

April 2022



Quarterly Happenings at Marshfield Foundation

"enriching the quality of life in
the Marshfield area"



First of all...**Thank You** for helping make our annual giving campaign a success. The total for the November/December campaign was a little down but our overall amount for the year was the highest in years! Continuing to build the Forever Fund allows us to give more to the community. This year \$20,000 has been designated for community grants from this fund. As well, we collaborated with the City of Marshfield to plant a tree for every donation over \$100. That's 34 trees! Thank you!

Spring is one of our favorite times of the year. Over \$90,000 was granted to over 25 nonprofit organizations designated by a donor to receive funds each year. Donors developed these funds as a way to assure local nonprofits receive annual support.

We also have the privilege of reviewing scholarship applications. It's always uplifting to see so many talented students getting ready to take this giant leap to continue their education. We look forward to presenting scholarship awards later this Spring.

New This Quarter

- The Marshfield Foundation grants committee met in March. Over \$28,000 was approved by the board for the following programs/projects:
 - Huey's Hideaway in Medford
 - Spencer Community Boosters - Concession Stand
 - Central Chamber Chorale
 - Chestnut Center for the Arts
 - Marshfield Area Pet Shelter - Spay/neuter program
 - St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Garden
 - Marshfield Rotary - Volunteer celebration
 - Memory Lane Farm
 - United 4 Community Wellness
 - We welcome 3 new board members: Chris Damerell, Tony Iniguez, and Danny Halan! It's such a pleasure to have their expertise and experience on our board.
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Community Updates & Collaborations

- **Stock Boxes**
 - The Hunger Task Force has a program which provides a monthly box of food for individuals 60+ years with lower income. Our grants committee gave ADRC \$3,000 to help bring this program to Marshfield. Simplicity Credit Union is collaborating with ADRC to distribute boxes each month. Call 2-1-1 to register.
- **United 4 Community Wellness**
 - This collaboration of the Marshfield Foundation, Mfld United Way, Children's WI, & the Marshfield School District formed during the pandemic to focus on mental health needs in our community. This year our focus is KINDNESS! Stay tuned as the group launches a new initiative to promote kindness. Contact the Marshfield Foundation if your business would like to participate in this kindness initiative. It means free give-a-ways for your business!
- **MACY Mental Health Task Force**
 - If you're one of the lucky 200 people to receive a May Day basket you can thank this group. A great community collaboration between MACY, Marshfield Parks & Rec, and the Community Foundation to put together baskets full of mental health information & some goodies too!
- **Refugee Resettlement Efforts**
 - Work is starting to help Marshfield prepare to accept refugees. Wausau & Stevens Point are already active and we're learning from them. If you are interested in joining a team or supporting these efforts please reach out to the Marshfield Foundation for more info.
- **The Center for Inclusive Excellence**
 - The Center recently opened at UWSP-Marshfield. This space brings together and supports community members to collaborate and enjoy equity, diversity, and inclusion.

- **St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Garden**

- Marshfield Foundation is working on a committee to develop the garden space next door to St. Vincent de Paul. There will be multiple raised garden beds. Fresh produce will benefit people using the food pantry. There are long term goals to teach people gardening and then promote use of the Community Gardens in our community.

- **Veteran's Honor Wall Ribbon Cutting**

- Congratulations Tom on the quick completion of the Veteran's Honor Wall. This is one of the fastest project specific funds we've worked on! Located in the 2nd Street Community Center, the wall honors deceased veteran's from Marshfield. There is info available at the honor wall if you'd like a name added or call Tom Buttke at 715-897-1604.