

Marshall Community Credit Union Receives Marshall Teacher Association's Friend of the Youth Award

Every year, the Marshall Teachers Association recognizes an entity from the community who provides support and enrichment to students from Marshall Public Schools. "This year's recipient certainly deserves to be celebrated. They support all aspects of Marshall Public Schools in numerous ways" said MTA President, Tracy Haroff.

In recognition for all that this local business has done to generously support Marshall Public Schools since 2002, the Marshall Teachers Association proudly bestowed the 2015 Friend of the Youth Award upon Marshall Community Credit Union.

Marshall Community Credit Union offers free financial presentations to K through 12th grade teachers. Their lessons include; saving strategies, an introduction to economics, budgeting, understanding interest rates and credit and more. MCCU has performed over 100 presentations in Marshall Public Schools classrooms in the last five years.

MCCU also offers incentives for students as well. Their Dollars for A's program rewards students for their good grades by paying them one dollar for every A earned on a report card. Graduating high school seniors are encouraged and eligible to apply to win one of four \$1,000 college scholarships each year. Over the past two years (since MCCU has offered the scholarship program), five Marshall High School graduates have received scholarships to the colleges of their choice. And this year, MCCU is launching their Member Jr. App. which teaches children age 2-12 to set savings goals, keep track of their accounts and other money concepts through fun and interactive games.

Marshall Community Credit Union currently operates five student-run braches within Marshall Public Schools. These student-run credit union branches are actually operated by hired and trained elementary, middle and high school students. The first MCCU student-run branch opened back in the fall of 2002 at Shearman Elementary. Since then, branches have been opened at each elementary school; Walters, Gordon and Hughes, as well as at Marshall Middle School and most recently at Marshall High School in 2012. Student get hands on experience in numerous ways whether it's learning about financial literacy through being a member and participating in the student-run branch, or learning about banking by becoming a branch employee.

In 2014, MCCU saw the need to offer financial support to teachers and administrators. In the past two years, they have assisted either MPS teachers and/or administrators by granting fund requests totaling over \$4,500. Granted requests have included the purchase of Danny the Dog book series for Walters Kindergarten students, district wide PBIS training through the Central Office, over 200 scientific calculators for MSTEP testing at the middle school, and three online research databases for the high school.

"We truly appreciate this recognition from the Marshall Teachers Association and thank all of MPS for their continued support of our programs. The teachers and administrators within Marshall Public Schools understand the need for financial education in the schools and we are happy to be able to be the financial institution to provide it" said MCCU Financial Education Coordinator, Andrea Tucker.

Marshall Community Credit Union is a federally insured full-service financial institution with offices located at 839 West Green Street in Marshall and 1157 East Michigan Avenue in Battle Creek. For more information on products, services or membership, please contact 269.781.9885 or visit marshallcommunitycu.com.



MCCU's Financial Education Coordinator, Andrea Tucker, receives the Marshall Teachers Association's 2015 Friend of the Youth Award from MTA President, Tracy Haroff.