

# **2013 Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, Feb. 13th @ 6:30pm Minnetrista Cultural Center



2010 Oscar Award Recipient East Central Neighborhood's "Adopt-a-Median"



# 2013 Annual Meeting February 13th at 6:30pm Agenda

**6:30p** Social Time

**6:40p** President Jason Donati 2012: Strengthening Partnerships and Striving for Sustainability

Raffle Announcement

**7:05p** Project Manager Mary Beth Lambert Introduction of Speaker

## Keynote Speaker Ball State Football Coach Pete Lembo

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**7:30p** Board Member James Dalton Call for Membership and Committee Sign up

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**7:35P** Oscars Night Update

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Closing

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# **2012: Strengthening Partnerships and Striving for Sustainability**

Muncie-Delaware Clean & Beautiful continues to lead the way in our community in regards to beautification and cleanups. Over the past few years our board of directors and project managers have dedicated countless hours towards building a more sustainable future and an attainable vision for our organization.

Strengthening partnerships and building our membership base has been one of our primary goals for 2012. Thanks to the exceptional partnership we have maintained with the Ball Brothers Foundation, we have been able to build stronger programs and maintain a widespread community presence.

New partnerships came to fruition this year including many connections to Ball State University. We developed a strategic plan of gateway cleanups with Ball State Football Coach and MDCB member Pete Lembo. Working collaboratively with the Ball State Football program, we were able to coordinate litter cleanups on one of Muncie's most traveled gateways, the McGalliard entrance to Muncie. Gateway cleanups were performed before Ball State Football home games to make sure this area looked its best when visitors came to town.

We also had a successful partnership with the PRO 100 program, which hired nearly 20 local high school youths to learn life skills and perform landscaping on Ball State's campus, and throughout the city. Our project manager, Mary Beth Lambert, trained, guided and facilitated work days twice a week in many areas downtown and throughout the city.

Through continued partnerships with churches, service organizations and residents, Downtown Cleanups continued monthly throughout the year keeping our often visited and historic Downtown looking presentable and clean.

The 6th Annual White River Cleanup was one of our most successful years yet with over 425 volunteers cleaning nearly 15 miles of River in Delaware County!

Urban Gardening Initiative (UGI) has also reached out to collaborate with Ball State Urban Planning Department professors to organize an Urban Agriculture Symposium this spring to educate the local community about the urban agriculture movement.

As we strengthen such vital community partnerships, we feel the sustainability of our organization will follow. You can help! Please consider becoming a member of our organization to stay connected to our network and events, plus help us raise the money needed to facilitate these extremely important programs throughout Delaware County.

Without our volunteers, members, partners and funders, we would not be here. We would also not be able to have such positive impacts in our community, which we believe helps boost the morale of our great city. We look forward to 2013 and thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Jason Donati Board President



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## **Board of Directors**

#### Jason Donati, President



Jason lives in downtown Muncie with his fiancé Yvonne "Sasha" Roberts and their three children Deshawn, Destiny and Levi. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Roy C. Buley Center, SlowFood ECI, the Cardinal Greenway, is the secretary of the Urban Forestry Committee, and serves on the education subcommittee of the Friends of the Munsee Woods. Jason is an AmeriCorps alumni member and moved back to Muncie after living many years in Buffalo, New York working for a non-profit with youth and urban farming.

#### James Dalton, Secretary

James joined our board in 2009 because of his concern for the local environment. He is passionate about helping keep inkjet and toner printer cartridges out of our local landfills. James has spent more than 30 years in the printing industry, and is part-owner of INK Solution of Muncie. He is married to Diane (Ray) Dalton and has 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

#### Michelle Jent, Treasurer

Michelle joined MDCB in December 2009 as Treasurer. She is a Ball State University graduate with a B.A. in accounting with 11 years experience in public accounting and currently employed at Red Gold. Michelle is a native of Muncie and enjoys participating in many community events and volunteering as much as possible. Spending time with her young adult children, friends and 2 dogs keeps her happy and on her toes.

Rebekah lives in Muncie with her husband, Lucas, and their two children. Rebekah is a Realtor at REMAX in Muncie. Originally from the Philadelphia area. Rebekah and her husband moved to Muncie in 2002 upon graduation from Taylor University. Rebekah has been on the board since 2010 and has a passion to help others in this community and make Muncie a better place to live. Rebekah and her husband Lucas are also the owners of Refresh Muncie LLC, a local furniture and home décor store in Downtown Muncie.

