

Hard to believe that more than a year has passed since our spectacular extravaganza in the Diamond Club at Citizens Bank Park to celebrate my 80th birthday where the *Believe, Play, and Have Fun Foundation* became a reality. As you know, I have always believed in helping young people further their education. I am also a Phillies fan as evidenced by the two books we published, *Part of the Parade* and *Balls, Bats and More*, which give an in-depth view of the people behind the scenes who, not only, work passionately day-to-day to make the ballpark an exciting place to visit but who also keep the Organization running smoothly. Marietta and I have also made countless trips to Clearwater for Spring Training and have attended many Phillies home games. What better way to celebrate a milestone than to have an event that combines our belief in helping others and having fun.

What a super time we had with family and friends! You were able to tour the dugouts, the clubhouse, press box, announcers' booth, locker room and batting cages; places that are not generally open to the public. I'm sure the kids (as well as the older "kids") remember the silly antics of the Philly Phanatic who always steals our hearts no matter our age. Then there was the endless buffet of "ballpark food and drinks". It was a day to be remembered for many super reasons.

Thanks to your generosity that day, a dream was realized. The party and all related expenses were funded 100% by Marietta and me. After all, it was my party! All your generous gifts went directly to the Foundation to support four worthy programs. We were thrilled that \$25,000 was now available to support these programs. The following grants were made possible by you and we guaranteed they would be made available for a period of five years (grants in 2015 and 2016 have been distributed):

\$1,500 to West Chester University. The Chair of the Undergraduate Social Work Department, Michele Belliveau, had this to say about your gift:

"The WCU social work department is grateful for the generous gift from the Believe, Play, and Have Fun Foundation. With these funds, we can support students that can't afford transportation to their field practicum, a key component of social work education!"

Marietta's knowledge and experience in the social work field can attest to the continued need for funding to help cover expenses related to students' field experience. In addition, certifications and clearances are often necessary for residential, school, and medical settings.

- \$1,000 to Penn State Brandywine Athletic Enhancement Fund. Chancellor Kristin Woolever reported that:

"Penn State Brandywine team managers for both the men's and women's basketball program are some of the most engaged, dedicated, and accomplished individuals on campus. Through generous gifts, such as those from the Believe, Play, and Have Fun Foundation, to the Athletic Enhancement Fund, they are ensured the opportunity to discover their own potential and learn meaningful skills through athletics."

As you know, athletics are important to me as so many life experiences can be related to what was learned from participation in organized sports; i.e., team building, leadership, trust, etc.

- \$1,000 to the University of Pennsylvania Fels Institute of Government to support the Public Leadership and Services Fellowship. Lauren Cristella, Director of Student Affairs and Strategic Operations, reported:

Funds are provided to each student during the summer between the first and second year of our program; and, when available, funds are provided for students pursuing similar work during the academic year. Most full-time students take advantage of this fellowship program.

- \$1,500 to Riddle Hospital for continuing education of their Professional Staff. This bequest is most important to me; and, in my mind, is priceless. This year, because of you, three therapists received special training in order to become certified to work specifically with Parkinson's patients. Michelle Bochanski, Doctor of Physical Therapy, states:

"LSVT BIG is a program that targets to help newly diagnosed patient's with Parkinson's Disease restore their range of motion, flexibility, strength and balance with functional mobility. We are greatly appreciative to all donors of the Believe, Play, and Have Fun Foundation that helped make it possible for us to get certified in this great program!"

We all know the challenges that these patients face. As you know, Parkinson's can be a debilitating disease, but with the right medication and physical therapy, coupled with a specific physical fitness regime, it can be well managed. The three therapists that you sent for this special LSVT BIG certification have already begun to serve patients with Parkinson's disease. It works! I know!!

Every year we are asked for donations to fund various non-profit organizations and are given general statistics as to what our money will fund. The *Believe, Play, and Have Fun Foundation* tells you **exactly** where our dollars are being used.

The grants for furthering education and funds to help offset expenses for students is money well spent and will always be needed. After all, these students are our future! They need to be as prepared as possible. Your donation is being used to further that goal.

There is also a need for new programs and to continue the current programs beyond our initial five year commitment. With your donation this year, anything is possible!!! Together we can make a difference! That has already been proven by Riddle's successful Parkinson's program.

Please consider a donation to the *Believe, Play, and Have Fun Foundation* as a part of your charitable gift giving. We can do more with your support.

Please send your 100% tax-deductible donation today, payable to the ***Believe, Play and Have Fun Foundation, Chester County Community Foundation, The Lincoln Building, 28 W. Market Street, West Chester, PA 19382***; or, visit our website at <https://chescocf.org/fund/believe-play-fun/>. Thank you! Comments and questions welcome.

Have Fun!
Marietta and Norman Mawby

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