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Moline Regional Community Foundation Welcomes The Porter McNeil Foundation

Moline Regional Community Foundation (MRCF) welcomes a partnership with The Porter McNeil Foundation. This fund will carry forward Porter's legacy by providing scholarships to students and emerging leaders committed to service, education, and civic engagement. The scholarships will be available to area High School Seniors pursuing careers in civic leadership, public policy, public service, or journalism.

A graduate of Macalester College and the University of Illinois, McNeil dedicated more than a decade to public service in and around the Illinois Statehouse. He was a strong advocate for economic development, civic engagement, and ethical, responsive government.

Known as a mentor, listener, and advocate for fairness, McNeil encouraged others to engage in public life and lead with empathy. He believed deeply that small, sincere acts of service can create lasting change.

"My dad was the biggest advocate for Moline, he bled Maroon. He also never gave up on the idea that public service can be virtuous, and through his years of mentorship, he showcased his passion for youth and community collaboration. By partnering with the MRCF, we can ensure the foundation is built for the long haul, to deliver the biggest impact possible." **said Jack McNeil**

McNeil's legacy of integrity, humility, and dedication left a lasting mark on the region. The Foundation honors Porter's legacy not only as a memorial but as an active effort to inspire the next generation of leaders grounded in kindness, fairness, and accountability.

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"We are honored to partner with the McNeil family to help ensure Porter's legacy continues to shape this community for generations to come," said Paul Plagenz, President & CEO of the Moline Regional Community Foundation. "This fund reflects the very best of what community leadership can be—thoughtful, forward-looking, and rooted in a deep sense of responsibility to others."

A local fundraiser will be held at the Old Oaks Winery on Thursday, June 4, with tickets available at: https://bit.ly/PMfoundationlaunch

Porter McNeil

Public Service Scholarship honors Porter McNeil

Learn more: https://www.portermcneilfoundation.com/

About Moline Regional Community Foundation

Founded in 1953, MRCF partners with generous individuals who genuinely care about our community by establishing any number of grantmaking funds, including donor-advised, nonprofit endowments, scholarships, field-of-interest, and donor-designated funds. Serving a six-county region, including Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, Henderson, and McDonough Counties in Illinois, and Scott County in Iowa, MRCF helps donors put their ***Giving Into Action!***