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Director's Article - 20 YEARS OF GRATITUDE & THEN SOME

Gathering the information for this newsletter was like putting together a photo album from boxes of family photos. It was a trip through the ups and downs shared across my table by almost 3,000 trusting people from Door and Kewaunee counties. It was a trip around two unique, absolutely beautiful counties in northeast Wisconsin to schools, churches, civic groups, human service agencies, interagency meetings and collaborative efforts. It has been an opportunity for me to catch my breath; to celebrate the positive impact we have had on so many families. I value beyond measure, the courage it takes for people to unravel their financial difficulties and accomplishments as I bear witness, serving as a resource and cheerleader. I also feel a deep sense of gratitude for the financial, volunteer and referral support which countless people, businesses, churches, employers, and funders have provided to keep this mighty little office open for 20 years. And to the 64 dynamic people who have served as board members over the years – thank you for being the backbone of Money Management Counselors FISC. What we do every day isn't flashy; doesn't take a lot of space or a big budget. But boy, the impact goes a long way; our communities are stronger for it at the most basic level – self-sufficiency. Thank you, thank you, thank you all.

Gay Pustaver, Executive Director



Gay speaks to Washington Island Senior Citizens

CELEBRATING
20 YEARS
1994-2014

Letters of Gratitude from past clients

"I went to see Gay at Money Management Counselors on my way to purchasing a home. It was required to get my finances together and get a certificate from them. That certificate allowed me to move further on my path to home ownership. I am very grateful for their help and am now a home owner!"

- Coro Fox

"Thank you so much for allowing my comments. This program has so helped me turn my overwhelming financial life around. Plans and procedures were shown to me with patience and accountability. Many thanks to all who provide this service."

- a grateful client

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As a practicing bankruptcy lawyer, I really appreciate Money Management Counselors objective review of my clients financial situations. Although the needed certificates of credit counseling are available online, I tell my clients to call Gay instead. As opposed to merely providing them a needed service, she helps them understand their circumstances.

- Attorney
David R. Clowers

Gratitude Quotes from the Community

At the Community Foundation we're always looking for a good investment. We're not expecting a financial return for us. We're looking for a meaningful impact on the community we love. By that measure, Money Management Counselors FISC is a terrific investment for any donor who wants to help struggling families in Door County.

- Bret Bicoy, Door County Community Foundation

United Way is grateful for the work of Money Management Counselors as they empower our neighbors to build better lives in providing a listening ear and accessible financial guidance. Clients leave with a better understanding of themselves and the many resources in our community working together to help us all succeed. As a past client shared, their counseling was a "ray of light" in their darkness.

- Sara McKillop, United Way of Door County Inc.

20 Years of Impact (1994-2014)

- ◆ Total number of new clients = 2,704
- ◆ Total Community presentations = 280
- ◆ Total number attending all presentations = 5,835
- ◆ Total successful debt management plans paid in full = 128
- ◆ Total amount of debt repaid in full = \$3,129,367
- ◆ All Door & Kewaunee County Zip Codes served



Gay Pustaver won best costume at a joint fundraiser

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More Gratitude Quotes from the Community

I am grateful to Money Management Counselors for the financial fitness information that they have provided to women through Door County via seminars and workshops. A "wealth" of information!
- Sherry Mutchler,
Women's Fund of Door County

Money Management Counselors has changed the lives of countless people in our community. Gay has given them hope for a better future by providing them with the tools and support necessary to manage their finances with confidence.
- Lori Talbert, former board member

To many mature women who have found themselves in financial straits, Money Management Counselors has given them hope. Thank you Gay for your life changing service and support. - Jane Stevenson,
Women's Fund of Door County

Thank you
for all the tips,
advice, and information
on money. We all thought
that you did a great
presentation. And
also for the average money
charts. I never knew how
much a baby or horse
love costs! Your job is a one
of a kind and very
interesting! Also we
peace all love football, so
the game you played
with us was perfect!
Thank you,
Kayla

Thank you note from a student

I serve on the Utility Commission for Sturgeon Bay so I see first hand how our receivables skyrocket during the time period when we are unable to turn an individuals electricity off. Any help we can provide as a community to prevent fewer people from even being in that situation is wonderful. Money Management Counselors is a resource we rely on to assist in that work. - Cindy Weber, Door County YMCA



Gay speaks to Washington
Island Students

Gay Pustaver has presented in my personal finance classes on the importance of budgeting and the use of credit. The students are always engaged in the budgeting activities and are grateful to learn about the services that Money Management Counselors FISC offers.
- Maree Baumann, High School
Business Teacher at Southern Door

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Thank you for all you do. - Roger Utnehrmer

Money Management Counselors works with people that, frankly, no one else can help, and they do it at the very moment that the client is motivated to make the changes they need to make. The people I have referred changed their lives with help from Money Management Counselors. Thank you! - Grace Rossman, Thrivent Financial



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