

**Memorials**  
05/01/15 - 09/30/15

Virginia Amrine  
Harry Barengo  
Rankin Brunton  
David Combs  
Gloria B. Crooks  
Tonny Euser  
Howard Fouss  
Elsie Irene Hagan  
Col. Dean Hess  
Marjorie L. Hill  
Mary Kendal

Michael Kirkbride  
Tyler Komjati  
Marie Mallett  
James Meagle Jr.  
Jim Mondo  
Margie Morgenstern  
Paul Newhart  
Homer Rice  
Charlotte Ritt  
William Edward Stewart Jr.  
Glen "Pete" Thorne

Magdalene Tomasch  
Nellie Wagner  
Niles Walters  
Martha Watson  
Grace Weinstock  
H. Joanne West  
Bonita Stewart Williams  
Betty Wolfe  
Norman Wolfe  
Georgia Wykcoff

**Honors**

Arlene Archer  
Dave Archer  
Bert Elliott  
Joey Hammond  
Missy Hintz  
Mike Lloyd  
Bill Rankin  
Steve Schoonover  
St. Mary's School Volunteers

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**Recognizing the Impact of Community Foundations:  
National Community Foundation Week**

During the week of November 12-18, 2015, Marietta Community Foundation will join more than 750 community foundations across America celebrating Community Foundation Week. For more than 26 years, the effort has raised awareness about the increasingly vital role of these philanthropic organizations in fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent civic and economic challenges.

"Community foundations impact lives, solve problems, and improve futures," said Heather Allender, President & CEO. "As many residents struggle with limited resources and a growing need for services, we are more determined than ever to bring our community partners together to find innovative and effective solutions for some of our most challenging community needs."

Community foundations represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy. Every state in the United States is home to at least one community foundation—large and small, urban and rural—working to advance solutions on a wide range of social issues. Since its inception in 1974, Marietta Community Foundation has proactively invested more than \$14 million back into Washington County.

Community foundations are equipped to not only respond quickly to critical issues, but to also anticipate emerging demands. Most recently, Marietta Community Foundation awarded a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to the O'Neill Senior Center for their in-home Living Assistance services. Concerned that Washington County's population of those 60 and older will only continue to increase, while services such as the Living Assistance program are underprovided, the Foundation afforded a solution.

The O'Neill Senior Center offers a variety of services to meet the needs of this growing population, including; assistance with prescription and Medicare plans, educational and recreational activities, and transportation services. The in-home Living Assistance services not only provides help with basics chores, such as cleaning, laundry, and meal preparation, O'Neill Senior Center staff also ensure the individual is receiving the appropriate benefits offered to this population. In addition, the homemaker staff check the home for fall and safety hazards and arrange transportation for medical visits and everyday errands.

Providing this service free of charge, the in-home Living Assistance service is one of the more popular programs the center offers. The majority of participants are also lower income seniors that would not otherwise receive this type of care.

The donation received from Marietta Community Foundation allowed the O'Neill Senior Center to move 45 seniors from the waiting list to having the in-home Living Assistance service for an entire year. The total number of individuals benefiting from this program is now well over 100.

Connie Huntsman, Executive Director of O'Neill Senior Center, shared, "We cannot thank Marietta Community Foundation's Board and staff members enough. They are proactive, community minded individuals who want to meet the needs of our community."



# Good Intentions

## Welcome New Foundation Staff

In her new role as Office Manager, Britani Merritt is responsible for the day-to-day operations and management of the Marietta Community Foundation office. Merritt's valuable organizational skills and the ability to demonstrate strong initiative have allowed for a seamless transition. More importantly, Merritt's new role has permitted her to be more involved in the community she fell in love with and now calls home. Originally from Lebanon, Ohio, Merritt moved to the area to pursue higher studies.



Beginning at Washington State Community College, Merritt received an Associate Degree in Accounting and was extremely active with the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Merritt's induction into the Society gave her the opportunity to work with several local non-profits, expanding her knowledge of the non-profit sector and the community as a whole.

After obtaining an associate degree, Merritt transferred to Marietta College, where she was accepted into the McDonough Leadership Program. Merritt then received her Bachelor of Finance degree.

Merritt says she is surprised by how much she's learned in just the short amount of time she has been with the Foundation. "This truly is an amazing place with extraordinary people who do so much to help the community and try to make it a better place for generations to come. It amazes me more and more every day," she said.

"The most enjoyable aspect would be donating to organizations in a time of need and seeing their expression when they find out you are able to help," Merritt said.

Merritt is married, with four children, and enjoys kayaking and travelling with her family.

Merritt says she has enjoyed and looks forward to being more involved in the community with the Foundation and with her new role as a member of the Morning Rotary Service Club.

"I love what the Foundation does and everything that it stands for. It is an honor to be a part of such an amazing organization and to work with such good-hearted people. This is exactly where I want to be," Merritt said.

## 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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# Great Accomplishments

## National Standards Reaccreditation Affirms Our Commitment to Excellence

The Foundation is pleased to announce that we have recently received reaccreditation with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. This reaccreditation indicates that Marietta Community Foundation meets only the highest standards for philanthropic excellence.

"This is a significant accomplishment," said Jonathan Dehmlow, Chairman of the Board. "When people trust Marietta Community Foundation with a charitable bequest or to establish a fund, they do it knowing that we have met rigorous standards for donor services, investment management, grantmaking and administration."

We've always worked hard to do good, right here in Washington County. And we'll continue to work with you to achieve your charitable goals. National Standards ensures that we have policies in place for financial stability and longevity, affirming our continued commitment to our donors, grantees and community. In short: We are a proven place to give.

Earning National Standards accreditation is an arduous process. The program requires community foundations to document policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. The documentation is reviewed by a community foundation expert from a panel appointed by the Council on Foundations National Standards Board. The reaccreditation process occurs every five years.

"The National Standards accreditation says this house is in order" said Heather Allender, President & CEO. "It is excellent validation of the work we do on behalf of our donors and our community."

With your help, Marietta Community Foundation has become a more effective partner for impacting the causes you care about. Thanks for working with us.



## Marietta City Schools Expand Programs

The rise of the machines will be a welcomed sight at Marietta High School with the introduction of a Robotics course this semester.

The course, Intro to Lego Robotics, offers students the opportunity to participate in a small project-based lab class by using Legos as a fun tool to explore robotics, mechanical systems, electronics, and programming. As primarily a lab experience, the course provides students the resources to design, build, and program functional robots constructed from Legos and a few other parts, including motors and sensors.

The class also explores other topics of interest to the students, such as digital logic, modern robotics, and artificial intelligence.

Experience with robotics or programming is not necessary. The course will begin as a pilot program and will be offered as an elective credit course for students grades 9th through 12th.

First semester kits and supplies were able to be purchased with the help of the Rutter Family Charitable Fund through the Marietta Community Foundation.



"Technology is steadily growing and changing; therefore, we need to prepare students for their future. The robotics program can inspire students to be innovative, take action, and drive change," said Joseph Rutter, Rutter Family Charitable Fund. "We are pleased to provide this wonderful opportunity."

Students will work in groups to complete various course assignments and projects.

John Cassil, Computer Applications teacher for Marietta High School explains that the school is hoping to work out the specifics of the pilot course this year and add a full Introduction to Robotics course next year, with an opportunity to compete in competitions.