

Memorials
04/01/14 - 08/31/14

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| Donna Alken | Kuvus Malcomb |
| Jon F. Bergen | William McCoy |
| Russel Chidester | Doug McGrew |
| Bill Davis | Paula Miller |
| Etta Davis | Betty Morris |
| Harry Esbenshade | Marilyn Ort |
| Andrew Fourman | Paul Smith |
| Charles Gene Hall | Howard Snyder |
| Susan Hawn | Doris Thomson |
| Mike Joyce | Helen Worstell |
| Msgr. Edward Kakascik | Annette Zide |
| Robert Ley Sr. | George Zide |
| Robert L. Lyons | Virginia Zide |
| Patricia Malchiodi | |

Honors

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| Arlene Archer | Paul Hoffman |
| Dave Archer | |

100th Anniversary

While the Marietta Community Foundation is celebrating its 40th Anniversary, Community Foundations across the Nation are celebrating 100 years. A century of advancing local communities, investing in the youth of our nation, and promoting all forms of philanthropy. Ohio is home to the very first Community Foundation, the Cleveland Foundation created in 1914. With nearly one located in every county, 86 Community Foundations are currently operating in Ohio.

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**40 Years of Advancing Our Community:
A Tribute to Our Leaders**

In preparation of America's 200th Birthday, community leaders Carl L. Broughton and Hayward Strecker spearheaded a campaign for the restoration of Marietta, Ohio. From restoring historical buildings to replacing bricks in Marietta's infamous town roads, Broughton and Strecker outlined an amazing plan for our community. Included in this plan, was the establishment of a Community Foundation and the Marietta Community Foundation was created on January 24, 1974.



Past Board Chairmen, Bill Thompson & Bob Kirkbride

With the best of intentions, Chairman Robert Evans and the Board of Governors continued to discuss future endeavors for the Foundation. Unfortunately, the Foundation remained inactive until a Marietta resident, William E. Mildren Sr. proposed a challenge. Offering a sizable donation, Mildren and his wife Mary Carolyn McCoy Mildren, encouraged Robert Kirkbride to reactivate the Foundation. Kirkbride, along with the assistance from the Council on Foundations and Marietta resident Norman J. Murray, established a Steering Committee and the Foundation was revitalized and operational in 1992.

Kirkbride and the Foundation Board of Governors distributed more than \$70,000 during the first three years. In 1995, the Foundation received a bequest of \$2.4 million from the late Lillian Strecker Smith. The Board expanded Foundation operations, hiring the first Executive Director, Connie Struebing.

Struebing established an office location and the initial policies and procedures. Located on the campus of Marietta College, the Foundation began to gain recognition within the community. In 1998, Struebing resigned as Director to pursue a different career path and subsequently, the Foundation's Board of Directors hired Marietta resident Carol Wharff.

During her time as Executive Director, Wharff increased the Foundation's assets, as well as grantmaking, with a powerful campaign to the community, "This is the best organization in town."

In 2002, Wharff resigned as Director, but continued to work with the Foundation in the capacity of Program and Donor Services Officer.

Bret Bicoy, coming from the Green Bay Community Foundation, had extensive experience in the field and hit the ground running when he was hired as the next Executive Director. Bicoy was instrumental in initiating the process for the Foundation's compliance with the Council on Foundation's National Standards. Consequently, additional policies and procedures were implemented to meet best standard practices. Bicoy resigned as Director to pursue a similar position with the Nevada Community Foundation.

In 2004, former Vice Chairman Jack Moberg, seized the opportunity to become more involved with the Foundation and began his term as Executive Director. Moberg concentrated his attention to strengthening the Foundation's relationship with local non-profit organizations. Moberg resigned as Director in 2007, to pursue personal interests.

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Good Intentions

Mission Statement

The Marietta Community Foundation, by serving as a manager and distributor of donated funds, supports philanthropy and the efforts of citizens to improve natural, human and civic resources. An advocate for a strong sense of community, the Foundation is attentive to today's needs, yet attuned to tomorrow's opportunities.

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Even though she has been involved with various charities throughout the community, Jennifer Christy is confident in her declaration that working with the Marietta Community Foundation has, by far, been the most rewarding experience.

Her relationship with the Foundation was formed when a close friend, Bob Kirkbride, suggested she establish a fund in honor of her late husband. Adhering to the same principles that Jim valued during his lifetime, the Jim Christy Fund for Kids has made a difference in the lives of countless children in Washington County. From purchasing school clothes for low-income children to providing registration fees for children in need to participate in extracurricular activities, Jennifer appreciates the assistance of the Foundation in continuing Jim's legacy.

