President’s Letter

One of the recent goals of the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund Advisory Board is to increase awareness about our mission in the Medina County community. We have added events like our Regina Brett luncheon to help us get the word out about our mission to help improve the lives of women and children in the county. The luncheon was held at Blue Heron Golf Club and Conference Center in March, and more than 120 people attended to hear the interesting and uplifting message provided by Plain Dealer columnist Regina Brett. It also provided an opportunity to create relationships with more people in the community and help us spread the word about the work of the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund.

The advisory board has also been working on “spreading the word” in the community in smaller, more intimate ways. Several times a year, board members invite friends or contacts from the community to a “Sunshine Bunch” breakfast. The atmosphere is casual and gives us an opportunity to talk about the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund on a more casual platform.

In 2011, the MCWEF received a total of $27,146 in donations and goods and services. With these generous donations and wise investing strategies, we continue to grow the fund, enabling us to do more in the community.

We are looking forward to another successful Festival of Trees on November 8 and hope you will join us for the festivities.

Linda Loveless
Advisory Board President
Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund

MCWEF Grants in Record Numbers for 2012

It is a record-breaking year for Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund’s grant-making efforts. Thanks to increased fundraising efforts in 2011 and subsequent growth to the endowment fund, MCWEF Advisory Board members approved the highest dollar amount of grants MCWEF has ever awarded. In addition, the largest grant in MCWEF history - $4,000 to a single organization - was awarded. A total of $11,400 was granted to eight organizations. The organizations receiving funding included:

- Catholic Charities Community Services Corporation, for their Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Program, $4,000
- The Children’s Center of Medina County, to purchase a fire-proof filing cabinet necessary for storing critical records, $1,000
- Medina County Health Department, to purchase car seats for families in need, $500
- Medina Creative Housing Inc., for a life skills training camp for youth and adults with disabilities, $1,000
- Medina Health Ministry, to establish a women’s wellness program that will offer free gynecological exams, mammograms and other medical services to uninsured, working women, $3,500
- Oaks Family Care Center Inc., to purchase gas cards for women in the mental health peer-to-peer therapy program, $400
- Ohio Regional Music Arts Cultural Outreach, for “Kids Love Musicals” an artist-in-residency music workshop for underprivileged children in Medina County, $500
- Rape Crisis Center, to increase awareness about sexual assault through community presentations and educational materials, $500

Most organizations of the size listed above depend on grants like those from MCWEF to provide important services and programming. Says Michelle Kipfstuhl, coordinator of the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) program, “Thanks to funds received from the Women’s Endowment Fund, all second grade students in Medina City Schools will have the opportunity to participate in the CAP program. The program will be presented in all second grade classrooms at all seven Medina City Elementary Schools during the 2012/2013 school year. In addition, a parent presentation will be offered prior to the classroom workshops so that parents will have the ability to hear exactly what information will be given to their children in the classroom. In this way parents can reinforce the message at home.”

The board of MCWEF looks forward to another ground-breaking year of fundraising and being able to provide further support for the important programs and organizations for women and children in our community.

Please join our efforts. For more information on contributing to MCWEF, please visit www.akroncf.org/mcwef

Cathy Posner
Grants Committee Chair
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September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012

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Festival of Trees seeks sponsors

The holidays are a special time of gift-giving and the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund’s primary fundraiser, The Festival of Trees, celebrates the beginning of the gift-giving season. The Festival of Trees will be held the evening of Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Weymouth Country Club, from 6 to 9 p.m. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious dinner, drinks and desserts as they survey the many items on hand for either silent or live auction, which will include beautifully decorated Christmas trees of all sizes, gift baskets, service packages and holiday décor items.

“By attending the Festival of Trees, our guests will not only have the opportunity to bid on potential gift items for family and friends, but they will be contributing to a greater gift that will be given back to Medina County communities in the form of grants awarded by the fund to programs and agencies in the area that serve women and children,” said MCWEF board member and Festival Chair Tammy Daubner.

Last year’s event raised over $15,000 for the endowment fund. Grants were awarded in 2012 to eight different agencies, including Catholic Charities, The Children’s Center, Rape Crisis Center, Ohio Regional Music Arts & Cultural Outreach, Medina County Health Department, Medina Creative Housing, Medina Health Ministry, and Oaks Family Care Center.

Individuals and businesses can also participate through sponsorship donations at a variety of levels, or by donating items for auction. For a sponsorship packet, or information on attending the event, please contact committee Chair Tammy Daubner at FOTmedina@yahoo.com or 330-241-4956.

For more information about the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund, visit akroncf.org/mcwef.
Early morning meetings at Western Reserve Bank spur advisory board members to search for additional ways to advance the goals of the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund. In the August 9 meeting shown above, they met with Dr. Suzanne Allen, vice president for development and donor services at Akron Community Foundation, and reviewed plans for the annual Festival of Trees fundraiser, the Mother’s Day card project, and possible new projects in cooperation with other community groups and businesses. If you would like to work more closely with the advisory board to further the goals of the endowment fund, please consider contacting President Linda Loveless at leloveless@zoominternet.net