

Memorials
03/01/16 - 09/30/16

Jennine Aubin	Norma Dunn	Michael Kirkbride	Howard Stewart
Megan Baumgartel	Gloria Finn	Diana Leopold	Patricia Ann Stewart
William Berentz	Stephen Gegner	William McCoy	Rose Marie Thomas
Jon F. Bergen	Douglas N. Grize	Marilyn Meeks	Donald L. Voisinet
Jill Biehl-Matheny	Richard L. Hill	Sara J. Miller	Antoinette Walsh
John Blazosky	Captain Byron Hook	Helen Murphy	Edgar M. Walters
Garry Bonnette	Marlyn D. Huddleston	Dr. Clyde Oyster	Rev. Jack Welch
John P. Christy	John Hushion	Judith Pannier	Andy Wentis
Eunice Chutes	Ruth McKinney Isaak	Peggy Sands	Joseph Wesel
Dr. Don Curtis	Mary L. Kendle	Betty Secoy	Louise Zimmer

Honors

Arlene Archer	Karen Kumpf
Dave Archer	Joseph Matheny
Alice Greenwood	Trina Pinkerton
Greg Greenwood	Dr. Tasha Werry

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Giving Goes Round and Round for National Community Foundation Week

With the return of autumn comes another celebration of Community Foundation Week. For 27 years the annual event has been held November 12-18 and marks a national effort to raise awareness of local non-profit initiatives and the value they add to their communities. The Marietta Community Foundation (MCF) is proud to participate again for this year's event and join with hundreds of community foundations nation-wide as we strive to support our area non-profits.

MCF has seen substantial growth over the last year. With such generosity from our donors we have continued to go to great lengths to reinvest in our community. To celebrate the philanthropy inherent in Community Foundation Week, the Marietta Community Foundation made a proactive and impactful grant to the Ely Chapman Education Foundation for the purchase of a new school bus to transport children to their afterschool programs.

The current bus was 30 years old and, though still safe, had a growing list of minor problems that quickly added up to unsustainable maintenance costs.



In addition to the growing cost, growing downtime from repairs added additional strain as alternative transportation for students across Washington County needed to be arranged. While the bus was still able to pass the required state inspection this year, outdated and aging seatbelts and other necessary updates made future certification uncertain.

When the Ely Chapman Education Foundation originally notified MCF of their need for newer, and safer, transportation, they were originally looking for partial funding. "Our recent growth from generous donations to unrestricted funds and the Friends of the Foundation Fund allowed us the opportunity to fully fund this grant request," said Heather Allender, President and CEO. "It represents a testament of what we can do in our community thanks to continued growth from our generous donors."

The MCF Board proactively approved the full funding amount of \$25,000 to help expedite the acquisition of a new bus. The impact this grant will have on the Ely Chapman Education Foundation is huge. Safe and reliable transportation was vitally needed before winter. Receiving full funding from one source means Ely Chapman does not have to spend additional time petitioning numerous organizations for partial funding. The Marietta Community Foundation believes in the importance of all our local non-profits who support valiant causes and jumped at the chance to make Ely Chapman students safer and more comfortable.

"To be honest, the Marietta Community Foundation's approval for the full amount of the bus was a total and complete surprise," said Alice Chapman, Ely Chapman Chair and Founder. "I was almost in tears after Heather Allender told us the news. We were in shock, extremely pleased and totally blown away."

Good Intentions

Area Programs Receive Funds to Improve Educational Preparedness

Area education programs are helping students get a leg up thanks to awards from the Marietta Community Foundation's first grant cycle. The Marietta Band Boosters, which supports the Marietta Instrumental Music Program for grades 6-12 in the Marietta School District, and the Ely Chapman Education Foundation's E.P.I.C. (Early Preparation with an Individual Curriculum) Preschool program, were two of 18 total grantees this round.

The Boosters were approved for grant funds to purchase replacements of large, and often more expensive, instruments that were beyond repair due to age. These instruments are of vital importance to the band program and are often loaned to students during the school year because of their prohibitive costs.

As music education programs have suffered more cuts over the last several years, research on the influence of musical education on brain development and improved learning has also increased. While this scientific support has helped demonstrate music's multidisciplinary impact on learning, improving language development, mathematical and spacial reasoning and more, the arts are still often in danger in low-income areas.

Arguably the most important subjects for future success, reading and mathematics are often most in need of additional focus in young children. The Ely Chapman E.P.I.C. Preschool initiative funded by the Marietta Community Foundation's first grant cycle will serve ages 3-5 and offer scholarships to low-income families to help fill these gaps.

The high attention to improved educational readiness inherent in the E.P.I.C. Preschool program makes it unique. Ely Chapman provides hands-on academic mentoring to area youth. The addition of the E.P.I.C. Preschool program will expand the non-profit's reach by allowing much needed focus on reading and math to better prepare children for kindergarten.

Both of these educational programs go a long way to help students in the area succeed. Yet it is imperative to continue supporting these, and similar educational initiatives designed to enrich learning experiences and fill achievement gaps.

As a community we must work to effect change by supporting our schools and the early and supplemental education programs that have proven success in high-income institutions and to which all children deserve access.

The generosity and support of donors for important causes like these truly changes lives and keeps our area strong. To join the ranks of these small town heroes and fight for the initiative that inspires you, contact the Foundation.



Great Accomplishments

November 12th - November 18th Community Foundation Week Schedule of Events:

Thursday, November 10th

November Business After Hours
5:00 - 6:30 P.M.
Marietta Community Foundation
100 Putnam Street, Marietta

Enjoy Drinks and Hors d'oeuvres at the Chamber's monthly Business After Hours event and celebrate the commencement of National Community Foundation Week.

Friday, November 11th

Merchants & Artists Walk
6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
Marietta Community Foundation
100 Putnam Street, Marietta

Marietta High School students will showcase Veteran's Day themed art projects, funded by Foundation grants.

Thursday, November 17th

Foundation's 2nd Annual Event
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.
Peoples Bank Theatre
222 Putnam Street, Marietta

Featuring Susan Turnbull, the Founder of Personal Legacy Advisors and an accomplished author on the topic of ethical wills.

November 10th - November 16th

Grant Your "Grant" Contest
8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Marietta Community Foundation
100 Putnam Street, Marietta

Stop by the Foundation office to vote for the local nonprofit of your choice. Donations designated for the contest will be matched, thanks in part to Superior Toyota Hyundai. The three nonprofits receiving the most votes will receive a portion of the matched funds.

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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