



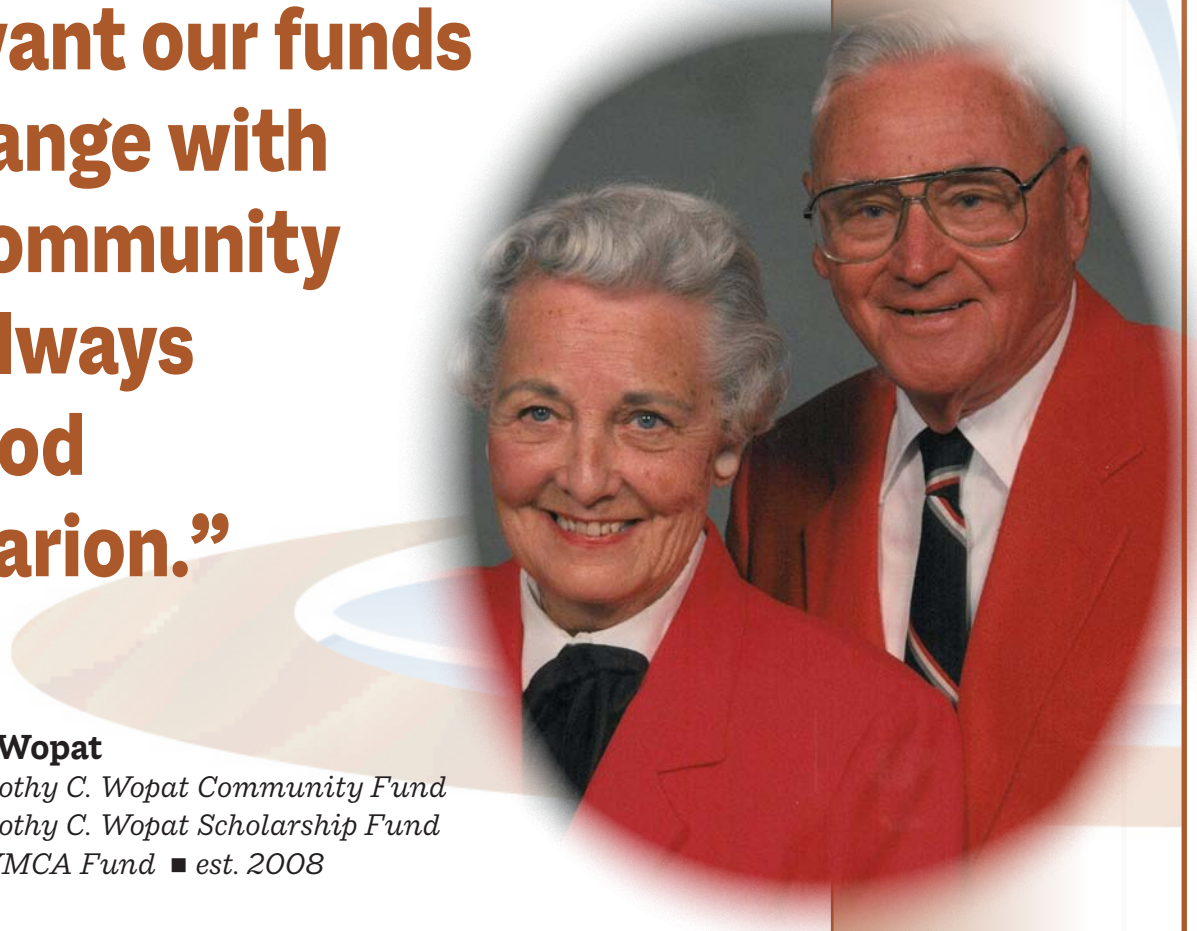
All About *Marion* Community Foundation

**“Given all the change
I’ve seen in my lifetime,
I know things will
continue to change in
Marion.**

**We want our funds
to change with
the community
and always
do good
for Marion.”**

The Wopats, who had no heirs or next of kin, left their \$17 million estate to Marion Community Foundation.

This once-in-a-lifetime gift doubled the size of Marion Community Foundation and supports hundreds of students and organizations in the Marion area.



Bob & Dottie Wopat

*Robert M. & Dorothy C. Wopat Community Fund
Robert M. & Dorothy C. Wopat Scholarship Fund
Wopat Family YMCA Fund ■ est. 2008*

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Quick Facts About Us

- Serving the Marion community since 1998
- More than 375 named funds addressing quality of life issues in Marion – *arts & culture, education, community development, health & wellness, the environment, churches, nonprofits, and human services*
- Putting \$58 million in assets to work for Marion’s benefit
- Awarding \$2 million in scholarships and grants annually to support local students and nonprofit charities throughout Marion
- 15-member Board of Directors to keep in touch with community issues and needs
- The leading resource for local residents wishing to financially support local charitable organizations, causes, and programs
- A 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit, autonomous philanthropic institution supported by the greater Marion community
- Building permanent endowment funds, created by donations from individuals and organizations like you, to carry out their charitable interests
- Supporting effective nonprofit organizations, programs, and causes in the Marion area
- Supporting local students pursuing higher education with community-based scholarships
- Serving in leadership and resource roles to identify important community issues and support community improvement

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Easy. Flexible. Local. Permanent.

Marion Community Foundation makes planned giving all you want it to be.

It's For You.

Giving to Marion Community Foundation is an easy way to support your favorite charities or charitable interests through one organization. Community foundations fulfill your charitable giving goals by helping you create a fund or scholarship that carries **your** name, with benefits **you** direct. From planning through implementation and administration, community foundations guide you through the process and do all the work for you.

It's For Marion.

Marion Community Foundation has deep roots in the community and understands the unique needs of local residents and their challenges. The Foundation is distinctly qualified to match donors' philanthropic desires to a broad range of community needs. Marion Community Foundation makes the communities of Marion County a better place to live.

It's Forever.

The name you designate for your fund or scholarship will go down in history. All funds created with Marion Community Foundation are permanently invested. Only a percentage of the funds' growth is awarded, which creates a permanent legacy.

Learn More

In the appendix of this Profile Book, you can:

- read our mission and vision statement
- meet our professional staff and Board of Directors
- delve into the history of how Marion Community Foundation came to be
- see our latest financial statements and investment returns



Excellence. Accountability. Impact.™

Marion Community Foundation is recognized by the **Council on Foundations** as achieving **National Standards** accreditation.

National Standards accredited community foundations meet the highest standards for philanthropic excellence in:

- quality assurance
- integrity
- accountability
- transparency
- donor services
- investment management
- grantmaking
- administration

Marion Community Foundation is proud to have met the rigorous benchmarks of National Standards since 2008.