



2015 was a Great Year- 2016 will even be better!

At the end of every year, I like many people, like to review the past year, and set goals for the upcoming year. As I look at what has happened at the Foundation, I am very pleased with our past year and excited for what 2016 will bring.

MACF has grown over the past year and now has over \$12,600,000 in assets. We gave out over \$942,000 in grants to local non-profits and received more than \$2,000,000 in contributions and pledges. We added 17 new funds during 2015. Funds were established for Marilyn Hardacre Park, music at Hardacre Park, maintenance at Hardacre Park, an anonymous donor established a fund to support non-profits, Jim and Emily Bokern established the Academic Leadership Fund, the Marshfield School District established the Education Foundation, Bradle Scholarship Fund was established to support students pursuing drama, Paraechovirus Research and Awareness Fund was founded, and the Poehnelt Designated Fund was formed to support St. John's Parish, St. John's Catholic School, and Columbus High School, Cliver Scholarships for Columbus High School were established, John Harrington established designated fund to support local charities, Derek Blanchard established a fund to provide scholarships to AP students, Mr. and Mrs. Hamus established new fund to benefit the Wildwood Zoo, Lindsay, Dave, and Tammy Meissner established the Jeremy Meissner Kid Zone Fund, The DeVetters established the Novy fund for the Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity

We have seen many of the projects we are involved in come to fruition. Marilyn Hardacre Park was inaugurated and is now open for the public to enjoy. This park will feature music in conjunction with Main Street Marshfield and is a great addition to our downtown. It honors a wonderful woman, Marilyn Hardacre, who has so much for our community here in Marshfield. The Adler Family Kodiak Bear Exhibit opened at Wildwood Zoo and the Kodiak bear cubs have been performing for the large crowds of visitors to the park. The exhibit is state of the art and this species of bears are very rare. Even Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House, tweeted he stopped in to see Munsy and Boda. The Evert Roehl Public Library and Community Center broke ground and is progressing with each day.

We have seen an increase in needs in our community. Our Vital Signs showed a decrease in the median income in Marshfield with the number of children living in poverty and the number of people needing assistance increasing. Our Keep Kids Warm Program gave out over 400 coats to school aged children in the Marshfield area. The Nutrition on Weekend program at United Way continues to grow by leaps and bounds.

As our new year begins, it is with great hope and renewed optimism for our community. Marshfield and the surrounding area have a reputation for being a caring community and one that is very generous in helping those who need a helping hand. The mission of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation is to ***“connect people who care with causes that matter to enrich the quality of life in the Marshfield area.*** You can help us help others. Please consider becoming part of the many good things happening at your Marshfield Area Community Foundation.



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