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Megan Dorsey, senior at UW-Parkside and founder of “What’s Up Racine?” has begun her internship at **Gallery on 16th**. Stop in on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am–3pm to meet her.



Megan Dorsey



Carlotta Miller’s show *Skyscrapers of the Prairie* opened Saturday, **February 11** and will run through the month at Re:Vision Gallery, 4625 Sheridan Rd, Kenosha.

Gallery on 16th will host “A Creative Conversation: advocacy and action for the arts, arts education, and creative economy” meeting with **Arts Wisconsin** when we have our Spring Exhibition Opening Reception on Thursday, **March 30** from 6–9pm.

Visioning a Greater Racine and What’s Up Racine are teaming together for a Visioning Session for Millennials at RBC that will include dinner and a tour on Thursday, **April 6**.

Peter O’Keefe’s Emmy Award winning documentary, *Dreaming in Public*, will be shown at The Golden Rondelle on Thursday, **April 20**. Here’s a link to the trailer: <https://vimeo.com/117403380>.

Art in the Speakeasy

Picture a swell old warehouse transformed into a prohibition-era gin joint that’s the cat’s meow. An evening of music, food, wine and beer tasting will accompany the Little Art show and live art auction. Enter through the tunnel and be transported to an era where the hooch flowed behind closed doors, the dancing was exuberant and jazz was king.

ART IN THE SPEAKEASY
IT'S SURE TO BE THE BEE'S KNEES!

11 MARCH 2017
6:00-10:00PM
RACINE BUSINESS CENTER
1405 16TH STREET

- ✦ WINE AND BEER TASTING
- ✦ LIVE ART AUCTION
- ✦ HORS D'OEUVRES
- ✦ LITTLE ART SALE
- ✦ LIVE MUSIC

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE KOSS FAMILY FOUNDATION
Helping families maintain quality of life and decrease the daily stressors a cancer diagnosis creates

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Meet Your Neighbors

The Koss Family Foundation, Inc.
www.kossff.org
Becky Koss, Executive Director

Tucked down a hallway on the 4th floor in a small, unassuming office, there is a whole lot of compassion brewing and bubbling over at The Koss Family Foundation. The foundation is paying it forward in Racine County, helping families with non-medical financial support after they've been given a cancer diagnosis.

As a new non-profit, once Becky and Steve Koss received their 501(c)(3) status, they moved into a building that holds a lot of family history for the Kosses. Steve's father, Bob, worked until his retirement at Racine Industries, Inc., his mother worked for O'Neil Leather just down the hall, and Steve put in some years at RI, too.

Steve was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2015 and within six months it had progressed to Stage IV. "That August, family and friends held a benefit to help us financially. Cancer had robbed us of the stability of successful careers," Becky said. The community rallied around the Koss family and nine hundred generous folk showed up. "My husband's tear-filled speech thanking everyone convinced me that I had to pay it forward," she said, and by that December The Koss Family Foundation was incorporated. They received their non-profit public charity status in May, 2016 and now have four staff members and five board of directors who all volunteer their time and expertise.

Helping those diagnosed with cancer maintain their financial quality of life so they can focus on recovery and treatment is the foundation's goal. Organizations like Salmon-A-Rama, Salmon Unlimited, Curves, and DaVita Dialysis have already partnered with the Koss Family Foundation with donations. "No one should have to choose between treatment or rent, treatment or groceries, treatment or utilities. No one should fear losing their home or car when they fear losing their life," Becky said. "Hospitals have programs to help with medical expenses, but it's the daily expenses that become the burden." And what makes KFF unique is that they know firsthand the difficulties these families face, which gives them personal perspective to the community they serve. "While there are many foundations which help with medical expenses or "wishes", there are very few which help with the day to day expenses which become a burden when a cancer diagnosis is thrown into the mix," she said, and "of those that do, they are not founded and run by a family living that same situation."

After seven months of fundraising and raising community awareness, January 2017 marked the first assistance KFF made to a client providing payments for rent, car and renter's insurance, and phone bills for one month. Their goal is to assist one family per month all of 2017 by continued fundraising efforts and community awareness of the foundation. Let's help them do that! Join us on Saturday, March 11 for Art in the Speakeasy here at RBC.



Steve and Becky Koss (2nd & 3rd from the left) receiving a donation from DaVita Dialysis

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