



marshfield area  
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# April 2020

## Quarterly Happenings at MACFI

### MACFI Recent Grants

#### Bookworm Project!

\$1,000 was given to the Clark County Assoc. for Home & Community Education. Grant funds will allow them to purchase sets of 8 books as well as activity sheets designed to enhance the stories in the books. Books are given to elementary, pre-k, and 4-k schools as well as day cares & parochial schools.

#### Marshfield Area COVID-19 Relief Fund

MACFI, Marshfield Area United Way, & an anonymous donor each contributed \$10,000 to form a collaboration which is providing grants to nonprofit organizations affected by COVID-19. So far, the grant committee has allocated grants to Hannah House, Soup or Socks, & ODC. All have seen increased needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### From The Executive Director

**I hope this update finds you healthy & safe!**

While there may be many unknowns right now with the current pandemic, one thing is certain...MACFI has an amazing group of donors who continue to show their support to those most in need.

Some examples of donors helping during this time...MHS Student Council voted to donate \$2,000 to 3 different groups helping with COVID-19 needs. The Bonnie Jean Fund and The Catherine, Lawrence, & Mary Stanley Fund both contributed funds for art boxes which MACFI will distribute to students in need. As well, many donors continue to support their favorite nonprofits who navigate this challenging time.

We are excited to launch our new donor program. You will soon have access to an online portal where you can review your statements & request disbursements. While some people may continue to receive paper copies, we'd like you to provide us with your email address. If you haven't done so already you can send you email address to:

[macf@marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org](mailto:macf@marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org)

I have learned more about why you give and where your passion lies in our community. But there are passions I don't know about and needs that are increasing with this pandemic. If we haven't connected yet, now is the time. Together, we can help keep our community strong.

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### MACFI SCHOLARSHIPS!

We have had a great year of students applying for MACFI scholarships! Katie & I enjoyed visiting many schools to help students apply for MACFI scholarships online. Although the awards ceremonies will look much different this year, we look forward to giving out approximately \$150,000 in scholarships!

### \$65,000 IN DESIGNATED FUNDS TO OVER 30 AREA NONPROFITS

Many thanks to the Designated Fund holders who have set up annual disbursements to area nonprofits. These disbursements were made in March. Great timing for these businesses which have had to adjust how they do business.

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### COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON COMMITTEES:

Ashley Winch  
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# Community Updates

- MACFI is the fund holder for the Marshfield Outdoor Aquatic Center**  
 Due to COVID-19, the fundraising committee has put efforts on hold so the community can focus on emerging needs relating to COVID-19. Donations are still being accepted and there are still recognition opportunities available. Visit [www.ci.marshfield.wi.us](http://www.ci.marshfield.wi.us) for more information.
- Marshfield Area COVID-19 Relief Fund**  
 The collaboration with MACFI and Marshfield Area United Way is supporting area nonprofits with grant dollars available to assist with increasing needs due to this pandemic. Please visit our website for information on how to donate and how to apply for grant funding. [www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org](http://www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org)
- Leadership Marshfield Class of 2020 is complete!**  
 We only had to cancel one session due to COVID-19 restrictions and hope to still have a graduation ceremony at a later date!

My small group project within Leadership Marshfield is complete: **Invest in Volunteerism**. Our group is promoting people reaching retirement to volunteer in the Marshfield community. Thank you to financial advisors and human resource departments for being so open to helping us distribute promotional materials. You can contact me for more information.



**Invest In Volunteerism**

**Retirement Just Ahead**

**What's Next?**  
 Are you nearing the career finish line or recently passed it? After the vacation, the to-do list, and visiting friends and family, what is on your horizon? Consider investing in volunteerism. Connect your passion to organizations or take on a new challenge by giving of your most valuable assets - your time and talent.

**Benefits of Volunteerism**  
 Volunteering connects you to others. Volunteering is good for your mind and body. Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

**Of people who volunteer...**

<p><b>76%</b> <b>Feel Healthier</b> 76% say that volunteering has made them feel healthier.</p>	<p><b>94%</b> <b>Improve Mood</b> 94% say that volunteering improves their mood.</p>
<p><b>95%</b> <b>Better Community</b> 95% say they are helping to make their community a better place.</p>	<p><b>96%</b> <b>Enrich Purpose</b> 96% say that volunteering enriches their sense of purpose.</p>

## Vital Signs Snapshot

Each quarter I like to share some important information highlighted in our Vital Signs Report which is produced by a partnership between Marshfield Area United Way & the Marshfield Area Community Foundation, Inc. The report identifies trends and issues affecting the quality of life in our community – progress we should be proud of and challenges that need to be addressed.

**Here's a snapshot from Vital Signs:**

### Community Resource Referral

United Way's 2-1-1 is a valuable community program that has helped thousands of callers find the resources or referrals they needed in just one phone call. 2-1-1 is a three digit number individuals can dial to receive free and confidential information and referral to community resources. 2-1-1 also directs callers who wish to donate items or volunteer their time. United Way's 2-1-1 service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. In addition to connecting callers to local resources, United Way's 2-1-1 also tracks caller needs and uses that information to analyze trends, such as identifying gaps in services. Top Calls: 1.HOUSING 2.INFORMATION SERVICES 3.UTILITY ASSISTANCE 4.FOOD/MEALS 5.MENTAL HEALTH/ADDICTIONS

**Please see the full report at:** [www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org](http://www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org)

