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Jane Lysaght Memorial Fund

A 95-year Legacy Still Going Strong

There is no known photograph of Jane Lysaght. The Monroe woman who died in 1919 left no children, no photo, and very little historical record. But Jane Lysaght's legacy has sponsored a long record of charitable care for her community.

Before her death, Lysaght designated \$20,000 of her estate be used for the creation of the Jane Lysaght Memorial Trust Fund. Jane's instructions were that this fund be used to assist people in need of Monroe. She especially wanted the proceeds from the fund to be used for "special relief" in the area of "hospital and medical treatment and including surgical operations."

In 2001, the Lysaght Trust was terminated and transferred to the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin to be advised by the Monroe Fund. Since then, the Jane Lysaght Memorial Fund has provided nearly \$33,000 of support to Green County nonprofits providing direct service to residents. These nonprofits have included Fowler Memorial Free Dental Clinic, the YMCA



Four-year-old Sky Steinmann being treated by Dr. Kyle Menne at the Fowler Memorial Free Dental Clinic. The Fowler Clinic serves children ages 3 to 12 who do not have another way to access dental care. The clinic receives regular support from the Jane Lysaght Memorial Fund advised by the Monroe Fund.

of Green County, Green County Human Services, and the Monroe Clinic.

Now, 95 years after her death, Jane Lysaght's legacy continues to support

Monroe's most under privileged and, thanks to the power of endowment, will do so forever.

Erickson Wetlands Restoration Creating a Legacy for Argyle

When the Driftless Area Land Conservancy acquired the Erickson Wetlands just outside the Village of Argyle, it was with a vision that went far beyond wetland preservation.

"It was the Erickson family's goal, and our clear intent, to open this property to the public for enjoyment and recreational use," said Dave Clutter, executive director of Driftless.

With generous support from the Sadie Clotho Charitable Fund, Driftless is in the midst of developing a full-blown

restoration and management plan for the property that integrates local knowledge, vision, and ideas for bringing the public into contact with the land.

The 220-acre Erickson property features a mile of frontage on the Pecatonica River, native wetland vegetation, 100-year-old oak trees, and wildlife including sandhill cranes and a resident bald eagle.

Clutter sees the public using the property as a place to hike, fish, ski, hunt, trap, learn and enjoy. "People come first," said Clutter. "This is a property that's meant

to engage kids, community and family members."

Action steps began this year with the construction of a public access point from Argyle Village Park and the erection of an informational kiosk. Discussions are underway with the Argyle schools to develop plans for how the property can be used as an outdoor laboratory.

When completed, the Erickson Wetlands will be a source of community pride for Argyle and a legacy for generations to come.