

Marshfield Area Community Foundation Continues to Make Grants that Enrich the Quality of Life in our Community

Marshfield and the surrounding area have a reputation for being a caring community that is very generous in helping those who have need. In these economic times we must all come together to serve the greater good. The mission of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation is to “connect people who care with causes that matter to enrich the quality of life in the Marshfield area. We believe this to be even truer when our community, families, and the world are in greater need than ever. We respond to the needs in our community through our Community Grants, Senior Grants, and the Women’s Giving Circle.

This year a record number of groups (18) submitted grant requests, asking for almost \$20,000 in funding. The Board of Trustees has voted to fund the following projects with the Community and Senior Grants Programs:

- ***Christmas Angel Project of Neillsville- Granton-Chili-Humbird -***\$750. *(To provide Christmas gifts and needed clothing and groceries for needy families. The mission of this project is also to educate people that there are people in need in their community.)*
- ***Pathway Partners at Columbus High School -*** \$838 *(A new branch of the program will be started at Columbus High School.)*
- ***Hewitt Area Parks and Trails Committee -*** \$790 *(We will fund the purchase of a climber for children 2-12 on the playground site at the park.)*
- ***Home Delivered Meals Program -*** \$1500 *(Scholarship money for those who cannot pay for meals.)*
- ***Friends of the Marshfield Dog Park -*** \$1000 *(Fencing for new dog park.)*
- ***Marshfield Clinic Child Advocacy Center -*** \$500 *(To purchase anatomically correct dolls to be used when children are interviewed about possible sexual abuse.)*
- ***Personal Development Center -*** \$750 *(Funding for Supervised Visitation and Exchange Program.)*
- ***Marshfield Girls Tiger Hockey -*** \$500 *(Funding for improvement of shower area.)*
- ***Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation -*** \$500 *(Sponsorship of Eva Mozes Kor lecture.)*

The Board also voted to accept the recommendations from the Women’s Giving Circle to make the following grants:

- ***Clark County Dept of Social Services “Keeping Women and Children Warm”-- \$1,000*** *(This program will offer additional energy assistance to mothers with families, who would not have the funding, according to poverty guidelines, to heat their homes)*
- ***Memorial Medical Center, “Prenatal Vitamins. Decreasing the Likelihood of Birth Defects”-- \$1,000*** *(This project is focused on providing women of childbearing age, within a federally designated medically underserved area, prenatal vitamins at no cost.)*
- ***Personal Development Center, “Supervised Visitation and Exchange Program” -- \$1,000.*** *(This project will provide quality safe exchange and visitation services for families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and/or stalking.)*
- ***\$300 Girl’s Hockey Team Marshfield Senior High School***
- ***\$300 Meals On Wheels Program at St. Joseph’s Hospital***
- ***\$300 Soup or Socks; gas cards and money for perishable food items***

Marshfield Area Community Foundation has committed \$11,528 in assistance to the above groups. ***You can help us help others.*** Please consider a donation to the Marshfield Area Community Foundation Community Grants or Women's Giving Circle. In giving, you enrich your own life while helping our work of addressing critical and emerging needs from non-profits that feed the hungry, help a family, extend a hand to the needy or provide heat in the cold.