

# The Giving Season

## *A Time To Give Thanks*

Community foundations, like Thanksgiving, are a backbone of our society. They identify and address problems afflicting our communities by supporting activities of non-profit organizations to improve the lives of community residents. During the recent economic crisis, community foundations have been on the front line, helping those most in need in communities across America. The dedicated staff of the Marietta Community Foundation works tirelessly to monitor local issues and identify the most qualified resources to tackle the issues that threaten, or harm the well-being of our residents.

The beauty of the Marietta Community Foundation, and all community foundations, is that virtually no one is excluded from contributing to a community's betterment. You need not be wealthy to have the satisfaction of knowing you are making a positive difference in the lives of people in your town. And, the Marietta Community Foundation makes it easy to support your particular area of interest. Almost any type of asset—cash, stock, real estate—can be contributed to a community foundation. The Marietta Community Foundation can advise you on how best to maximize your contribution, no matter its size, and all gifts are tax deductible.

It's November, so enjoy the richness of our American heritage—give thanks and support the Marietta Community Foundation.



From Left: Kayla Hall (Administrative Assistant),  
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Bottom: William Thompson (MCF President and CEO)

*The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention ~ Duguet*

# *Celebrate Charitable Giving*

*November 12-18*

Marietta Community Foundation will join more than 700 community foundations across the United States in celebrating charitable giving during Community Foundation Week, November 12-18, 2009.

In 2007, community foundations gave an estimated \$4.1 billion to a variety of non-profit activities in fields that included the arts, education, environment, disaster relief, and health and human services. This year the Marietta Community Foundation, with the help of its generous donors, was able to assist individuals in the community with living expenses, lend a hand in the production of the YMCA's Food Garden to help produce fresh vegetables for local families, and made a significant contribution to the area's food pantries.

Community foundations are one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy in the United States, with total assets of more than \$50 billion. Every state in the U.S. is home to at least one community foundation. Although community foundations make up only 1 percent of all U.S. grantmaking foundations, they account for more than 9 percent of all foundation giving. While the community and clients each foundation serves vary greatly, every community foundation shares in the commitment of improving the lives of others.

Across the nation, these foundations help create stronger hometowns where families want to establish roots, with recreational parks, social service programs and scholarship opportunities for promising local students.

Community Foundation Week began in 1989 with a proclamation from former president George H.W. Bush and a congressional briefing about community foundation activities. The observance has made donors seeking to maximize their philanthropic dollars aware of community foundations' charitable activities and services. For more information on the Marietta Foundation call (740) 373-3286, look us up at [mariettacommunityfoundation.org](http://mariettacommunityfoundation.org), or visit with our staff at 121 Putnam St.



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*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*  
~ Winston Churchill

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