

# Newsletter

## October 2016



### Foundation Week Coming Soon

It's time to celebrate community foundations!

During November, the Watertown Area Community Foundation joins more than 780 community foundations across the U.S. in observing Community Foundation Week, Nov. 12-18. The week coincides with National Philanthropy Day, also this month.

The Watertown Area Community Foundation works every day to invest in the vitality of Watertown by supporting community priorities, responding to human service needs and enhancing recreation, education, arts and culture.

In 2016 thus far, more than \$350,000 has been awarded in grants to area programs and organizations in support of that mission. Whether those grants support the LATI Governor's Luncheon, tools for Habitat for Humanity, an archery program at Joy Ranch, the Lions Club park or the Boys & Girls Club, donors to the Watertown Area Community Foundation continue to make a difference right here at home.

Gifts donors give to the Watertown Area Community Foundation become part of a permanent endowment, which means they will help the Watertown area forever.

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.

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

### Smile Mobile Visits



There are many more smiles since the Delta Dental Smile Mobile visited Watertown in October. The Foundation's Women & Giving program has supported the week-long visit for several consecutive years. With the support of local dentists and LATI's

dental assisting program, this year the Smile Mobile provided \$27,246 in dental services to 53 children.

### Jan's Note



What a beautiful Fall we have had. I hope you have been enjoying it as much as I have.

November brings with it many activities to fill the month. Deck the Walls Art Show & Sale will showcase artists from our area during its 20th annual event set for Nov. 12-13 in the County Fair Banquet Hall. The public will want to take this opportunity to view/support local artists' work as well as purchase a few Christmas gifts.

During Community Foundation Week, Nov. 12-18, we spread the word about the difference community foundations make across the nation. The Watertown Area Community Foundation is proud to partner with donors, organizations and businesses to make a difference in our great area.

Just before Thanksgiving, the Foundation's Youth Council will judge students' Thanks for Giving essays and award the students and organizations respectively. Be watching for details on the results. Just after Thanksgiving, the Foundation will host its annual Holiday Open House on Friday, Nov. 25, in conjunction with the 20th annual Holiday Lighted Parade. .



Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director; and Julianne Endres, marketing coordinator/donor services, attended the annual National Conference For Growing Community Foundations in October. The two-day conference was held in Wichita, Kansas. They attended several sessions on leadership, marketing, trends and National Standards, as well as networked with other community foundation representatives.

**The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 16th.**

## Watertown Area Community Foundation



**From Left: Angie Reppe, Lee Schull, Dale Christensen, Dr. Lesli Jutting, and Laurie Benson.**

Trustee Representatives: Scott Olson, Great Western Bank; and Tyler DeBoer, Wells Fargo Bank, NA; Staff: Jan DeBerg, executive director; Greg Blow, donor development; Julianne Endres, marketing/donor services; Jill Slobotski, administrative assistant.

*The Watertown Area Community Foundation is governed by a volunteer board who broadly represent the Watertown Community. These board members are appointed by the:*

*City of Watertown  
Watertown Area Chamber of Commerce  
Watertown School District  
Great Western Bank  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*

As of January 2015 our assets were approximately \$15 million. We have over 100 funds that provide grants and scholarships each year to residents and organizations in Watertown.

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