

MAKING CONNECTIONS

NEWS ON PHILANTHROPY, GRANT-MAKING AND OUR NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY

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FINDING HER VOICE...WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

When Dr. Debra Mesch, Director, and Andrea Pactor, Associate Director of the Women's Philanthropy Institute at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy joined us to share their research and insights with local professional advisors and nonprofit professionals regarding women's philanthropy, we learned that women's time, talent and treasures are evolving as women are spending more time in the workplace and making their own money.

Busy moms, professionals and community minded individuals are interested in being asked to participate

in philanthropy, but there is no one size fits all approach for women.

Commitment levels may vary during stages of her life. When her children are young and she is working she may be able to give treasures, but not time. As she reaches retirement, she may be freed up and be willing to give time and talent. She may have inherited money from her parents and her husband and be looking to make an impact and give talent and treasures. At whatever level she decides to participate we know that when she connects to her passions and finds her voice, she becomes a powerful agent for change.

We recently saw this first hand as Will County Community Foundation Board Member, Jan Viano decided to take action and establish a Women's Leadership Fund. Once Jan decided what she wanted to do, she made a commitment and got on the phone. "I asked my female colleagues at First Midwest Bank to join me in establishing a fund that would support efforts to build women's leadership in Will County today and forever," explained Jan. "Within an hour, we had all the support we needed to establish the fund."

Communities will change as women engage in philanthropy with new skills, perspective and resources. There is one thing we know for sure, as more women join in, our Will County community will be better for it.

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Grants in Action



Groundbreaking at Daybreak-Children’s Playground and Good Neighbor Parking Project

Collaboration enabled Daybreak to take advantage of a timely opportunity to provide improvements to an adjacent property that was donated by the City of Joliet. In addition to a \$25,000 grant from The Will County Community Foundation, a match was made by the Housing Foundation of Will County which enabled Daybreak to provide a more home-like atmosphere with a playground at the Shelter, and desperately needed parking for volunteers, staff and guests.



Bolingbrook’s Heart Haven OutReach’s New Van Expands Transportation Services

This 12 passenger van enables H2O to transport more teens at Bolingbrook and Romeoville High Schools to various weeknight and weekend mentoring and support programs when they are facing challenging times. A Will County Community Foundation grant for \$20,000 and support from Advantage Chevrolet got these wheels moving.

Frank Margaron established The Twilla S. Margaron Nursing Fund in honor of his late wife.



Working as a community to help a donor meet his philanthropic goals

Frank Margaron and his late wife, Twilla, served Silver Cross Hospital for many years as dedicated volunteers. Frank was a member of the Silver Cross Board and the Silver Cross Foundation Board of Directors. Twilla was an active member of the Advisory Board, which operates the Silver Cross Encore Resale Shop.

Following Twilla’s death in 2010, Frank wanted to do something in her memory. Twilla was a 1950 graduate of the Silver Cross School of Nursing and worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Dwight for many years. Twilla was a compassionate nurse and a loving caregiver. Frank felt that her legacy of compassion and caregiving could live on by empowering others to go to school and study nursing. The impact

of this legacy could live on for generations. But, how could he do this?

Frank honored the memory of his late wife by donating the funds to build the Silver Cross Chapel in the new Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox. In addition, Frank chose to help Silver Cross employees who wanted to expand their nursing education. It was important to Frank that this philanthropic donation be put into an investment account. Frank approached the Silver Cross Foundation, and a partnership was formed with The Will County Community Foundation to invest funds for this purpose.

Frank had attended The Will County Community Foundation’s Donor

Recognition and Celebration of Philanthropy event, so he was familiar with the Foundation, but needed to learn more. Frank's financial advisor, Ed Dollinger, is on the Foundation's Board, so he was happy to share information about the Foundation and introduced Frank to Mike Trench, Executive Director at The Will County Community Foundation. "The assets in Donor Advised Funds are professionally invested" explained Trench. "And grants from the fund can be used meet your immediate philanthropic goals." In addition, Frank liked being able to invite his family to participate in advising the grantmaking from the

fund into the next generation.

Frank has now established The Twilla S. Margaron Nursing Fund at The Will County Community Foundation. Any grants from the fund must be made to another 501(c)(3) organization, so the grants made from The Twilla S.

Margaron Nursing Fund will be made primarily to the Silver Cross Foundation and distributed as scholarships to employees wishing to expand their nursing education.

Working as a community, Silver Cross Foundation, Frank's financial advisor and The Will County Community Foundation helped Frank meet his philanthropic goals.



Meredith & Chris Spesia established a Family Fund

Foundation Welcomes New Funds

(Funds established since October 1, 2012)

**The Christian & Meredith
Spesia Family Fund**

**The Tyler & Stephanie
Qualio Charitable Fund**

**The Deb & Scott Reynolds
Charitable Fund**

**The Sentinus Charitable
Fund**

**The Twilla S. Margaron
Nursing Fund**

**The Women's Leadership
Fund**

**The Fred & Maria Schaffer
Charitable Fund**

**The Bill & Diane Habiger
Charitable Fund**

Wadsworth Family-Will County Community Cultural Arts Endowment Fund

The fund was established by Brent and Jean Wadsworth to provide artistic, professional and enjoyable cultural arts opportunities to the greater Will County area. The fund will support and sustain activities, programs, performances, projects and equipment in helping people of all backgrounds experience the joy and passion that the arts can bring to their lives. This year \$4,500 is available to fund programs in the arts during our 2013 competitive grants cycle. As an endowed fund, it will continue to provide grants for The Arts now and forever. The fund is open so individuals can make contributions to the fund at any time online at www.willcountycf.org or by downloading a contribution form and mailing your gift to The Will County Community Foundation at 701 Essington Road, Suite 103, Joliet, IL 60435.



Brent & Jean Wadsworth

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The Board of Directors of

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Invite you to make plans to attend the

2013 Annual Donor Recognition & Celebration of Philanthropy

Recognizing



Kathy & Tom Cawley



The Spesia Family

Wednesday

August 14, 2013

6-8p.m.

Bird Haven at the

Barber &

Oberwortmann

Horticulture Center

227 N. Gougar Road,

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*We look forward to sharing this special
evening with you!*