

Newsletter: January 2018



YOUTH COUNCIL MEETS - The Watertown Area Community Foundation Youth Council met in January. Here, Kelly Jaderborg, director of resource development at the Boys & Girls Club, shares the floor plan of the Club's renovations. The facility has been serving the Watertown area for 40 years and continues to grow. There are more than 2,400 Club members. The Club serves more than 100,000 meals/snacks annually. The enlarged and improved Club will be able to serve members more efficiently and also provide more and enhanced programming.

Remodeled Office Is Ready & Waiting



Jan DeBerg, WACF executive director, stops at the Foundation office with Designer Lori Storley from Hometown Builders to take a look at the completed office remodel at 211 E. Kemp. The office has been expanded and renovated to

welcome the Foundation and community's growth.

The building was a gift from Kenneth Way and has been home to the Foundation since 2002. Foundation staff plans to move back the week of February 5-9. Please be patient with our move and re-installation of phone and internet services as we make this transition. We hope you will stop in and see us at our downtown office soon!

Special thanks to the Redlin Art Center staff and family for the use of their beautiful facility during the interim.

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

The beginning of 2018 has been a busy one for the Foundation and I wouldn't want it any other way. Thanks to generous donors to the tree fundraiser and Foundation matches, we distributed a total of nearly \$18,000 among 15 nonprofits. This year's Giving Back 365 program got under way, the Youth Council met and our downtown office remodel is complete.

The WACF Board also met in January.

The following grants were awarded:

- \$2,000 to Artwalk which includes sculpture sponsorship and Friends of Artwalk membership.
- \$2,000 to the Watertown Initiative to Prevent Sex Trafficking to support a public educational program.
- \$2,500 to My Happy Place to support start-up expenses including tools to provide bedroom makeovers for children with life-threatening illness.

Annual distributions from several funds were also approved.

February will bring the annual Watertown Winter Farm Show. The Foundation will again present a panel to answer questions about estate planning and the new tax law. The hour-long presentation will be Friday, Feb. 9, in Classroom C of the Codington County Extension Building at 11 a.m. Please join us. - long presentation will be Friday, Feb. 9, in Classroom C at 11 a.m. Please join us.



The 2018 program is just beginning. If you haven't already done so, we urge you to consider joining this giving circle by giving \$1 a day to make your community better. Half of your contribution is used for grants in the current year and half is placed in an endowed fund to support future grants. As a member, you are eligible to participate in the grant-making process.

There are several ways to join or make a donation. You can donate by check or go to:

www.watertowncommunityfoundation.org to use your Visa, Mastercard or Discover card. For more information on how you can join Giving Back 365, please contact us at 605-882-3731 or: foundation@iw.net

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As of January 2015 our assets were approximately \$16 million. We have over 100 funds that provide grants and scholarships each year to residents and organizations in Watertown.

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