

October 2022



## Quarterly Happenings at Marshfield Foundation

"enriching the quality of life in  
the Marshfield area"

**"I'm speechless! Thank you so much! Seriously, words fail".**

I have to say, hearing a comment like the one above makes my job worth it. David Bratlie, a chaplain with the Wood County Sheriff's Department, recently received funding from the Marshfield Area Community Foundation to purchase ballistic protective vests for chaplains. We were brought together through community connections. I was at the PDC (Personal Development Center) 50th anniversary. A mutual connection was at the event and we got to talking. Through connections... relationships...we can make a difference in our community. We can leave people speechless and thankful. I will never cease to be in awe at the capacity of giving in our community. Thank you for keeping me in awe and thank you to the fund holders of donor advised funds who supported this donation.



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## New This Quarter

- **End of Year Giving**
    - If you're thinking about the end of the year you may want to think about those year-end donations.
    - Please make sure you contact us with any questions about non-profits looking for assistance.
    - Although your RMD (required minimum deduction) cannot go into a donor advised fund, it can be put into our Forever Fund, the NEW Children's Future Fund, scholarships, or designated funds.
    - Please have all donations, especially stock donations, to the Foundation no later than December 23rd to ensure it is processed by the end of the year.
  - **Keep Kids Warm**
    - This year's event to help make sure every kid has a warm coat, hat, & mittens on Thursday, October 20th at the Oak Ave. Community Center. We look forward to our board of director's helping out this year as well as community volunteers including Spanish interpreters.
    - Please join us in supporting this fund overseen by the Marshfield Foundation by giving at: [Keep Kids Warm Fund \(fcsuite.com\)](http://fcsuite.com)
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## Community Updates & Collaborations

- **Speak Your Peace Presentations are making a comeback**
    - Speak Your Peace was started with the Duluth Community Foundation to tamp down increasing banter with Superior, WI. They developed '9 Tools of Civility'. Activities designed to be fun while learning ways to disagree in a respectable way.
    - We have recently collaborated with UWSP-Marshfield, Marshfield Area United Way, & the City of Marshfield to train people to lead these presentations.
    - Most recently we completed a presentation for 100+ staff of Columbus Catholic Schools and an OLP women's group.
  - **Refugee Resettlement Efforts**
    - Two families have arrived from the Congo. They have seen major support from the Refugee Resettlement Teams. Support such as setting up their home to connecting them to our community. Next steps will be helping the families find jobs, learn English, and hopefully introduce them to cheese curds!
  - **United for Community Wellness**
    - This collaboration between the Marshfield Community Foundation, Children's Wisconsin, Marshfield Area United Way, & the Marshfield School District launched the "I Choose Kindness" campaign. Businesses participated by handing out stickers and MACCI gift certificates to community members showing kindness.
  - **Mental Health Matters event held in collaboration with Wenzel Plaza music.**
    - This year's suicide awareness event included resources, a presentation to remember those who have died by suicide, and live music. The group also continues to promote the new 9-8-8 program as the new National Suicide Prevention hotline.
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