

Newsletter

October 2018



Congratulations Julianne Endres on celebrating 10 years with the Watertown Area Community Foundation! Julianne began as administrative assistant in October of 2008 and transitioned into a marketing/donor services role in 2014. She enjoys telling the story of the Foundation and has seen a lot of growth for us. She looks forward to

seeing even more growth and impact as the Foundation continues to invest in the vitality of the Watertown area.



DIRECTOR NOTES

October was busy for the Foundation and its mission as you can see in this newsletter.

Upcoming events include:

- Thursday Night Live, Thursday, Nov. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Watertown Mall.
- Watertown Hall of Fame Luncheon will be Friday, Nov. 9, at 11:30 a.m. at the Watertown Event Center.
- The Annual Deck the Walls, coordinated by Northeast Artists' Network will be Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10-11, in the Watertown Mall.

GOAL RAISED - Donations kept coming in even after the HHH (Hope, Healing & Hoofprints) radiothon. The effort was to raise \$25,000 to heat and seat the horse arena at Joy Ranch so equine experiences for sexually abused children can continue year-round. A total of \$31,000 has been raised thus far! Dollars over the \$25,000 needed for the project will go into Chief Jo's HHH Fund at the Watertown



Area Community Foundation to support the ongoing effort to help sexually-abused children in northeast South Dakota. Present for the check presentation to Joy Ranch were Chief Jo Vitek, founder and coordinator of HHH; Jan DeBerg, executive director of Watertown Area Community Foundation; and Joy Nelson, representing Joy Ranch along with just one of the many children who participates in the equine experiences.



SMILE MOBILE STATS - 52 children were seen during the Delta Dental Mobile visit in Watertown earlier this month. The visit was sponsored in part by Women & Giving and the value of dental care given came to \$25,125. There were 90 sealants placed, \$4,691 in diagnostic procedures, \$9,248 in preventive procedures and \$11,186 in restorative procedures given.

BE KIND - An eight-member crew of Be Kind from Phoenix, AZ, visited Watertown schools in October. They performed break dancing, spoke to and interacted with kindergarten through eighth-grade students encouraging them to always be encouraging, supportive, positive, helpful and considerate to others and taking a pledge to do just that. The group's visit was supported by a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation.



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Front Row: Angie Reppe, Laurie Benson, Kristen Henderson Liam Culhane

Back Row: Dr. Jeff Danielsen, Joel Vockrodt, Charlie Ewalt

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 2018 our assets were approximately \$18 million. We have over 100 funds that provide grants and scholarships each year to residents and organizations in Watertown.

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