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A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF THE MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA

**WINTER 2021** 

# YMCA-YWCA HERITAGE CLUB AWARDS PRESENTED FOR 2020 AND 2021

The Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA Heritage Club held its annual recognition event, "Sip. Savor. Support." in August. Since the recognition event was not held last year, awards were presented to individuals who have made a lasting impact on the Y in 2020 and 2021.

The Martha-Ellen Tye Friend Award recognizes ongoing support to the YMCA-YWCA. This award is named in honor of Marshalltown native and benefactor Martha-Ellen Tye. The 2020 recipients were the Carter family Mac, Jane and Mary Patricia. Receiving the 2021 award was Sarah Hesmer.

The Ryden Service Award recognizes service to the YMCA-YWCA. The award is named in honor of long-time Y volunteers and supporters Rex and Nan Ryden. The 2020 award was presented to Ronnie Manis. Mary Knox received the 2021 award.



Y CEO Carol Hibbs presented the 2020 Martha-Ellen Tye Friend Award to Mary Patricia, Mac and Jane Carter.



Heritage Club Board President Maureen Lyons presented the 2021 Martha-Ellen Tye Friend Award to Sarah Hesmer.



Y CEO Carol Hibbs presented the 2020 Ryden Service Award to Ronnie Manis.



John Dinsmore, 2016 recipient of the Martha-Ellen Tye Friend award presented the 2021 award to Mary Knox.

### ABOUT THE Y'S HERITAGE CLUB

The Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA's Endowment Fund supports critical Y programs and services each year. The donors who contribute ensure their philanthropic legacy will provide opportunities throughout Central lowa for future generations. An endowment gift aligns an individual or family's passion with our cause – strengthening the foundations of our community.

There is no minimum amount to make a gift to the Endowment Fund. It may be a memorial, onetime gift, a series of gifts, a pledge paid over a period of time, wills, trust, gifts of appreciated assets or a combination of funding mechanisms. Donors who choose to support the Y in this way become members of the Y's Heritage Club.



## MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA OPENS ITS FACILITY TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

The Y has collaborated with several organizations in recent years to provide space for meetings and events. When the Fisher Community Center closed in 2020 due to damage from the derecho, the Marshalltown Area United Way had an urgent need to relocate its offices and operations. Luckily, the Y had office space available on the second floor of its Cultural Center building.





Another group using the Y's Cultural Center is Cornerstone Church, who opened its Marshalltown campus in 2020. The church meets on Sundays in the Cultural Center Gym, as well as provides classes and fellowship in additional areas throughout the building. Prior to Cornerstone, New Hope Church was meeting at the Y while their worship space was being repaired after being damaged in the derecho.

The Fisher Community Center closure also created a need for a polling site during election time. As a result, the Y Horne-Henry Center Gym was utilized for the 2020 elections and the Child Care Room was utilized in 2021. Blood drives are another event that have been regularly scheduled in the Y's gym.

"If there is a community need and the Y has space available, we do what we can to accommodate it," said Carol Hibbs, CEO. "Our members and staff know that when we work together, the whole community benefits."

"From day one, it has been an absolute blessing to be a tenant of the YMCA-YWCA! While coming on as the new Director, not only did I need to become acclimated with my role, but also operate without prior resources that were in place. That meant where to hold meetings, a location for the Marshalltown Area United Way's Kickoff Event, storage of necessary items that were more easily accessible, accessing incoming mail and the list goes on. However, Carol Hibbs along with the entire staff of the YMCA-YWCA has undeniably provided support!"

Kendra Sorensen Executive Director Marshalltown Area United Way

#### ANNUAL CAMPAIGN NEARING ITS 2021 GOAL



Tyler and Kaylee Peschong with their children: Olivia and Leon.

Campaign Chairs: Tyler and Kaylee Peschong

"Our family supports the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA with the same passion that YMCA-YWCA supports the Marshalltown area. Every age group, every ethnicity, and every gender has a home at the Y. To us, it is so much more than just a building that you can exercise in. It really represents what is so amazing about this community we call home. People from all walks of life get to experience a place that provides unwavering encouragement and guidance for a better tomorrow. We are so incredibly blessed to have been members of the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA throughout the years and are honored to be involved in continuing to support the mission they live out every day."

For more information about the Annual Campaign, or to make an online gift, visit www.ymca-ywca.org/give.

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