Welcome to our annual report! I’d like to introduce myself — I started as the executive director of the Fox Valley Technical College Foundation, Inc. and Community Relations in May 2014. I’m thrilled to be at FVTC! There are great things happening here, and I’m pleased to share a summary of what the Foundation has done this past year.

As part of the Foundation’s mission, we run a giving campaign each year to engage our staff and leadership in supporting the college. Last year we chose the theme “everyONEhelpsONE” to help people realize how easy it is to change someone’s life. It’s also symbolic because each day our graduates help others. Think about your typical day. I guarantee that you have been helped by an FVTC graduate, or more likely, dozens of FVTC graduates. Whether it’s in a health care setting, at a daycare, an interaction with a public safety officer, an electrician or a mechanic, most of these local professionals have received training from Fox Valley Tech.

One significant way we support FVTC students is through scholarships. When we ask recipients what receiving a scholarship means to them, they comment on the financial support. They also comment on how much it means to know that a complete stranger believes in them and is willing to support them in their education. Wow! Wouldn’t it be fantastic to be able to give more students the sense of confidence that comes with a scholarship?

I’m pleased to share information about a new, easy way in which you can be the ONE to help ONE Fox Valley Tech student as you go about your daily activities. See below for more information.

Thank you for supporting our students and FVTC!

Mary Downs

How you can HELP one!

How you can be the ONE to help ONE!

- Create a named scholarship for as little as $500 per year*
- Create an endowed scholarship with a minimum of $10,000
- Provide a contribution in our upcoming everyONEhelpsONE campaign, or do it NOW on our website: www.fvtc.edu/Foundation
- Provide in-kind donations of equipment or supplies
- Include us in your estate plans

Register with United Community

Here’s a free and easy way to help ONE Fox Valley Tech student as you go about your daily activities of buying groceries, putting gas in your vehicle, and dining out. Over 150 businesses are offering cash back to the FVTC Foundation whenever you make a purchase with your existing credit or debit card.

Securely register online for free:
1. Visit www.ucmission.com/join and click “Join Now”
2. Choose to support “Fox Valley Technical College Foundation” when registering
3. We will receive 0.5-10% cash back on the purchases you make

*A multi-year commitment is required
“How could a complete stranger invest in my future without wanting anything in return?” That act of kindness pulled on her heartstrings since the day Carla Cartwright received her first scholarship in 2009.

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Carla’s journey at FVTC began when she enrolled in the Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse (AODA) program. A single mom trying to balance parenting, work, school and owning a home, there were many days when she was unsure how she would manage her obstacles. But she did just that, graduating in 2010 with her associate degree.

This past spring, Carla contacted her former advisor, Greg Delaney, AODA department chair and shared, “I remember my desire to continue to want to learn and not know how I was going to pay my monthly bills. Now I would like to provide a $300 scholarship to someone in the AODA program.” The scholarship was awarded in spring 2014 in honor of her daughter Leah.

By paying it forward, Carla hopes she can help a student that felt like she did. She knows her actions and example will teach her daughter Leah the importance of education, achievement and giving. “I hope my story will inspire someone to continue their education even when there are challenges, and also to pay it forward and feel grateful.”

Carla is now enrolled at UW Oshkosh earning her bachelor’s degree in human services with a graduation date of spring 2015. She is also employed as an AODA counselor for Fond du Lac County. “I believe my success has to do with receiving my degree from FVTC and wonderful advisors such as Greg Delaney. I hope my story may inspire others to pay it forward and for those that give to know how grateful I was to be a scholarship recipient. It played a pivotal role in my education.”

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• 1,068 scholarships totaling nearly $725,000 HELPed FVTC students
• Our annual golf outing raised $108,511 to HELP students
• Our community HELPed FVTC with donations of $2,030,930
• FVTC was HELPed by over $2.5 million in financial support from the Foundation

FVTC Foundation Mission
At Fox Valley Technical College Foundation, Inc., our mission is to be the college’s partner in securing and providing various resources to promote lifelong learning and workforce development throughout the communities we serve.

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