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Quarterly Happenings at Marshfield Foundation

"enriching the quality of life in the Marshfield area"

Donor Portal is catching on!

Our donor portal is gaining popularity. If you have a fund at the Community Foundation, it's the quickest way to request a disbursement from your fund and it's safe and easy to use. Please call or email me for details.

Keep Kids Warm is Saturday, November 4th at Oak Avenue Community Center

Thanks to ongoing support from community members like you, we continue to offer Keep Kids Warm for kids in need of winter coats, hats, & mittens. We are coordinating this year's event with Soup or Socks, Best Snow Day (boots & snowpants), so families can get everything they need for winter on one day. Keep Kids Warm is from 10am-4pm. Walk-In's welcome!



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New This Quarter:



The Sophia Smrz Memorial Scholarship

Sophia Smrz was a high school senior at Marshfield High School when she died in a car accident on her way to swim team practice in September 2023. Her family wants Sophia's passion for 4-H, faith, academics, swimming, & electric guitar to be remembered through a scholarship which will assist a high school senior going into the medical field.

Community Updates & Collaborations



Many of you may know Dennis Keffer as a long-time police officer with the Marshfield Police Dept. or as Code 33 Handyman. Here at the Foundation we were lucky to have him on our PR committee. Dennis and his wife, Michelle, are moving back to Minnesota so we gave him a Downtown Marshfield sweatshirt so he doesn't forget us! Thanks for all your energy and commitment to the Foundation Dennis!

Our 2nd Grants Cycle is complete! 14 additional grants were funded. Programs/Projects funded included:

- Feed My People Food Bank- *Forklift*
- Soup or Socks Inc - *Best Snow Day*
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace – *Spencer Build*
- Spencer Youth Recreations Inc- *Playground*
- School District of Owen-Withee -*Food Insecurity*
- Big Bro Big Sis of Central Wis -*Enrichment Activity & Supplies*
- Marshfield Community Gardens- *Permanent compost bins*
- Discovery Education Station Inc -*Cultivating Connections*
- Pittsville Area Community Theater- *Microphone System*
- Boson Courts- *Pickleball Courts*
- Marshfield Parks & Recreation- *Braem Park Pickleball*
- Main Street Marshfield- *National Fitness Campaign*
- North Wood County Historical Society- *Reaching Larger Community*
- Lu Cille Tack Center- *Stage Curtains*



These grants are made possible through donor funds as well as our Forever Fund - which granted more than \$20,000 to community programs this year.



Sometimes we wonder the impact a scholarship may have on a student. We were thrilled when Austin Kopp sent a follow up thank you note for the *John & Marjorie O'Reilly Scholarship* he received in 2015! He gave us an update on the degree he received in Geography and shared his passion for flying which led to him getting his pilot's license. He wrote, "I sincerely thank you for supporting students like myself during this critical and challenging phase of our lives. It is my aspiration to give back to my community and make a positive impact on people's lives, just as you have done for me".