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Inspiration



On a recent hike through the stunning autumn colors of Black Hawk State Park, I came across many others enjoying the great outdoors. Immersed in the fresh air and warm sun, it was easy to feel alive, and inspired.

What inspires you? Most would say it is their family, faith, nature and for others it may be art, cooking, travel or just getting together with good friends. I invite you to continue reading the two heart-warming stories in this issue. One an organization and

the other a family, who decided to establish a scholarship in honor of a loved one who inspired them.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy fall season.

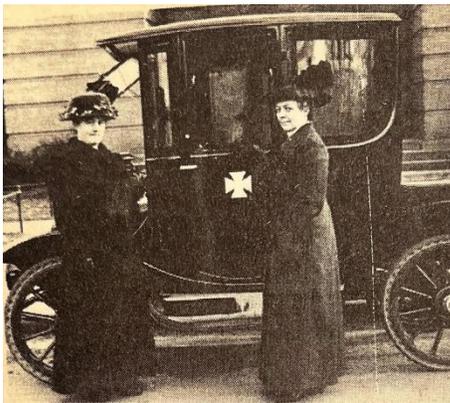
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Lending a Hand 100 Years Ago



Louise Foster, a prominent and progressive philanthropist dedicated to the health of the community, helped fund and establish the Moline Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Visiting Nurses Association of Rock Island County more than 100 years ago.

Through her involvement with the Kings Daughters, she supported those who were pursuing a career in healthcare, by providing a year's worth of wages for a visiting nurse. Her ability to "Look Forward" helped create the Visiting Nurses Association to which she gave generously.



In 1910, Mrs. Louise Foster (left), and Mrs. Josephine Barnhardt (right) pose by the electrical car donated by Mrs. William Butterworth for purpose of the nurses' association.

When Louise passed, those inspired by her created The Louise Foster Memorial Fund with \$300. With additional support, this fund has grown significantly. Now called the Kings Daughters & Sons Healthcare Scholarship. For those entering, pursuing, or continuing education in the healthcare field Kings Daughters created partnership fund with The Moline Foundation with the scholarships administered by Friendship Manor.

Louise Foster's commitment to "lending a hand" will continue to live on and forever be a part of her legacy.

In the words of Kings Daughters and Sons

"Look Up and not down,
Look Forward and not back,
Look out and not in,
And lend a hand."



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A Farmer's Life Lesson



Farming was Marty Ryan's life!

Marty grew up in Mercer County where he started farming at an early age with his dad and brother with horse-drawn equipment. His love of farming grew, and he eventually established his own farm in 1958 - Ryan Farms. The farm was his home and the place where he raised a

family of six. For the next 65 years, Marty worked the land with his family by his side. Daughters Marcy and Carrie recall their Father's way of saying be careful and love you when they left to go home at night was with a kind reminder of "Be sure and turn the light on...watch that last step."

Marty, remembered as a kind and unpretentious man who would share stories which always included valuable life lessons. He was known for his top-quality farm, livestock, and crops. He always took the time to share his knowledge and help others. Marty's sons shared one of his teaching quotes, "Always take the high road...it's extremely hard to do at times, but the right thing to do."

To honor their father, Marty's children established The Martin Ryan Agriculture Scholarship as a partner fund with The Moline Foundation. The scholarship will help support the next generation of youth interested in an agricultural career.

In the words of a family friend, Marty was, "A man of few words...yet many words of wisdom." The creation of this legacy scholarship truly confirms his children understood Marty's valuable life lessons.

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