



# League Line

Marietta Welfare League established in 1926

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## Community Grants exceed expectations *2018-19 awards total more than \$80,000!*

### **Volunteers and employees work together to raise money to fund Community Grants**

Every time Donna Richards wakes up early to come to work, she knows it is for a good cause. Richards is one of the paid employees at The League Shop and is routinely starting her work before 7 a.m. She and fellow early-riser Tammy Kelly greet customers each weekday morning with smiles and freshly brewed gourmet coffee.

The League Shop, located on the first floor of Marietta Memorial Hospital, was started in 1957 by The Marietta Welfare League and was run completely by volunteers in the beginning. In the last six decades, The Shop has grown to include our ever-present and strong volunteer base and now a full paid staff.

Hospital patients and staff have come to know our employees, as well as our volunteers, as parts of the family. That's what happens when you see someone basically every day. Community as family. It is a simple, but often unacknowledged, part of life. We take care of family and we strive to care for our community.

Every year The League accepts applications from organizations in Washington County for grant funding. The money granted back to these organizations is raised one cup of coffee, one card, and one smile at a time. Each time an item is sold at The League Shop the profits go to our Community Grants.

**This year, The Marietta Welfare League is excited and honored to present 51 organizations (a record number) with grant funding totaling \$81,018.35! This is an awe-inspiring amount for our organization. The funded projects tackle community problems like hunger, affordable housing, and senior services. We also helped to aid science and music education, afterschool programming, as well as local animal projects. Please see the full list of organizations on page 4.**

Our employees and member volunteers know they are making a difference every time the step into The League Shop. We encourage YOU to visit us and see just where the magic happens!



Students from a local Girl Scout Troop model frontier clothing in front of the Conestoga wagon at Campus Martius Museum. Campus Martius received a Marietta Welfare League Community Grant last year to provide clothing for hands-on learning experience. Photo submitted by Campus Martius.

### **Community Grants Reception**

Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
12-1 p.m.

The Betsey Mills Club  
*Membership meeting to follow at 1 p.m.*

Please join us as we celebrate 51 local organizations receiving record-breaking grant funding! A light luncheon of items from The League Shop (including our Crimson Cup gourmet coffee) will be available to attendees. This is a great time to meet representatives from the local organizations we help.



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## A Note from Our President

Winter is here. Snow is on the ground and 2019 is proving to be a year of great things for League already! Record-breaking grant awards, extra membership activities and gatherings, fun luncheons, and productive meetings filled 2018. Our group continues to do amazing work. Happy New Year to my fellow League members and friends!

I've been looking over old League Line issues and photo albums lately... checking dates and seeing just exactly what our group has been doing over the years. It is amazing! Teas and picnics, plant/rummage sales (which we should totally resurrect!), timely quotes, and League Shop plans and actions... all written out in short bursts of genuine love for this organization and our members.

I'll admit it; I love this group too. I joined in 2007 without really knowing what I was getting into... many of us active members, even still, joke about feeling like we were thrown into the circle- a baptism of hot coffee, if you will. The challenges deciphering the many layers of League are true. Committees and events abound. I was young and wanted to meet new people as well as get involved with a town that was going to be my forever home. The League did that and so much more. It still does.

I'm preparing to hand over the gavel to Amy Taylor in February. It is bittersweet for me. I have learned a great deal in the last year working for you and our amazing organization. I've faced people across a boardroom table, as well as across the coffee counter. My phone has never seen as many group

text messages – ever! My family has been very helpful and gracious with time and dinner preparations (and that just scratches the surface of help) as I tackle a lengthy to do list or make a “quick” stop up at The Shop. I know I couldn't – simply could not – have made it through this year without my family.

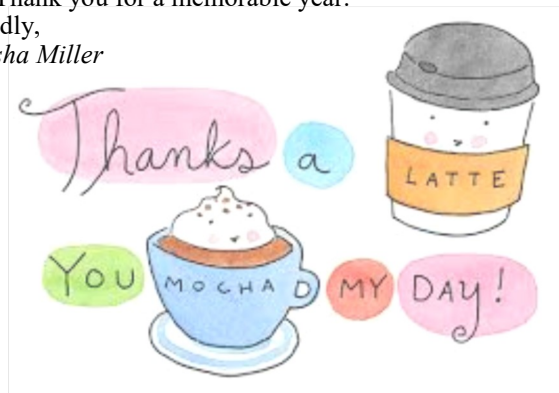
I couldn't have done it without you, our members and friends too. I'm humbled by the support I have received from our membership and member families. Those massive text messages usually include a funny emoji (or 10) as well as a ton of hearts. The time spent with members and their families has been invaluable in this year of decisions and focus.

I know you will show Amy Taylor the same encouragement and commitment in 2019. She is dedicated, bright, and ready to take the helm of The League. I am excited to see what she has in store for the next year and how we all can help.

Thank you for a memorable year.

Kindly,

Trisha Miller



## Community Grant Recipients 2018-19

Marietta Memorial Health Foundation

*The Betsey Mills Club*

The Daily Bread Kitchen

*Franciscan Meals*

Belpre Area Ministries

*Community Food Pantry*

Go-Packs

*Harvest of Hope*

The River Family Christian Center – Heart for Kids

*Tunnel Methodist Church*

Western Washington County Food Pantry

*County Food Pantry*

House of Hope

*Presbyterian Church of Beverly – Chuck Wagon*

*Backpacks*

Pioneer Pilots

*Boys and Girls Club of Washington County*

Ely Chapman Educational Foundation

*Girl Scout Troop #10047*

High Schools That Rock

*Scholars on Fourth*

Marietta High School Marching Band

*Barlow Presbyterian Church – Westminster Pre-school*

Marietta Middle School – Lorie Amrine, Teacher

*Marietta College – Career Connect Initiative*

Campus Martius

*Marietta City Schools – Music Program*

Marietta City Schools – Anatomy Physiology Classes, Vicki Hall, Teacher

*Betsey's Learning Tree*

The Betsey's Little Sprouts

*Oak Grove Christian School*

Harmar Place

*Marietta Ukulele Choir*

Fountain Foundation – Northwest Territory Community Playground

*Eve, Inc.*

Washington County Health Department

*Washington County Special Olympics*

Mid-Ohio Valley Players Theatre

*Washington County Sheriff's Department*

O'Neill Center

*Community Action*

Parents and Friends of the Hearing Impaired

*Friends of Forgotten Felines*

Washington County Historical Society

*The Castle*

Building Bridges to Careers

*MOV Gift of Life*

Habitat for Humanity of the MOV

*Compassionate Animal Resources for the Elderly*

Gowns for Your Day, Inc.

*BrAva*

Broughton Foundation