



Marshfield Area Community Foundation Celebrates Community Foundation Week.

The Marshfield Area Community Foundation will join more than 700 community foundations across the United States in celebrating charitable giving during Community Foundation Week, November 12-18, 2009. Community foundations are one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy in the United States, with total assets of more than \$50 billion. Every state in the U.S. is home to at least one community foundation. Although community foundations make up only 1 percent of all U.S. grantmaking foundations, they account for more than 9 percent of all foundation giving. In 2007, community foundations gave an estimated \$4.1 billion to a variety of nonprofit activities.

Community foundations in Wisconsin hold assets totaling over \$1.3 billion. Across the state, community foundations help create stronger hometowns where families want to establish roots, with recreational parks, social service programs and scholarship opportunities for promising local students.

The Marshfield Area Community Foundation holds assets of almost \$3 million and has given over \$2.7 million in grants to local non-profits since we began fifteen years ago in 1993. We fund the arts, education, recreation, human services, environmental projects, animal related projects, food, housing and shelter.

"Community foundations are at the heart of our cities and towns," said Deborah Fugenschuh, President of Donors Forum of Wisconsin. "They are catalysts for positive change within both urban and rural areas. Donors of all income levels and from all geographic regions are finding community foundations to be an ideal way for them to easily give back to their community in a meaningful way."

While the community and clients each foundation serves vary greatly, every community foundation shares in the commitment of improving the lives of others. The mission of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation is to *connect people who care with the causes that matter to enrich the quality of life in the Marshfield area*. We are committed to improving the lives of people in our community.



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