

## Marshfield Area Community Foundation Gives Back \$2.5 Million to the Community

Giving money back is what the Marshfield Area Community Foundation is all about. All of our funds generate charitable donations that go back into the community we serve. The Community Foundation has given back grants totaling \$2.5 million. The MACF supports programs and events compatible with its mission: *Connecting people who care with causes that matter to enrich the quality of life in the Marshfield area.* The Foundation makes grants for education, recreational, artistic/cultural, conservation, community enrichment and development, and other charitable or benevolent purposes. Agencies or organizations applying for funds must be serving citizens of the greater Marshfield area. We are requesting groups applying for funding for our 2009 grants.

**Community Grants** are our best means of responding to new or changing charitable needs in our community. Community Grants are supported by our Community Grants Fund, our Forever Fund, and several other funds, including the Heinzen Family Fund. Community Grants are discretionary grants awarded annually on a competitive basis. Last year the Marshfield Tiger Girls Hockey team received \$1000 to help fund their sport, The Circle of Life Community Coalition received \$1500 to help build capacity, New Visions Gallery received \$1000 to allow children to see their "Paws & Reflect" exhibit, and Pathway Partners received \$1500 to help establish a Leadership Marshfield for Youth Program.

A second source of discretionary grants is **The Senior Citizens Fund** that addresses the needs of our senior population. Last year the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Wisconsin was given \$1000 for programs to help seniors, the Personal Development Center was given \$625 to develop an Abuse in Later Life Program, and Companion Day Services was awarded \$1,100 to assist seniors in the time of need.

Another source of special funding is the new **Women's Giving Circle Fund**. This fund awards grants to programs that address the needs of women and/or children. Last year the Women's Giving Circle gave \$1050 to The Personal Development Center for domestic violence education materials, \$1750 was given for emergency energy assistance for economically disadvantaged women and children, and \$555 was given to Kiddie Kaboose for child care needs while parents attend high school.

Guidelines for **Community, Senior, and Women's Giving Circle Grants** are available on our website at <http://www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org/uploads/forms/CommunityGrantGuidelines2009.doc> . Applications are available at <http://www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org/uploads/forms/GrantApplication2009.doc> . **The deadline for submitting grant applications is August 15th, 2009.**



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