

The Falls Foundation Times

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GMFF Awards \$9,000 in Grants

Seven organizations were selected to receive grants this year from the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation (GMFF). The GMFF grants committee and trustees were excited by the number of non-profit organizations that were able to apply for a grant from GMFF and were awed by the enormous variety of needs in our community that these organizations are working to meet.

An open reception was held at North Hills Country Club on May 14, 2013 to hand out award checks to each organization.

We are pleased to announce our 2013 Grant Recipients:

Children's Community Center—\$2,000

Falls Patio Players—\$2,000 audio equipment

Association for the Rights of Citizens with handicaps —
\$1,000—Camp Pow Wow

Community Memorial Hospital—\$1,000
Community Outreach Health Clinic

HOPE Network—\$1,000

Valley View PTO—\$1,000
Playground Accessibility Project

Wildlife in Need Center—\$1,000

Congratulations to all of our grant recipients! Please join us in thanking them for all of the work they do in our community!!

You can help us support organizations like these by making a gift to the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation.

Why IS the Greater Menomonee Falls Foundation (GMFF) Important for Menomonee Falls ?

There are many reasons a Menomonee Falls is fortunate to have a community foundation like GMFF . Here we share just a few:

1. **Unifying Donors:** GMFF allows donors to come together to support causes and non-profits that benefit Menomonee Falls without the administrative burden of establishing a private foundation. Gifts to the GMFF receive the maximum tax advantages for income, gift and estate tax purposes.
2. **Objective Selections:** GMFF carefully screens all organizations that apply for funding for their impact on Menomonee Falls and for their organizational stability. Unrestricted funds are used to support the community's most important needs and opportunities while other funds established by donors are designated to benefit our donor's favorite causes.
3. **Variety of Impact:** GMFF provides critical funding for many different, important groups that support Menomonee Falls.—meeting needs now and in the future.
4. **Leaving a Legacy:** GMFF provides a meaningful opportunity for caring people to give back to our community and to leave a legacy to preserve and support Menomonee Falls after they are gone.

Please consider donating your time, talent and/or treasure to GMFF today!



Spotlight on: Falls Patio Players



For over 46 years, the Falls Patio Players have been entertaining people from Southeastern Wisconsin with quality productions of Plays and Musicals. In addition to entertaining theater goers, they also support local youths who are interested in the theatre as well.

For many years, they have struggled with issues regarding their sound system. In addition to needing new body microphones, they also will be addressing some areas of the theater where it is a little more difficult to hear. We are happy that our grant will allow them to make there shows more enjoyable for everyone who attends!

Get to know GMFF Trustee Mary Jo McGraw

Mary Jo grew up in Germantown, the oldest of 9 children (7 girls and 2 boys) and attended Germantown High school. She met her husband, Mike, in high school and they got married in 1968. The couple built their house in the town of Lisbon in 1975 where they raised their 3 children, Mike, Erin and Scott, and where they still reside.

Mary Jo started in banking in 1987 at Hopkins Savings and Loan in Germantown and through various mergers ended up at St Francis Bank in Menomonee Falls (now PNC) where she stayed until 2006. Working at St. Francis Bank gave her strong ties to the Menomonee Falls community. Mary Jo joined the chamber in 1996, is on the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry Board and is a Past President of our local Rotary Chapter where she is still an active member. She has been a member of the GMFF Board since its inception. She now works for Peoples Home Equity as a Mortgage Loan Consultant.

Mary Jo says:

- I feel that my greatest contribution to the GMFF is my history in the Falls and the relationships and friends I have been lucky enough to develop.
- The best thing about the GMFF now is that we have a terrific board led by Darci Middaugh and we have been working hard to bring awareness to Menomonee Falls about who we are and what we do. We have been able to grant wishes to many of our local organizations in need and it is an awesome feeling to see the appreciation in their faces.
- My hope for the future of the GMFF is that all of the Menomonee Falls area will know about us, we will generate more funds to be able to grant more and bigger wishes to those who are working to keep our community healthy in mind and body.

Mary Jo and Mike have 6 grandchildren, 3 boys and 3 girls, and 1 grand dog. For Mary Jo and her husband, grandchildren are the center of their lives. However, Mary Jo also loves to garden and shop. She also loves Menomonee Falls and was recognized as the 2012 Volunteer of the Year by the Menomonee Falls Chamber of Commerce.



Mary Jo lives in Lisbon but considers Menomonee Falls her home base for friends & professional contacts.

Do you have a cause, park or school you want to make sure has funds in the future? Ask how you can start a fund for your project with us.

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Taste of Menomonee Falls and Trivia Night

Help us raise funds for our 2014 Grants to local non-profits.

Saturday, October 19, 2013, 6-10pm, Knights of Columbus on Main Street

- **Taste** signature dishes from various Menomonee Falls restaurants
(Food, soda, coffee and water included with ticket. Cash Bar)
- **Play** our version of Everyman's Trivia
(Teams of six—\$180, single tickets—\$30)
- Trivia, Auctions, Raffle and more! **Come have fun for a good cause!**

Registration on our website www.fallsfoundation.org coming soon!

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