

Marriage and Family Counseling Service



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MFCS Recipient of Several Grants



Jim Hottmann



Lance Willet

MFCS received eleven grants during 2015, according to Jim Horstmann and Lance Willett, Co-chairs of the Development Committee. These grants added \$59,105 to the work of the agency. Two new foundations grantors were added the roster this past year: the Brissman Foundation, designed to advance the quality of life for Milan residents, and, the East Moline Foundation, focused on residents of East Moline.

Lowell L. Johnson Charitable Foundation
Mel McKay Foundation
The Rock Island Community Foundation
Charles Deere-Wiman Memorial Trust
Moline Community Foundation
Gaming Fund, Rock Island
Brissman Foundation
East Moline Foundation
Robert and Patty Lane
Hubbell-Waterman Foundation
Doris and Victor Day Foundation
Community Foundation of the Great River Bend
Community Resources Foundation

2015 Annual Appeal

The 2015 Annual Appeal has exceeded the number of donors compared to last year, reports Jim Horstmann, co-chair of the Development Committee. As of December 31, 2015, 81 donors have responded the 2015 Appeal including 89% of the current Board members. As result of the campaign, \$13,805 has been contributed to the agency.

Birdies for Charity program donors and those who contributed through the United Way campaign will announced later.

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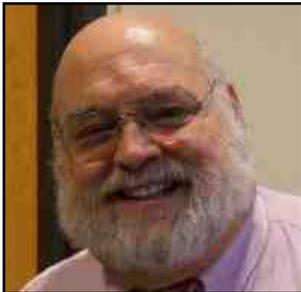
MFCS has again received a major multi-year gift from Robert and Patty Lane. This recent gift followed several previous gifts and the Board of Directors wishes to thank them for their ongoing generous support of the agency's programs.

Managing Staff and Volunteers Workshop A Success



Dr. Michael Pater, Atlanta, returned to the QCA to conduct a workshop on management for the directors of not-for-profit agencies and clergy on September 9 and 10, 2015. The workshop, entitled "Managing Others: Staff & Volunteers." Fourteen clergy and agency directors who supervise both staff and volunteers attended the two-day workshop.

Gottman Level One Training



The Hiebert Institute again hosted another John Gottman Level One Training on September 11 and 12, 2015. The training, "Bridging the Couple Chasm," was led by Graham Thompson, Springfield, Illinois, a certified trainer for the Gottman Institute. Eight therapist from the area focused on how to manage gridlock issues with couples and how to help couples through the use of a new research-based assessment.

Two Certificate Classes Graduate in Turkey



Eighteen professionals received their Marriage and Family Therapy Certificates at ceremonies held at Yasar University in Izmir, Turkey, September 30, 2015. The graduates were part of the two marriage and family therapy certificate programs, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.



The Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy program was structured around the requirements of the International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education. The program included 250 hours of academic work and 250 hours of clinical work. Ozge Alkanat, Ph.D., whom some Board members know from her visits to Rock Island, coordinated the program through Yasar's Continuing Education Center. William Hiebert taught four classes in each program, conducted on a quarterly basis.

Yasar University is currently reviewing the program do determine if they should include it in their master degree in psychology program.

New Practica Student Begins in January



During January, 2nd Lt. Tashima McMurray from the Army's Medical Corp, will begin a practica at the agency. Tashima is a graduate student in Northcentral University's (NCU) online master degree program in marriage and family therapy. NCU's program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education. Since the program is online and has 500 students around the USA, students receive their clinical training wherever they are located.

Tashima is presently located in the Military Police Headquarters in Davenport and runs the Yellow Ribbon Program for the Rock Island Arsenal. The Yellow Ribbon Program brings together families of soldiers who are about to be deployed or have just returned from deployment in order to assist them in dealing with the sustained absence of one of the parents.



Robert Byram Joins Agency as an Associate

To meet the press of clients for clinical appointments, Dr. Robert Byram joins the Association Therapists' roster. Robert was an intern back in 1990-91 when he was a doctoral student at Brigham Young University. Robert recently retired as a counselor from the Bettendorf School System. Over the years Robert has worked part-time as a marriage and family therapist for Catholic Social Services. Robert originally comes from Redwood Falls, Minnesota, about 50 miles from Mt. Lake.

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