laughs all the way around. The meet and greet was so cool. Mr. Heywood Banks was so kind and really funny. His kindness was so wonderful and funny. I laughed so hard I tinkled! I wish him all the best and many more years of keeping people laughing.



Sandra Pfab enjoyed a meet & greet with comedian Heywood Banks.

The biggest and greatest thank you goes to all the wonderful people whom give dying people like me a chance to have one last great thing.

Well, I must say all of you have made this dying old lady feel very special and very happy!

Thank you will never be enough... but it is all I have. So THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart to all who made this possible for me and my husband. Prayers to you all."

A trip to visit family in Arizona

Christopher Hooker of Cuyahoga Falls always enjoyed watching and being a part of his son Garrett's football games, riding his motorcycle and playing pool.

During the summer of 2014, he was diagnosed with liver cancer and quickly began treatment to shrink the tumors. The doctor's initially gave him a year to 18 months to live, but just a couple months later the tumors had progressed shortening his time.

The family contacted The Angel Foundation in hopes that they would be able to take a trip to visit family in Arizona that Chris wanted to see before he died.

They had been living paycheck to paycheck and had no way to pay for the airfare. Time was of the essence because of the uncertainty of when Chris would lose the remaining function he still had.

The Angel Foundation purchased airline tickets for the family of three for a 10-day visit. The trip meant so much



to Chris because he was able to get away from doctor's appointments and spend precious time with his wife, son and extended family.

Jennifer wrote: "We are forever grateful that a friend forwarded the information about the foundation to me

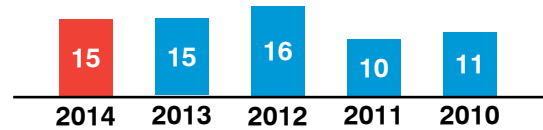
and that you were so quick in helping us.

Chris's family in Tucson was so very grateful for the chance to see Chris. Without your help, they would otherwise not have been able to. My family will never forget the kindness that was shown by The Angel Foundation."

Annual Report

The Angel Foundation completed 15 wishes from Oct. '13 - Sep. '14. 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.

Completed Wishes



Ohio Counties Served in 2014

- Carroll County
- Defiance County (5 - wishes)
- Fulton County
- Holmes County
- Lucas County
- Montgomery County
- Perry County
- Stark County (2 - wishes)
- Summit County
- Van Wert County

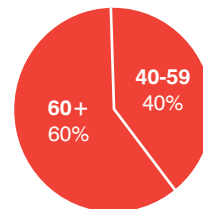
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Ramada Hotel Toledo, Toledo, OH

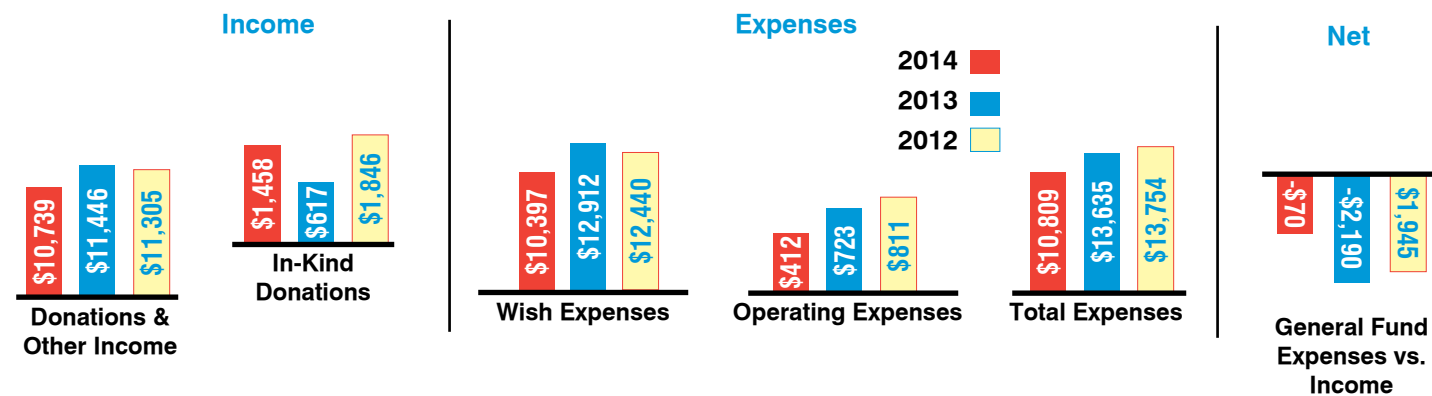
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In Memory of:

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Connie Drake

Financial Reports



The number of completed wishes stayed the same and donations and income were down from last year. Our wish expenses were down by 19% this year, mostly due to less wishes involving air travel. The general fund experienced another deficit year, but only \$70 more expenses than income for the year. The average cost per wish was \$693, down 19% from 2013. In-kind donations increased sharply (136%) after a down year. Operating expenses continue to be low, but some expenses for 2014 came in late and will be reflected in next year's total.

Your financial support is always appreciated since we are completely reliant on private, individual donations. **Please consider sending a tax-deductible gift; mail your check to:**

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Your continued financial support is appreciated. Thank you!

The Angel Foundation Remembers:

The following recipients who passed this past year:

- ❖ Kermit Castle
- ❖ Tamara Compston
- ❖ Chris Hooker
- ❖ Stanley Mozingo
- ❖ Sandra Pfab
- ❖ Jose Ramos, Sr.
- ❖ Renee Robinson
- ❖ Charles Rose
- ❖ Lorraine Williams
- ❖ Christine Wistinghausen



Daughter's graduation party

He had a big heart and loved being with his family. Stan Mozingo, 55, of Ohio City and his wife, Sandy, had been married for 25 years and were blessed with two beautiful daughters.

In his free time, Stan enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting for arrowheads. In 2013, he was diagnosed with cancer and decided to pursue treatment to fight the cancer with everything he had.

A year later, doctors told him there wasn't much more they could do for him. Knowing that time was running out, the family discussed taking a family vacation, but Stan wasn't well enough to go.

His daughter, Sadie, had just begun her senior year in high school and realizing how sick he was, a request was made for an early graduation party so Sadie's dad could experience the celebration with her.

Once The Angel Foundation received the request, a graduation party was quickly

planned. Friends had offered to help with the food; the cost of renting the building was waived and a majority of the decorations were donated by Celebrations Party Supply in Delphos.

The week before the party, the school was planning a mock graduation so Stan would be able to see his daughter receiving her diploma. Arrangements were even made for a photographer.

Unfortunately, Stan's condition took a turn for the worse and he passed away days before he could participate in the events.

****Sadie's graduation party has been rescheduled to be held in May 2015. On behalf of The Angel Foundation, our condolences go out to Sandy, Sadie and the rest of Stan's family. It's our hope that even though Stan is not with us today, you will find peace and comfort knowing that he is watching over you in May as you walk across the stage to receive your diploma.**