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Newsletter- March 2005

From the Membership Committee...

Please join us!

The 10th Annual Meeting: April 26th 2005 - 7:00 PM

Please join us next month as the Membership Committee is planning an evening that looks into some important on-going work here in our community. Kathy Marshall will be on hand to tell us about the National Resilience Resource Center and how that is being developed in the Menomonie area. (Find out more in Kathy's biographical information on page two!) The regular business portion of our meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and will be condensed to maximize the time available for Kathy's important message to our community.

Please note: This evening's program is free and open to the public. Please help us with publicizing this event by inviting your friends and neighbors. Refreshments will be served!

Taking note of feed-back from last year's meeting, we will again provide short tours of grantee projects at the Medical Center. The tour provides a very interesting look at the difference foundation/hospital improvement projects have made around the hospital. The tours will be available at 6:15 p.m. and again following the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

From the Finance Committee...

The investment advisors were in to meet with the committee following the close of 2004 and had generally good things to report. The year finished with some positive market results which provided a second consecutive year of full funding of the grant allocation. The totals this year were \$52,113 in new money added to the pool for community grants and \$104,227 added to the pool for hospital grants. The new money combines with carry-over amounts to make up total amounts of \$72,197 and \$222,808 respectively. The advisors each provided guardedly optimistic forecasts for 2005 as the economy is generally poised for growth, but balanced by ongoing concern for world affairs.

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From the Grants Committee...

The grants committee processed a generous number of good quality applications during 2004. The year end total of grants awarded was \$ 53,765. The Health Foundation has adopted a grant focus on promoting healthy lifestyles. Two thirds of the funding supports hospital-related activities and one-third is for support of other community related health projects. Grant applications are available at the Health Foundation office 500 Main Street, Suite 322 or by calling the office at (715) 232-9557. Individuals interested in applying for funds for a community related project are encouraged to meet with Foundation staff to review their proposal.

Introducing our guest: Kathy Marshall...

“Kathy Marshall has been instrumental in providing technical assistance and guidance to our school district and community since 1997. Her ability to see the potential and health in each student and adult and each institution has been critical to the success of our prevention and systems change efforts.”
... MCHF board member Gary Johnson.



Kathy Marshall is Executive Director of the National Resilience Resource Center at the University of Minnesota. For more than 25 years she directed systems changing prevention and education programs in school, community, and public policy arenas. She was Assistant to the Director for the University of Minnesota Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement, and directed U. S. Department of Education Drug-Free Schools programs for both the Midwest Regional Center of the North Central Regional Educational Laboratory and the Educational Cooperative Service of Southwest Minnesota. She administered a philanthropic non-profit organization, headed a state Department of Social Services public information office, lobbied for women and children's issues, and was on the faculty of California State University. She earned a master's degree in Speech Communication and completed doctoral courses at the University of Southern California as a National Defense Education Act fellow. In 2000, she co-developed a graduate course, Spirituality and Resilience, at the University of Minnesota. She and Bonnie Benard conceptualized, "Tapping Resilience: A Framework for Practice." Marshall consulted with the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and a variety of local, state, and federal education, health and human service agencies, and has presented and written for The Carter Center in Atlanta. Most recently she wrote Bringing Out the Best in Our Kids, a Parent's guide to Resilience/Health Realization and Resilience Research and Practice: National Resilience Resource Center Bridging the Gap.

Welcome Community Representatives!

Larry Feiler has agreed to serve on the finance committee and Christian Meyer has agreed to join the membership committee. Special thanks go to each of these important volunteers.

March 26th

...**Membership Deadline**, contact the office if you need more information, at (715)-232-9557, fax (715) 232-9636, or Email: mchf@macf.org

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