

## RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

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*Marshfield Area Community Foundation Participates in National Effort to Highlight Local Impact of Philanthropy*

During the week of November 12-18, 2015, Marshfield Area Community Foundation will join more than 750 community foundations across America celebrating *Community Foundation Week*. For more than 25 years, the effort has raised awareness about the increasingly important 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 Amber Leifheit, Marshfield Area Community Foundation, Executive Director. “As many residents grapple 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 social problems.”

Community foundations are independent, public entities that steward philanthropic resources from institutional and individual donors to local nonprofits that are the heart of strong, vibrant communities. We are a non-profit that has given back over \$4,800,000 since we began in 1993. Last year we provided \$93,500 in scholarship support, and have more than 150 funds, each with its own unique purpose.

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. We are helping insure that every school age child has a warm coat, through our Keep Kids Warm Program. Additionally we partner with the United Way and the City of Marshfield to produce *Vital Signs*, a look at the socio-economic health of our community.

Community Foundation Week, created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush, recognizes the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.



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