#### **Chris Daniels**



Chris joined MDCB in January of 2012. He is a graduate of Ball State with a B. S. in Wildlife and Conservation Biology. Although Chris is a Muncie native, he spent much of his childhood wandering the hills of Southern Indiana. In his free time Chris enjoys biking, bird watching, and spending time in the great outdoors.

Annie has been proud to serve as a MDCB board member since 2005, and she finds the grassroots projects along with major beautification and cleanup events rewarding and fun. She has worked on the White River Cleanup since its inception, and has contributed to many of MDCB's major events. "I am a Master Gardener and enjoy working in my yard and working with neighbors to plant and beautify in our historic neighborhood," says Annie, who is President of the East Central Neighborhood Association. Annie has been in the housing industry for over 30 years and is a housing developer with the non-profit organization, PathStone.











#### Melinda Messineo, PhD



Melinda Messineo is an associate professor of sociology at Ball State University. Messineo has received four teaching awards at her current institution and one from the North Central Sociological Association. She currently serves as Director of the Freshman Connections Program, an award winning living and learning community program targeting first year students. This program works with Muncie-Delaware Clean & Beautiful each year on the White River Cleanup as part of its community service and sustainability objectives. Melinda is a California native and loves running, riding and roller-blading on the trails of our community.

Augusta Wray lives in Muncie with her life partner, Daniel, and their six beautiful felines. Wray has an MS in Information and Communication Sciences and is currently working on an MA in Sociology. She works at Ball State University as a Proposal Manager in the Sponsored Programs Office. Wray enjoys volunteering, being active, and warm weather. She has worked with MDCB for about a year and is looking forward to being a productive Board member.

#### **Dustin Stillinger**



Dustin grew up walking the woods of southern Indiana where a deep love the outdoors was fostered. This helped lead him to study Natural Resources and Environmental Management at Ball State University. Dustin is now a resident of Muncie and employed by Minnetrista where he oversees the natural areas. This work has given him diverse experiences from tree work to invasive species control and best management practice installations, such as rain gardens.

Ty Morton is the man behind the curtain at Tylonius Studios, a full-service graphic and web design agency. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, organic vegetable gardening, and craft beer (you might notice a pattern there). Ty has been a long-time community advocate and volunteer, and is excited to be part of the MDCB board.

#### Mary Beth Lambert, Program Coordinator



Mary Beth is a native of Muncie, Indiana. She has a BS from Indiana University in Bloomington where she studied Outdoor Recreation, Recreational Programming and Elementary Education. She has lived in both Colorado and Montana before choosing to move back to Muncie, and loves living here. She is owner of Cottage Creations and is very active in volunteering in her community.



**Ty Morton** 

#### Augusta Wray



## **Business Partners**

## <u>Walnut Level</u>

Muncie Sanitary District Stormwater Management Department

## Maple Level

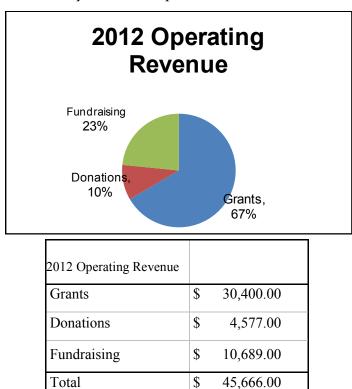
OmniSource Sherman And Marjorie Zeigler Foundation

## **Redbud Level**

Canyon Falls Raymond James Jay Crew Landscaping

## <u>Sassafras Level</u>

Wishbone Gifts Pridemark Construction Kishel Photography Old National Bank First Republic Mortgage Corporation Patricia Schaefer Trust Rebekah Hanna Reality Normandy Flower Shop



# Seed

Megan Jeffers

### <u>Sprout</u>

Gerry Cyranowski Anne Wolfe Kelli Huth Sherry Riggin Janice Grille Amy Gregg **Jim Vincent** Annie Poole Brenda Clark Augusta Wray Marci & Ben Miller Montana Ogden Abigail Ogden Lenny Baeirwalter Aaron Hoopingartner Dan Allen **Rachel Penticuff** Chris Poland **Phil Everetts** Michelle Welder **Chris Miller** Sarah Lyttle

<u>Leaf</u> Michelle Jent

2012 Members

## **Leaf Family**

Rod & Linda Case

## **Sprout Family**

Kelly & Rachel Tague Randy & Elizabeth Wray Todd & Tanya Donati John & Pam Craddock Mike & Misty O'Neil

## <u>Branch</u>

Josh Williams Robert & Kara Byrn Pete & Jen Lembo Melinda Messineo

2012 Expenses	
Programs	\$ 18,528.00
Administration	\$ 19,621.00
Fundraising	\$ 3,490.00
Total	\$ 41,639.00

