

# Marriage and Family Counseling Service



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## John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity Scores!



This year the John Deere Golf Classic Birdies for Charity raised a record \$10,503,791! Since 1971, the Birdies program has delivered over 70 million dollars to regional charities.

This year MFCS received \$9,952 in pledges and \$995 in a 10% bonus from The Birdies making a total of \$10,947. With 45 pledgers and slightly higher per person pledges, the \$10,947 is the highest amount earned in the charity ever by the agency.

"We are urging supporters of the agency next year to make their contributions through the Birdies program. Each year the agency not only receives the amount you designate, but also an additional amount based on the greater fund totals raised by the Birdies program," said Lance Willett, chair of the Development Committee.

## 50th Anniversary Celebration Kickoff: ComedySportz Fundraising Event Was a Success



The 50th Anniversary Committee held its first event in a year of celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the agency. Held at the Establishment Theater on September 29, over 100 people enjoyed the improv team of ComedySportz, Guys in Ties.

The event included 33 silent auction baskets. A profit of \$5,100 was raised through sponsorships and the silent auction, which was successfully managed by Chuck and Ann Austin and daughter Julie Hanson.

## 2016-2017 Leadership:

Karen Brooke  
President

John Horn  
Vice President

Laurie Skjerseth  
Secretary

Jerry Goddard  
Treasurer

## 50th Anniversary Committee:

Marsha Pedersen, Chair

Chuck Austin

Mike Drymiller

Jerry Goddard

Jim Horstmann

John Horn

Laurie Skjerseth

Lance Willett

## Monica McGoldrick Will Be the 50th Anniversary Master Therapist



Monica McGoldrick will present a community-wide workshop for family therapist, counselor and the MFCS Alumni on Friday, May 5, 2017. Best known for her initial book, *Geograms: Assessment and Intervention*, her lasting contribution and a skill every graduate in a marriage and family therapy learns is the Geogram.

Dr McGoldrick is part of the The Multicultural Family Institute (MFI), incorporated in 1991, is a non-profit educational institution devoted to post-graduate family therapy training, research, and consultation to community institutions from a Multicultural Systemic perspective.

McGoldrick is the author of many groundbreaking books in the field of family therapy: *Re-visioning Family Therapy*, *the Expanded Family Life Cycle*, *the Geogram Journey: Reconnecting with your family*, *Living Beyond Loss: Death in the Family and Ethnicity and Family Therapy*.

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## Three New Directors for the MFCS Board



Peter Kivisto



Steve Pressly



Ana Kehoe

This past Fall, three individuals joined the MFCS Board of Directors for the first time. Peter Kivisto, Steve Pressly and Ana Kehoe were seated during the Autumn term of the Board. Peter Kivisto is a professor of sociology at Augustana College and Steve Pressly is the president and owner of the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Homes.

Ana Kehoe will be familiar to many through her work with education at WVIK, a PBS station, and she was the first director of "Symphony in Bloom." "We are delighted to have these new members to our Board of Directors and look forward to their leadership," said Karen Brooke, President.

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## MFCS Recipient of Several Grants

MFCS received several grants during Autumn of 2016, according to Lance Willett, Chair of the Development Committee. These grants added \$13,745 to the work of the agency.

Brissman Foundation  
Trinity Lutheran Church (Moline) Foundation  
Community Resource Corporation

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## Therapists from Singapore Visit MFCS



Jagajit Kaur and Angela Davy spent two weeks at MFCS at the end of November. They were on sabbatical from their social work programs in Singapore. Angela Davy works as a Senior Consultant at Advantage Consulting Group. Jagajit Kaur is the Senior Counselor at the Singapore Indian Development Association.

During their visit, they were able to observe all of the staff in therapy sessions and were able to see a variety of individuals and couples. They were surprised how much humor was present in the sessions and how relaxed the people were about their presence in the therapy sessions. However, their biggest event was that they, for the first time, experienced SNOW! Singapore is never below 80 degrees and always hot and humid. They enjoyed going outside and playing in the snow. Sam, our secretary, took them out to her farm; it was the first time they ever saw a cow or horse that wasn't in a zoo.

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### **Asian Family Therapy Conference**



The Asian Family Therapy Conference was held in Shanghai, China, October 15 - 18. William Hiebert was one of the presenters, speaking on accreditation and training in family therapy. Pictured are the English-speaking presenter group. John Miller, far right, is an American teaching now at Shangdun University in Shanghai.

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### **MFCS Alums met at AAMFT in Indy**



Only five MFCS connected people attended the AAMFT Conference in Indianapolis in September. Each year MFCS Alums attending the national conference meet for lunch. This year the group included (L to R), Curt Keller, Peoria; Daniel Stillwell, NC; Derek: Bill; and Suzanne Hanna, CA.

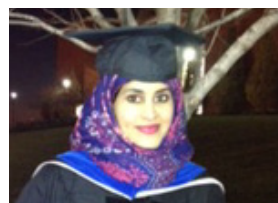
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### **Jordal Named Journal of Family Psychotherapy Editor**

Christian Jordal, 2012-13 Intern, was named the new editor of the Journal of Family Psychotherapy, the journal of the International Family Therapy Association. Dr. Jordal will began his duties in January of 2017.

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### **Asmaa Aloitaby Awarded Doctorate**

Two weeks ago, 2014-15 Intern Asmaa Aloitaby was awarded her Ph.D., from St. Louis University after defending her dissertation.

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