Ways to give

Pollington Family Fund supports Marion Public Library

For Ross Richards, Marion is home. His family started Pollington Machine Tool over four decades ago and has been serving the area ever since. “We are a tight-knit community, surrounded by good neighbors and friends,” said Ross. “People know each other on a personal basis. It’s what makes living here special.”

This strong sense of community is why Ross—who also serves as a Community Foundation trustee—continues to give back.

“Being on the board allows me to learn about local organizations and better understand their needs,” he said. “I’ve enjoyed meeting new people and finding ways to help.”

Ross decided to create a field of interest fund at the Community Foundation as another way to help the Marion community. “People have supported Pollington Machine Tool and it’s our turn to do the same,” he said. “We were able to choose which issues and causes matter to us, and the Community Foundation makes grants to address them.”

This year, a grant from the Pollington Family Fund is helping to support Marion Public Library. Grant funds will allow the library to expand hours, increase circulating materials, and enhance their summer reading program.

“The most rewarding part of giving back is seeing the good work of organizations like Marion Public Library continue,” said Ross. “My hope is that our fund will be a legacy for generations to come.”

If you are interested in starting a field of interest fund at the Community Foundation, please reach out to Maria E. Gonzalez at mgonzalez@facommunityfoundation.org or by phone at 231.924.5350.

Chair’s note

Time has certainly flown by in 2022. Although the year has gone quickly, it doesn’t quite feel like 2020 and the challenges that came with it were all that long ago. Despite those challenges, our community came together and flourished in the face of adversity. We are proud of how the Community Foundation responded quickly to changing needs over the last three years, and we are excited to go into 2023 with a flexible strategy and strong focus on community welfare.

I also would like to encourage you, as you read through the newsletter, to consider partnering with the Community Foundation. Our grantees have been able to make a huge impact in Osceola County and they could not have done so without the support of volunteers, donors, and the community.

Thank you all for an amazing year. We’re looking forward to 2023!

Respectfully,

Mark Sochocki
Board Chair