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# July 2020

## Quarterly Happenings at MACFI

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### From The Executive Director

#### What are our biggest community needs?

*COVID-19* has certainly been at the forefront of the news and much of our daily conversations. Through a collaboration with Marshfield Area United Way and generous support from the community, we have stepped up to support nonprofits in need of food and other essentials such as disposable food trays for Home Delivered Meals, supplies for the Caring Closet at Hannah Center, and tablets for remote learning at ODC. We are also keeping a pulse of other needs in our community.

*Mental Health.* In these times of increased isolation and uncertainty, there are concerns over increased anxiety and depression. What can we do to support each other in a world of much uncertainty right now? We are working with others to discuss the best way to support our community.

*Food Insecurity.* Our community has always stepped up to support food programs such as N.O.W. (Nutrition on Weekends), Soup or Socks, St. Vincent De Paul Outreach, and Rotary Winter Wonderland but the need for increased support has grown due to COVID-19. There will be many challenges to face in the coming months as people continue to navigate how to collect donations and distribute food to those in need.

Go into the world and do well. but  
more importantly, go into the world  
and do good.-Minor Myers, Jr



**Here is one thank you from a scholarship recipient which really sums up thoughts of so many of the recipients.**

**Congratulations to all of them!**

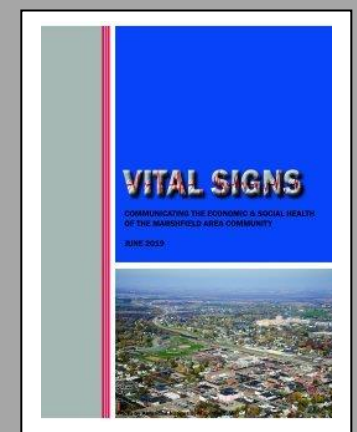
“Thank you so much for selecting me for your scholarship! You have no idea how thankful I am to have this opportunity. I am so excited to see where the next chapter of my life takes me. Receiving this scholarship helps take some of the financial burden off of myself and my family. I am the first person in my family to attend a four-year university and my family is so excited for me. They are my biggest support system. When I told them about the scholarship, they were so excited and so happy for me. Throughout high school I always tried my hardest at everything I participated in. Although my high school career did not end as I had wanted it to, this scholarship helped bring some happiness to the end of high school. Once again, I just want to say thank you so much for this opportunity, I am so blessed and so thankful. Thank you so much.”

**A BIG thank you to the scholarship fund holders who continue to support scholarships!**

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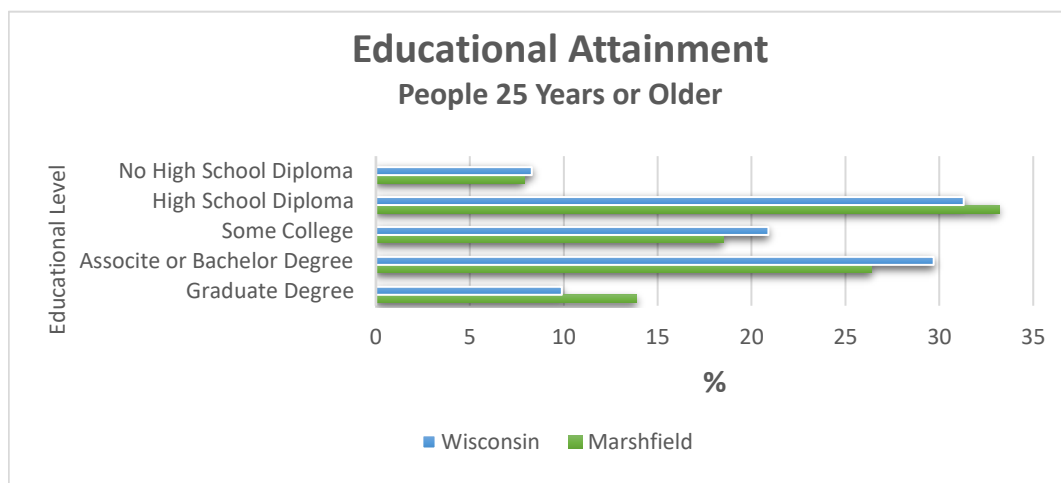
# Community Updates

- MACFI is the fund holder for the Marshfield Outdoor Aquatic Center**  
 The last newsletter stated the fundraising efforts were put on hold but as is typical in our giving community...they have reached their goal! Ground breaking will begin this summer! While the fundraising goal to start the project has been made, there are ongoing costs you can support. Donations are still being accepted and there are still recognition opportunities available. Visit <http://ci.marshfield.wi.us/> for more information.
- Marshfield Area COVID-19 Relief Fund**  
 The collaboration with MACFI and Marshfield Area United Way are supporting area nonprofits with grant dollars available to assist with increasing needs due to this pandemic. Please visit our website for information on Phase 2 & how to donate and how to apply for grant funding. <http://www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org/>
- Fostering Hope- A Grant given from MACFI**  
 Central WI Royal Family Kids operates both a week-long residential summer camp and mentoring program for children in the foster care system in our community. Grant funding was used primarily to operate the mentoring portion of this program. The program operates the length of the school year, matching kids from camp with mentors from camp. Even through COVID-19, they were able to send care packages, cards and letters, conduct video chats, and play online games to continue that relationship building that is so crucial.



## Vital Signs Snapshot

Vital Signs Report 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:*



These numbers have remained rather consistent over the past 6 years for this population in the city of Marshfield. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey  
**Please see the full report at:** [www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org](http://www.marshfieldareacommunityfoundation.org)