

Promoting Successful Aging

An estate bequest from Roxanne Marshall, a retired Brighton school librarian and daughter of a Batavia businessman, established the Muriel H. Marshall Fund for the Aging in honor of Roxanne's mother. Roxanne's dream was to support services that enhance the quality of life for older residents of Genesee County and enable them to remain independent and involved in the community.

This video tells the story of the creation and ongoing impact of the Marshall Fund.

In her instructions to the Community Foundation, Roxanne identified a number of possible services. In conjunction with the Genesee County Office of the Aging, a planning team of local residents ensures faithful compliance with her wishes by continually:

- Identifying non-medical needs and opportunities for older adults in Genesee County;
- Determining funding priorities and possibilities that are responsive to local needs; and
- Shaping grantmaking strategies that meet the criteria of the Marshall Fund.

Services offered include:

- Financial management;

- Handyman services;
- Home visitation;
- Library services (SAGE);
- Recreation; and
- Transportation coordination and assistance.

The Community Foundation provides administrative and fiduciary oversight for the fund, ensuring that it is effective now and forever.