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MACF INSIDER

The newsletter for friends of the Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation



A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello everyone,

As Chair of the Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation (MACF) Advisory Committee, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your support, partnership, and hard work that has made 2024 a great year.



Pictured are the 2024 MACF Advisory Committee

As 2024 comes to a close, I urge you to please consider making a year-end contribution to the Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation's Year End Season of Giving campaign. All contributions received will help support nonprofit organizations serving the Mechanicsburg area. Even better, all contributions will be matched up to \$5,000.

Thank you again for your support in 2024. It continues to be an absolute privilege and honor to serve this community as chair and to bear witness to the positive impact of TFEC and all of our community foundations. I look forward to further great accomplishments in 2025.

Warm regards, Amy Bockis, MACF Advisory Committee Chair

CURRENT GRANTEE IMPACT

Mission Central

2024 Grant Recipient of \$5,000 Awarded in 2024, work completed 2024-2025

The grant received from MACF will assist in warehouse operation costs to help provide low-to-no cost warehouse space to in-house partners.

Project and Community Need:



"Mission Central receives, stores, and distributes resources to individuals and 170+ organizations doing humanitarian work locally, nationally, and globally. The resources include medical equipment, hygiene items, feminine hygiene items, school supplies, clothing, shoes, cleaning supplies and much more. Because of Mission Central's location, a large number of materials distributed remain in Central Pennsylvania and the surrounding communities, with a specific focus in Mechanicsburg. Through our programs and partnerships, we support vulnerable populations by providing them with tangible resources so they can focus on their future. " - Hope Harrison, Executive Director, Mission Central

Success:

"Many of the children in the school do not have access to many books at home. By letting them pick out their own books [at Mission Central] and then take them home, this helps to reinforce the importance of reading and to encourage their love for reading." - Sue Howe, Volunteer, Mission Central

DONOR TESTIMONIAL

"TFEC provided a framework and support for scholarship management. TFEC handles all aspects of scholarship applications and provides Operation Wildcat scholarship committee members with scholarship applications to review. Operation Wildcat notifies TFEC who we are awarding the scholarships to and they handle all the rest.



There are many deserving applicants who need as much assistance as possible to pursue their dreams of higher education. Operation Wildcat hopes that we can help to support these dreams by providing some financial assistance to those who wish to continue serving their community. "

-Leslie Collins President, Operation Wildcat

PREVIOUS GRANTEE IMPACT

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library

2023 Grantee Recipient of \$10,000 Awarded in 2023, work completed 2023-2024

The Joseph T. Simpson Public Library received a grant of \$10,000 from MACF to help fund their School Readiness & Enhancement Programs. The mission of the library is to provide and ensure access to books, information, services



and materials to meet the personal, professional, evolving, and lifelong learning needs of all citizens in our community.

Project and Community Need:

"Simpson Library's array of School Readiness and Enhancement programs combine to ensure that children are not only ready to start school, but are able to succeed once they are enrolled and attending classes. " - Jairee Counterman, Advancement, Cumberland County Library System & Foundation

Success:

"The free programs that the library provides are extensive, well planned, and educational. Children enjoy stories and activities, and parents appreciate that the lessons presented are aligned with early learning standards for literacy." - Krista Cochran, Parent

Thank you for joining us at our Meet the President: Mechanicsburg Event!



NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Saying Goodbye

MACF would like to thank Greg Longwell and Sue Erdman for their service on the Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation Advisory Committee. The work you did to make Mechanicsburg a better place for its citizens has been deeply cherished by many.

Looking Towards the Future

Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation welcomes Rebecca Yearick and Jillian Biehl Morrison to the Advisory Committee. We are excited to see the amazing things you will do to better our community through your service

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THE SEASON OF GIVING IS ALMOST HERE!



Mark your calendars for TFEC's Season of Giving Campaign. When you donate to any of the six designated funds (including MACF), TFEC will match your gift up to \$5,000 per fund. This means your generosity can help us support more local initiatives and neighbors in need. Information will be on our website starting Tuesday, December 3rd.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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