



of Greater Marietta

## Agency Feature:

*A look at the agencies  
that benefit from the  
United Way*

### Ely Chapman Education Foundation

The Ely Chapman Education Foundation's Youth Theatre program is free to all participants, as it is sponsored in part by the Greater Marietta United Way. It has been quite popular with one young S.U.N.S.H.I.N.E. Learning Station (SLS) student who is not only quite smart but also a good actor.

This fall, when the first term reports came out; this student had all F's, after telling his SLS teacher that he was doing well. This student was immediately pulled from the Youth Theatre program until his grades improved.

When the second term mid-terms arrived, this student's grades had come up to all D's, but when the actual grade cards came out in mid-January, this student had all B's with one F in writing.

After consulting with the parent, the Ely Chapman Education Foundation informed the student that he had earned the right to return to the Youth Theatre program. At first, the student

acted as if he did not care about the theatre, reminding the Ely Chapman Education Foundation that he did get an F. He was assured that he would bring that grade up, but it was known that he had worked extremely hard to bring all his grades up from Fs to Bs, and deserved recognition for all that hard work.

At that point, he grabbed one of the Ely Chapman Education Foundation employees and gave her a big hug and many thank-yous.

Recently, this student came into the S.U.N.S.H.I.N.E. Learning Station extremely excited because now he 'loves' third grade and is so happy to be back in Theatre. This student is pleased that his hard work has paid off, that he has been recognized for all the hard work, and is now inspired to keep his grades up and improve them even further.

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