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If you are like me, you probably take for granted just how unique the Limousin family really is.

Ever since I joined the Limousin family people have talked about how great the cattle are, only to add “but the Limousin people are even better.”

I realize the above statement is not unique to our breed. Most people tend to embellish the organizations they belong to. However, in this case, I don't think the Limousin family needs to be built up or embellished. It stands firmly on its own merits.

If you have been a member of the Limousin family for any period of time at all, you probably don't need examples from me about just how fortunate you are to be tied in with such a special group of people. Just the same, I hope you don't mind if I relay an example of the Limousin family pulling together to help others.

As some of you remember, a couple of months ago we ran an obituary on Nathan Wright, a Limousin junior who was killed in a car accident. The accident sent shockwaves through the breed. During this time, another Limousin junior and friend of Nathan, Kendall Harsh, decided she would sell one of her Limousin show-heifer prospects and earmark the money to the Nathan Wright scholarship fund. I'll admit, that kind of thing happens fairly regularly. What happened next does not.

With the help and guidance of many, this donation blossomed. By the time it was said and done, members of the Limousin family joined forces with cattlemen associated with dozens of different breeds, as well as ag chapters all over the state of Oklahoma, to raise more than \$9,000 for the cause.

The drawing for the heifer was held during the Heritage In The Homeland Sale. After the winner, Kim Evans, was drawn, Kim announced she would in turn, sell the heifer at auction. This time to benefit the medical costs associated with a serious heart condition of Jhett Skaggs, the 10-month-old son of Brian and Audra Skaggs. The final gavel dropped at a price just shy of \$7,000 to Hubert Thomas, the grandfather of Nathan Wright.

By the time it was over, the donation of one junior, and the combined efforts of many, had resulted in nearly \$16,000 being generated for two different families. I can say without a doubt, neither Kendall, nor those who helped her turn her idea into a reality, ever dreamed this act of kindness and compassion would reach so far and touch so many.

People talk about how the future of this great nation, as well as our breed, lies in the hands of our young people. With examples abounding like the one described above, I for one will sleep well knowing we will be in safe hands when the time comes to pass the torch.

Examples like this drive home the point that Together Everyone Accomplishes More. The Limousin family is a great team, one we should all be proud to suit up for.

I would like to extend the warmest holiday wishes and season's greetings to each and every member of the Limousin family. Happy Holidays.

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