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## EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE

*Every breath you take....* might be due to the foresight and generosity of one Mequon neighbor.

Desiring to remain anonymous, this individual reached out to the Mequon Community Foundation (MCF) and Mequon Pizza Company to coordinate an event to raise funds to benefit the paid-on-call volunteers of the City of Mequon Fire Department. The event raised \$2,500, which allowed the Fire Department to purchase a McGrath Mac video laryngoscope for one its three ambulances. This state-of-the-art device, previously found only in emergency rooms, uses a small video camera and monitor to assist paramedics in the highly complex task of placing a breathing tube into patients who are not breathing on their own.

The newly purchased laryngoscope has already saved the life of one Mequon resident. While no one plans on needing a laryngoscope, it provides us all peace of mind to know that the Mequon Fire Department has a laryngoscope available. "We are grateful to the anonymous resident and to the generous local donors that made it possible for us to purchase this special equipment," said Mequon Fire Department Chief David Bialk. MCF President Kathy Pederson echoed Chief Bialk's sentiment about the kind-heartedness of Mequon residents. "Because of the strong sense of community and desire to identify projects that benefit all Mequon residents, MCF and its community partners are able to help maintain high-quality institutions, facilities and services."

If you also appreciate the level of commitment and inherent value our volunteer firefighters add to the safety of our community, help the Mequon Community Foundation reach our goal of \$5,500 by making a gift to assist with the purchase of two more laryngoscopes so that all three Fire Department ambulances are outfitted with these life-saving devices. Visit [www.mcfgives.org](http://www.mcfgives.org) to make your gift now!

Save the Date June 5, 2018  
7th Annual Pillars of the Community Luncheon

### ABOUT MCF

The Mequon Community Foundation (MCF) is a 501(c)(3) organization that undertakes projects which enhance the quality of life in the City. Since its founding in 1999, MCF has raised and distributed over \$700,000 through the charitable giving of the generous residents and businesses of Mequon. A great big "thank you" to all of our donors!

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# Pillars Event Honors Stan Smith

MEQUON — Stan Smith’s career with Wisconsin Bell took him and his family all over Wisconsin.

He, his wife Babs and their three children moved to Mequon 40 years ago this month. The family put down roots and got involved in all aspects of the community. While his two sons and daughter spread across the country, starting careers and raising families, Stan and Babs stayed put. Babs passed away Feb. 17; the Smiths were married 59 years.

Stan Smith was honored Tuesday before an audience of 160 with the Mequon Community Foundation’s sixth annual Pillars of the Community Award.

As he accepted the award during a luncheon at Concordia University Wisconsin, Smith said he was humbled to be recognized alongside prior recipients, who include the Sommers family, former Mequon Mayor Christine Nuernberg, Richard R. Pieper Sr., the Rennie family and Christopher and Daniel Doerr.

When he received a call last November from MCF President Kathy Pederson, he said he was surprised.

“Certainly, I did not see how I fit in with that group,” he said.

However, James Jurack, MCF’s immediate past president, who conducted the presentation, made it clear Smith’s contributions have touched virtually every corner of the community.

Smith chaired a committee that helped launch the Mequon Town Center. He helped start the Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary Club and served in many roles over the years. He’s received Rotary’s highest award. He’s served as executive director of Gathering on the Green and Family Fun Before the Fourth. He’s been a board member of the Mequon-Thiensville Chamber of Commerce and has been active in numerous capacities with Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon. He has served on Mequon’s Economic Development Board.

Smith said that shortly after his family moved to Mequon there was a huge controversy regarding a state proposal to build a prison on the land along Lake

Michigan where the CUW campus now is situated.

He said he thought to himself, “I need to



Stan Smith

be involved here and stay close to what’s going on.”

While the prison proposal was abandoned, it perhaps had the fortuitous side-result of sparking Smith’s community involvement and service in a multitude of organizations.

Smith modestly said the credit for much of his involvement really belongs to those with whom he worked. For instance, he said all Rotarians were heavily involved in plans to build Rotary Park and the Rotary Riverwalk, which fit hand-in-glove with the Town Center initiative.

“We are proud of our club’s accomplishments,” he said.

He added he is happy to see how the Town Center has grown. Smith served on a committee Mayor Nuernberg formed in 1999 to look at possibilities for growing

the area. The committee, under his leadership, ran until 2010 when it was disbanded because work on the project was well under way. He added he is especially pleased at the way Mequon and Thiensville have cooperated.

“It’s been a real pleasure to me to see the cooperation between the two communities, both elected officials and staffs,” he said.

He added the Rotary is eager to get involved in efforts to build a “gateway feature” at the intersection of Mequon and Cedarburg roads in the heart of the Town Center.

Smith said he was pleased that his two sons, his daughter and their spouses all were able to attend Tuesday’s celebration. He added his wife knew the honor was in the works.

“I miss Babs and I know she was looking forward to this event,” he said, adding that she always provided support and encouragement and helped get their family situated during the many moves early in his career.

As Smith concluded, he again said the honor really belongs to many in the community.

“This showcases the work of many people for many years,” he said.



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Stan Smith, center, is pictured with his Pillars of the Community Award and Mequon Community Foundation Immediate Past President James A. Jurack and President Kathy Pederson.

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## MCF Projects and Contributions

Learn how MCF has contributed to the quality of life for the residents of Mequon

**Rotary Park.** MCF has sponsored projects including Concerts on the Green and the Memory Garden.



**Katherine Kearney Carpenter Park.** The Park was donated to Mequon in 1967, with the condition that it be used as a public park, and without restriction to children and pets. MCF has provided \$17K for the upkeep of this park area.

**River Barn Park.** MCF contributed \$300K for the construction of the Sommer Pavilion, playground equipment, and ongoing maintenance.



**Mequon Nature Preserve.** The Preserve is an ongoing project, with MCF donating \$34K to help restore the land to its original and natural habitat of deciduous forests and wetlands.



**Weyenberg Library.** MCF has donated more than \$10K to support the summer reading and children’s literacy programs at the Library.

**Rotary Riverwalk.** In partnership with Rotary, MCF has contributed over \$10K to fund physical improvements to the Riverwalk, as well as attract more visitors.

**Mequon Thiensville Historical Society.** MCF grants funded purchase of archival materials and an event with historian John Gurda.

**Historic Jonathan Clark House.** MCF has helped support the House, which is listed on the US National Register of Historic Places. It was built by Clark in 1848, the same year Wisconsin became a State.

