



Hello,

Please allow me introduce myself. My name is Amber Kiggens-Leifheit and I am the new Executive Director of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation. I have lived in Marshfield for the past 18 years, and am a Wisconsin native, growing up in Portage, Wisconsin. I am a University of Wisconsin-Madison alumnus (go Badgers!), graduating in 1979 with a BS in Medical Technology. I am married to Tom Leifheit, a physician at the clinic. We have two college-aged children: Matt and Kate. Matt attends the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, RI and Kate will be a freshman at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine this fall. I recently resigned as the Pathway Partners Mentoring Program Director as I was elected to serve on the school board here in Marshfield. I have experience working with non-profit agencies, serving in leadership roles with the Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity, Sister Cities, Pied Piper Preschool, the Personal Development Center, the Literacy Council of Wood County, and Pathway Partners.

Dean Markwardt served as the Executive Director for the last seven years. He led the Marshfield Community Foundation (MACF) with great compassion for the community. Under his superior leadership, the number and diversity of funds and projects grew at MACF. He will be missed.

I bring experience with non-profits, budget management, and interpersonal skills to my position. But equally important, I bring a passion to improve the quality of life in the Marshfield area. This is exactly what the Foundation does. Our mission is to “connect people who care with causes that matter to enrich the quality of life here in the Marshfield area”. MACF was founded in 1993 as a public charity managing a number of permanent endowment funds serving multiple community needs including arts and culture, education, environment, health, human services, and recreation. Over the years, MACF has managed funds to help make the Griese Park soccer field, the Wildwood Station Pavilion, the Skate Park, the Boson Tennis Facility, the Hamus Nature Preserve and Recreation Area, and many other worthwhile community projects a reality. MACF has given back over \$2.5 million in grants to our community. These grants have supported Mary’s Place Boarding House, the Personal Development Center, UW -Marshfield Wood County, Wildwood Zoological Society, the Lucille Tack Center for the Arts, both the Auburndale and Arpin libraries, as well as many other local non-profit organizations. In May MACF held it’s 11th annual scholarship reception awarding over 60 students with more than 70 scholarships totaling more than \$62,000. During this eleven-year period more than 425 students have benefited from over \$400,000 in scholarship moneys. We have several exciting new opportunities that I am eager to begin expanding. The recently created Women’s Giving Circle is looking for new members and valuable projects to invest the first grant monies in. We are also accepting grant requests for Community grants and grants for senior citizens. To learn more about the grant opportunities please contact me at (715) 384-9029 or macf@marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org. If you have questions about how you might get involved, please contact me. I look forward to working with you.