

*"You won't always know whose lives you've touched and made better for having cared, because actions can sometimes have unforeseen ramifications. What's important is that you do care and you act."*

*-Charlotte Lunsford*

### **Contribute With Confidence**

The Marietta Community Foundation is an Ohio not-for-profit corporation. The Foundation is qualified as tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Gifts, contributions, bequests and foundation grants qualify the contributors for U.S. income tax deductions under IRS Code Section 170.

The National Standards seal shown with our name indicates official confirmation from the Council on Foundations that we have met the most rigorous standards in philanthropy and that we have demonstrated a commitment to financial security, transparency and accountability.

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# Friends of the Foundation Endowment Fund



MARIETTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Looking Toward  
Our Future

You want to change the world. You want to make our communities better, safer, more equitable, livelier. You want to help the sick, the elderly, the disadvantaged, the youth. You want to share your good fortune. You want to give.

There are many nonprofit organizations in our community with big plans, as well. Plans to rebuild, expand, inspire, educate and provide more for those in need than ever before

Marietta Community Foundation helps bring together people and nonprofits whose plans go hand-in-hand.

MCF has big plans, too. It's our intention to give our donors exemplary service, to provide wise stewardship of their resources, and to offer trustworthy guidance on how they can make the biggest philanthropic impact possible.

Together, we turn big plans into meaningful realities.

## **Core Values**

### **Power of Philanthropy**

We respect the power of philanthropy to transform lives and shape the course of Washington County's destiny.

We hold sacred the intentions of donors and respect the worth of their vision.

### **Service and Stewardship**

We take our job seriously, maintaining the highest standards of integrity in donor relations, community service, institutional governance, and fiscal management.

We do not alter from our mission nor lose sight of our vision.

We engage in action that promotes the common good. We commit ourselves to fully embrace that calling for as long as the need exists.

### **Legacy**

We honor the contributions of those who have worked tirelessly in the past to ensure the well-being of the Washington County area, and pledge to support those who will carry on that legacy.

## ***Friends of the Foundation Endowment Fund***

We are part of the 1% of Community Foundations across the country who don't charge fees. It's a daunting task to take on, but worthy. It would be easy to join the herd and start charging fees to help the Foundation with administrative costs, but we believe it's one of the nicer gifts we can give our donors.

We are able to do this because of the kind unrestricted gifts from Lillian Strecker Smith and many others who realize the importance of their support for the Community Foundation so we can continue our service to our community.

Friends of the Foundation Endowment Fund's purpose is to support the work of the Foundation and to ensure that the foundation never has to assess an administrative fee on any of its funds.

We ask that you give to the Friends of the Foundation Endowment Fund, because in giving to MCF, you're allowing us to continue our service to the community. Your gift to the Foundation is a gift to our community. Our assets have grown to more than \$15 M and we've given more than \$12 M back to our community through grants. We support our non-profits, empowering them to become the best that they can be. We support those families and individuals who are in need of assistance to get their basic human needs met, and along the way add a smile to a child's face whose life just became a little brighter because of being able to play on a soccer team or go on a class field trip.

It's our reason of being here, our purpose, to make our community a better place. Our donors intentions are clear.....they want to improve lives here in our community. Together we make a lasting difference.

*"Marietta Community Foundation is more than a charitable giving partner, and it's more than a way to positively impact our community. It's a shared belief that together we will meet each day knowing that in real and tangible ways, we are making tomorrow better."*

*-Carol Wharff, President & CEO*