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Quarterly

A Legacy for our Children

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Dr. Sally Reed reminisced, "My husband always felt he owed the Alliance

community something and he wanted to give back." Due to the generosity of the Reeds, approximately 40 families will receive financial assistance toward enrollment fees in the fall for quality daycares in our community. "Why shouldn't less fortunate children have the same opportunities?" Sally asked.

Dr. Robert Reed passed away in 2015. He and Sally, married 51 years, believed that quality preschool gave small children a strong early start to grow socially and intellectually. However, they were concerned that low-income children would not have this advantage, and so they established the Drs. Robert and Sally Reed Early Education Fund.



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Their journey to Alliance was quite by accident. They met as students in Temple Medical School in Philadelphia. As a resident in Cleveland, Robert got a call from longtime Alliance doctor, Craig George who said the community needed an ear, nose and throat specialist. So they visited Alliance, fell in love with a beautiful old farm house on a lake, and settled in. Dr. Sally Reed served the community as a radiologist and they made Alliance their home until they retired and moved to South Carolina.

Mrs. Reed said that the only thing they were not sure about was whether to lend their names to the fund. They finally decided that if all their friends in the community saw their names attached to this cause, then they might be encouraged to contribute and more children could attend quality daycare centers.

You can make a gift to the GAF and designate it for the benefit of the Reed Early Education Fund on our website.

Beatrice L. Miller's Legacy Lives on helping the Alliance and Sebring Communities...

- Alliance Area Ulster Project
- Alliance Community Pantry
- Alliance Domestic Violence Shelter
- Alliance Family YMCA
- Alliance Salvation Army
- Alliance YWCA
- Boy Scouts of America
- Sebring Community Fellowship & Food
- Sebring Concern Food & Goods
- Sebring Presbyterian Church
- Sebring Recreational Center
- Sebring Salvation Army



\$13,000+

Sing for Your Supper

As part of a charitable giving plan, a family established a donor advised fund with the Greater Alliance Foundation. With this donor advised fund, they had the flexibility to recommend grant distributions to the foundation trustees to support charitable organizations that matched their areas of interest. Case in point, Sing for Your Supper is a youth program that caught their attention.



What's the donor's impact? Timajah grins from ear to ear when she talks about Sing for Your Supper! We had the opportunity to spend time with eight-year-old Timajah who joined Sing for Your Supper a year ago because she loves to sing. Thanks to this program, she has taken voice lessons and said she is more comfortable singing in front of people. This third-grader has discovered that she likes to make things in the kitchen such as salad, spaghetti squash and veggie pizza, and she likes to cook for her family now. *"I want to stay in this program because I love to sing and I like to cook,"* Timajah said with a smile.

Sing for your Supper meets in the College Plaza and has helped numerous children in many ways – teaching nutrition, confidence and voice lessons. Brenda Johnson, the leader of this program said she wanted to combine her two passions in life – cooking and singing. Brenda is always looking for opportunities to help the children of Alliance and her singing education provides a great foundation for this program to succeed. Since the youth attend the program after school regularly, Brenda has made sure the students are eating healthy meals and learning about nutrition. The unique program has grown from 8 students to 30 regular attendees.

You may have heard their gift of song last year when the youth group performed in the community at the Annual Kiwanis Pancake Jamboree, the Quota Club and for the Alliance Filibuster Club's annual holiday dinner. The students also performed for the patients and staff at McCrae Manor Nursing Home.

Our community applauds Brenda Johnson and all of the program volunteers for devoting their time and talent to this unique program. By Timajah's smile, we know she is thankful for the program and the gift from the Peters Donor Advised Fund.

Driving the Salvation Army Forward

This past fall, Lieutenants Matt and Debra Hamilton of The Alliance Salvation Army submitted a request for a new van. Many of their programs are transportation reliant and with \$10,000 in repair bills over the last year just to keep the old van road worthy, it had become a clear financial strain. Providing funding for capital needs to our Alliance charitable nonprofits is one of the main purposes of the GAF.

The Salvation Army received a matching grant from the Greater Alliance Community Fund. Through the efforts of the Hamiltons and their advisory board, they were able to secure the remaining funds to meet the match and a new 12 passenger van was purchased in December.

This is what Lt. Matt had to say: "The van came at a perfect time. Not only can we continue our program pickups in a safe reliable vehicle, but a new program has been developed due to the recent closing of a local grocery store. Our need to transport people due to the recent grocery store closing in our neighborhood will increase through us helping our community members survive through the desert food crisis on our side of town. There is nothing better than meeting a human need through a basic concept of a ride to the store. This is a new and ongoing learning curve, but they (clients) usually enter our facility with a broken spirit and a look of defeat. However, a simple listening ear and a simple gesture of a ride to help can turn things around and cause them to leave with a warm smile on their face and look of hope for the future. The Salvation Army is grateful to GAF for their support of the work we do in the community by assisting us with this matching grant."



\$15,000

Thanks to you,

our many supportive donor friends who made it possible for this grant by contributing to the Greater Alliance Community Fund. Your kindness has been used to purchase the new van and it is our hope that our matching grant keeps them on the road helping others for a long time.

A “Grand” Donation for Marlinton Students



Our community foundation is lending support to a local school district with a creative idea.

The Greater Alliance Foundation has awarded \$1,000 from the Stuckey Education Fund to help kick off the new Marlinton Education Innovation Fund.

Established by the school district, the Marlinton

Education Innovation Fund will award mini-grants to support programs created by Marlinton Schools staff that will benefit Marlinton Local students.

STEM Education

- 21st Century Learning Skills
- Common Core State Standards
- 1-to-1 Technology Integration
- Professional Development for Teachers
- Community Engagement

“Our number one priority is providing our students with an excellent education, and this fund will give our staff greater opportunities to do so,” says Superintendent Joe Knoll.

To make a tax deductible contribution to this fund, make checks payable to the Greater Alliance Foundation and denote “Marlinton Fund” on the memo or visit our website and Donate Now.



\$1,200

Because You Delivered- So Did We!

As part of our Giving Tuesday 2016 Campaign, friends of the GAF gave their e-mail addresses to help us go green with this newsletter. Yes, we solicited our friends for their e-mails in exchange for turkeys, but the need for holiday hams outweighed the need for drumsticks – hah! So we supplied \$1,200 worth of holiday hams to the Alliance Community Pantry. Our Director, Doug Schwarz was on hand to help unload hams for distribution to deserving area families.

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Key Benefits to Setting Up a Fund With the GAF

EASY

You can enjoy our staff working hard so you don't have to. The GAF provides administrative support and you receive itemized accounting, gift tracking, gift receipts and acknowledgement letters.

FLEXIBLE

You can give a variety of gifts such as cash, publicly traded securities, IRAs, life insurance, and real estate and you receive the charitable tax benefits.

PERSONAL

You leave a legacy to support the causes you are passionate about.

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