

Memorials
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- Steve Farber
- Loved Ones
- Jessie Wilkinson
- Janet Hockensmitt
- Ruth Hatfield
- William Thompson
- Norma Southmayd
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- Matt Fourman
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- Jo Shannon
- Harry Robinson
- Mary Pabst
- Patricia Wallner
- Jon F. Bergen

Honors

- Scott Britton

"Sometimes special people-heroes, each in their own way-cross our paths when we most need them. Drawing from deep within themselves and giving to us and others, without hesitation, an extra measure of strength, courage, compassion, and hope. They leave a lasting impression in our lives and a mark on the places they've been. We carry in us, a reflection of who they are and what has been given... this then becomes their legacy of all those who have compassion and who care enough about others and their community."

Author Unknown

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What if every child had everything they ever needed? Would the world be right or would there still be some holes to fill?

It is most likely a question that will never get answered. But the simple idea sparks a hint of wonder. Many of our donors give because they can, but most give because of the feeling they get back from the simple gesture. It's happened to all of us one time or another, whether it's picking a child up when they fall, leaving a thanksgiving turkey at a doorstep, or dropping a paper dollar into a little red kettle. It may seem impossible that every child could have everything they ever needed but when

one does, and then another, the hope can sure build momentum. Consider the power of good intentions. If one truly believes that it's not about money and it's not about glory, but it's simply about kids... simply about helping kids to have everything they need.

The Joseph and Luada Wesel Family Foundation for Children of Washington County makes a difference in children's lives. This Fund doesn't fill every need for every child, but it does help one child and then another and another. "We're so pleased because we don't have to worry about whether our money is going to the right child at the right time, the Foundation makes sure that it is," Joe Wesel commented.

Jim Christy was a man who gave unselfishly to many children and touched the lives of so many that we'll never know. He knew how the smallest thing could mean so much to a child. When he passed, his family chose to carry on his legacy. The Jim Christy Fund for Kids has been lifting up the youth of our area since 2000. "Not only does the fund help meet the needs of many children in the area, my children benefit as well when I share a thank you note with them, or tell them about a much needed request and how we have helped enhance other peoples' lives. My boys see how their father lives on by continuing to give to the community and the importance of helping one another. After all, what else is there? I believe my family benefits most of all." Comments Jennifer Christy.

As a counselor in the Marietta City School system, Dorothy Oyster had the best interest of children on her mind every day, so it's only fitting that someone chose to honor her by helping a kid and then another. "It's been 13 years since we set up this fund with the purpose to meet the needs of students that couldn't get met by the schools or other

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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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Good Intentions

I have been involved with the Marietta Community Foundation since the early 2000's. My tenure on the Board of Governors began with several other board members who deserve the most credit for really moving the Foundation forward. I was very fortunate to have started at that time when those folks were still on the Board.

The Marietta Community Foundation provides a very cost effective way for individuals to exercise their philanthropic desires and to benefit most any nonprofit organization. Because of the generous unrestricted donations that have come into the Foundation over the years, the Foundation does not charge fees for its operational expenses. Consequently, more money is available to benefit the grant recipients. Scholarships have been created and funded allowing significant number of students to continue their education, and in some cases without the support of the scholarships that have been created these young people would not be able to fulfill their dreams of obtaining a degree.

What truly is amazing to me is the wide spectrum of individuals and organizations that are helped by the Marietta Community Foundation. From building playgrounds, to providing scholarships, to outfitting children, to contributing to the food pantry, to creating a vision for the future of Marietta and its surrounding areas, the Marietta community Foundation has had a significant impact on so many lives.

The Board of Governors of the Foundation is a group of people that takes their responsibilities very seriously and truly with the best interest of our community in mind. At the end of the day, it is the relationship with these folks that is the most gratifying to me.



Mark Schwendeman, Board Chair

Mark Schwendeman

IRA Opportunities

If you have an IRA and need to make your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) as you are 70 ½ or older, recent tax legislation allows you to donate up to \$100,000 annually (through the end of 2011) directly to a charity. Many current fund holders, as well as anyone that wishes to establish a new fund at the Foundation, are eligible to take advantage of this opportunity. This allows you to give money to the Foundation at any point during the calendar year and decide in the future the charities you would like to support. *Please contact us at 373-3286 to learn more!*

Great Accomplishments

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organizations. Thinking back over the history of our grant making we have been able to do that in a multitude of ways. I just know mom would be so very, very pleased to have so much done in her name." said Jerrie Berrentz, Dorothy Oyster's daughter and an advisor to the fund.

Fees for children to attend camps or go on field trips, grants to purchase winter clothing and/or shoes to play in, grants for a

child's school supplies, for after school tutoring programs, for correspondence courses, for PSAT tests, for school tuition at Ewing, for Scout fees, grants to help a child receive dental care, receive hygiene and personal items and the list goes on and on. Grants ranging from \$25 to a few hundred, all going toward simple items that mean a lot to a child's self esteem and self respect. These funds are making a difference.

Motivational speaker Zig Ziglar has a powerful mantra, "You can have everything you want in life if you just help other people get what they want." If you've ever had a little kid look up at you and say 'thanks, mister' or 'thank you, ma'am' it carries a certain energy that makes you want more. And the more you want, the more you'll give. It seems so easy, how that simple Ziglar mantra can extend to one person and then another.

From the President

FACT: Of those who read this article, a high percentage will make a gift to some charitable cause this year.

FACT: Of those making gifts, a high percentage will make more than one.

FACT: (*if you're like me*): When it comes to keeping record of all those gifts, you'll be scrambling at tax time for the receipts.

Consider the ease of making a one time gift for the year to one organization. You would have one receipt to keep, the paperwork would be done for you, fund statements would be sent to you quarterly and you would still have the ability to make contributions to any organization from that one gift.

Someone get me a ladder so I can shout from the rooftops! *Welcome to the Marietta Community Foundation - we make your giving easy, thoughtful and perpetual. Let me draw it out for you:*

You → MCF → All the area non-profits

I've been gone from this seat for quite a few years, but have remained part of the Foundation. Now, eight years and two children later, I'm leading the charge at the Marietta Community Foundation again. How nice it is to be able to work at a place that I whole heartedly believe in! I think the more you learn

about us the more you'll trust your charitable giving with MCF.

Many wonderful area organizations seek much needed donations and we're proud to support them in their efforts. Because of these organizations our children have safe places to go to after school, our seniors have a wonderful activity center, shelter, food and medical expenses are provided to families. We see first-hand money put to good use-quickly, wisely and easily.

We don't compete in fundraising, we enhance it. We're not asking you to give over and beyond what you're planning to give, we're asking you to give through us. We know the area's needs and receive requests daily. We keep you informed, making you a more educated donor, and we take care of the details.

Fact: If you give throughout the year the Marietta Community Foundation can make it easier!

Come in and talk with me to see how. *I don't know if I'll ever stop shouting from the rooftops how lucky our community is to have its' own community foundation, but I sure will come down the ladder long enough to visit with you!*

Carol Wharff