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needs now
and in the future.*

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Ensure grant funding for Menomonee Falls non-profits for years to come—donate today to help build our endowment. Use the enclosed envelope or donate online at fallsfoundation.org.

Investing in our Community: Why the Becker Family Supports GMFF



By Dick Becker

The decision for Jayne and I to donate, both as Founders and ongoing annual contributors to the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation was, and continues to be an easy and very satisfying part of our charitable activities. Menomonee Falls has been the home to the Becker family for more than 100 years, and we are one of the original pioneer families of the Falls. Five generations of Beckers have called Menomonee Falls home. We care deeply about our community today and have high hopes for the Village and its residents well into the future. Perhaps there will be a sixth generation Becker residing in our town some day, and it is our belief that the GMFF will be serving the Menomonee Falls community during that time.

We take great satisfaction in giving back to the community that has provided our family a wonderful place to live, work, be educated, raise our families and enjoy the many fun amenities of the Village.

We feel we have a responsibility to help keep this exceptional quality of life going for generations to come.

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It is our belief that our gifts to the GMFF are an excellent investment in our community that will help make life better and more enriched for residents today and in the years to come. The GMFF volunteer board makes it easy for us to help a variety of deserving organizations as they allocate funds each year to support the community youth, seniors, education initiatives, environment, health care, the arts, and many other areas in need of help. The board provides the diligence and analysis to make good decisions on behalf of all the donors to the GMFF.

A glance back at prior recipients of the Foundation’s grants will validate the good choices that have been made by the board. They will continue to make annual grants while at the same time preserve and grow the endowment fund for future community needs.

Jayne and I take great comfort in knowing the GMFF board will be good stewards of the annual funds raised, will provide careful oversight of the endowment fund, and will manage the grant process with diligence and compassion, being mindful of both the current and long term needs of our community. That comfort makes it easy to support the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation.

We believe the growth of the GMFF endowment coincides with a saying that many Falls residents have heard before: “You will begin to understand the meaning of human existence when you begin to plant shade trees that you know you will never enjoy.” *We add to that, “but your family and community will.”*

Grants Provide HOPE Network with Ongoing Support



Who Will Be Honored Next?

Help us recognize individuals who have made a difference in Menomonee Falls. We are now accepting nominations for 2020.

Visit www.fallsfoundation.org/leadership-awards for a nomination form or call Sue Jeskewitz at 262-251-9595.

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Lifetime Achievement Award

Recipients have outstanding leadership qualities and must have contributed to the benefit and betterment of Menomonee Falls and its citizens with a long-term community impact.

The Unsung Hero Award

Awarded to inspirational role models who have contributed significantly to other's quality of life through caring actions.

The Shining Star Award

A person or members of a local group who have dedicated their time and talent and made a generous commitment to an organization, which makes a significant impact on our community.

The Patriotism Award

Given to a member of our community who has dedicated service that exemplifies patriotism to our country. This person exhibits the respect and loyalty of this country's greatest treasure: freedom, and upholds the belief in the ideals that shaped America. He/She professes the epitome of Americanism and continually promotes the standards of what it means to be an American.



Liz Beaudoin, Executive Director of HOPE Network recently shared how GMFF grants impact her non-profit organization.

"HOPE Network is incredibly grateful for

the ongoing support of the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation. Not every place has the generous spirit to support a local foundation; we are lucky to reside in a community that does. Menomonee Falls residents have repeatedly demonstrated their commitment to supporting local organizations' work to better our community and the surrounding areas."

HOPE Network serves single mothers by offering connections, resources, and opportunities to build self-reliance and strong families. GMFF is one of many contributors that fund the life-sustaining support for single mothers at every stage of their parenting journey. Through membership in HOPE Network, single mothers enrich their families' lives and expose their children to opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach.

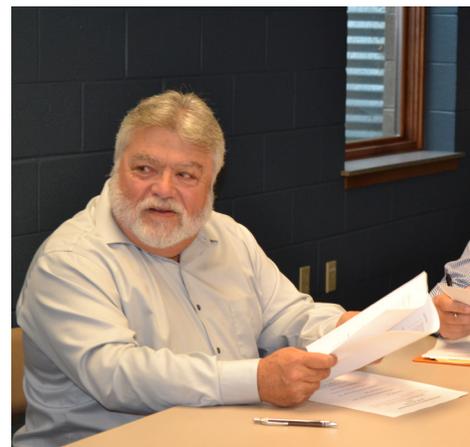
Last year, families visited the Milwaukee Art Museum, Public Museum, Brewers and Bucks games, and even an escape room! These are the types of experiences all children should be able to enjoy. With help from Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation grants, HOPE Network makes a difference to hundreds of local families each year.

APPLY NOW



Seeking 2020 Grant Applications

GMFF's new grant application cycle is now open! Non-profits have until February 1, 2020 to submit their application. Spread the word – let area non-profits know about our grant cycle! For more information regarding grant instructions and the application process, go to www.fallsfoundation.org/grants.



Foundation board member volunteers discuss GMFF business at the September meeting. Left to right: Jo Ellen

GMFF Receives Bequest from Tietz Estate



Llew & Alice Tietz

We are grateful that Llew remembered us generously in his estate plan. He had a lifelong dedication to improving the quality of life in Menomonee Falls, which will endure through his bequest.

Llew and his wife, Alice, were Founders Society members. Llew also served on our board and later the Advisory Council. As the first individual honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award, Llew was described by the GMFF Chairperson Darci Middaugh as "one of the greatest assets this community has."

Llew was not only a successful businessman, but also an active community volunteer, so much so that he was referred to as "Mr. Menomonee Falls." His involvement especially made an impact to the Tri-County YMCA, the United Way, the Lions Club, the American Legion, and the Community Development Authority.

Similarly, his wife Alice was a committed volunteer with Community Memorial Hospital, the Lionettes, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #382, and other civic charities.

Another Way to Give: Volunteer

Most people think of giving in terms of dollars and overlook the true value of their time and skills. Consider contributing to GMFF by volunteering to help with correspondence, photography, or event planning to help support our "working" volunteer board.

The Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation was organized in 1991 by visionary community leaders. Since that time numerous citizens have stepped forward to freely give of their time and talent to manage and grow the endowment fund for the benefit of the Menomonee Falls community.

Contact info@fallsfoundation.org or call 262-623-7716 for more information.



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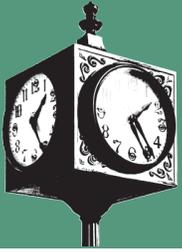
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Join our Founders Society by making a total contribution of \$10,000 within a 3-year period.



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What will your legacy be?

Your continuing support is vital to our work today. What about 10 years from now? 25 years? 40 years from now? What will the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation look like then?

We have big dreams for the future, and one way to secure those dreams is by including us in your estate plans. The most common way individuals can help us grow well into the future is with a bequest. Even if you have family members to consider, a small percentage of your estate to an agency close to your heart brings joy to more lives than you'll ever know! It is a way for your legacy to live on many years into the future.

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