Through her connection with the fund, Jennifer eagerly accepted the invitation to be a part of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Serving on the Allocations Committee has allowed her to understand the entire process of grantmaking; identifying a need in the community and allocating the appropriate resources to address those needs. Upon asking, it is evident that Jennifer's most pleasurable discovery while serving on the Board has been the "generosity of people in our community." Jennifer firmly believes, "Everyone has it in them to give, no matter how big or small."

As Chair of the Marketing Committee, Jennifer has focused her efforts on communicating the great accomplishments of the Foundation. She would like members of the community to be more aware of the Foundation's activities and understand how they can get involved. Jennifer explains, "People just don't understand we're here. They don't know enough yet. People need to know that everyone can be a part of it."

Outside her work with the Marietta Community Foundation, Jennifer enjoys spending time with her four sons.



Jennifer Christy, Board Member

Marietta College Internship

The Foundation is proud to be hosting an intern from Marietta College for the Fall Semester. Mandee Young will be assisting the Foundation with newsletter articles and various marketing items. Mandee contributed to this newsletter with the article on Jennifer Christy.

Great Accomplishments

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Bill Thompson, former Board Chairman, began his time as Executive Director examining how the Foundation can best serve the community he so cherished. Thompson believed the vision for the future of Marietta is a fundamental part of the Marietta Community Foundation's mission going forward. And thus, the Vision Committee was created. Individuals representing several key organizations within our Area convened and the Vision process began. The committee's main goals are to raise the awareness of and interest in Marietta, Ohio. Thompson's legacy lives on, as the Committee continues to meet these goals.

Wharff began her second term as Executive Director after the retirement of Thompson in 2010. With her apparent passion and commitment to the Foundation's mission, Wharff has been a tremendous asset for the organization, as well as our community.

Through four decades of powerful leadership and tremendous generosity, the Foundation has invested \$13 million into Washington County, funding various nonprofits that strive to meet the most critical needs of our citizens. In one way or the other, the Foundation has touched the lives of each and every citizen of our county and continues to serve to this day.

A Note from the President...

I remember after reading what a community foundation was all about...I thought it would be a perfect place to work. Strengthening a community you love and growing relationships within the community. After fifteen years, I can tell you that my job here at Marietta Community Foundation has been all about that and then some!

Simply stated, I've been very fortunate to work at the Foundation and assist people who want to make a difference. I've learned from those who make an impact with their charitable giving and counseled those who need help, receive assistance. How satisfying a job and how grateful I am to the many donors who have made it possible for the Marietta Community Foundation to make a difference in this community.

There is a lot going on in the oil and gas business right now, and so much happening in towns where there are no community foundations. Fortunately, Washington County has a growing, active Foundation. Our assets have grown to more than \$18 M, and we have granted more than \$13 M. That's money going back out into Washington County, making our community a better place to live.

With our future continuing to look bright, it's hard to move on from the Foundation, but I've chosen to step down from my position and change paths this year. Heather Allender, who most of you have met, will be taking over the responsibility of President & CEO. I will stay on part-time in Development until the end of the year. It is a tough decision but the right one for me, and much easier knowing it will be a seamless transition and left in very capable hands.

I have worked with Heather long enough to know that she is more than qualified, a hard worker and will be a great President for this organization.

Early on when I was opening a Fund for a dear friend who passed away, her family member asked 'what would happen to her Fund should I ever leave the Foundation'. I reassured them that 'no matter who was in charge, one of the priorities of the Foundation is to make certain that donor's intentions are followed, and by the way, I was working at the best place in the world, and I wouldn't be leaving for a long, long time!' I still believe it is the best place to make a difference and I will continue to sing the praises of this organization. MCF is not self-serving in any way, it is truly supportive of the communities it serves and adheres to the National Standards set by the Council on Foundations to ensure we are acting as good stewards and meeting the needs of our donors and the IRS.

If you receive our newsletter and have often wondered how you can participate, or how we can help you with your charitable planning, don't hesitate to contact our office. The Foundation would be more than happy to talk with you. I'm confident that you'll be impressed and probably relieved at what we can do to assist you. It starts with the desire to want to help. From there the recipe isn't secret, in fact it's well documented through numerous active fiduciary funds. Good intentions mixed with responsible guidance creates remarkable outcomes...which also just happens to sum up my experience at MCF. Thank you for your trust, and unwavering support during my time here at the Foundation.