

The Marriage Resource Center Story

The Marriage Resource Center (MRC) is a community-based, not for profit organization whose purpose is to promote healthy marriages throughout Wayne County.

Established in 2004 by founder Julianne Bock, our strategy is three-fold:

- ✓ To raise awareness of marriage-strengthening programs and services in the communities we serve
- ✓ To serve as an organizing body, bringing together marriage-minded individuals, churches and organizations whose united efforts will benefit marriages and families in our communities.
- ✓ To increase in both number and variety the marriage-strengthening programs and services available to couples and singles.

In 2004, Julie identified a critical need to serve the community with information and resources that help couples enrich and fortify their relationships. The Marriage Resource Center hosts the first web-based clearinghouse of marriage related programs in Michigan. Our website, www.mimarriage.org, provides information for all types of couples: those preparing to marry; newly-married and new parents; established marriages, step families, and those who are struggling. Programs for teens and singles can also be found.

Realizing the importance of coaching and instruction, the Marriage Resource Center began offering onsite pre-marital workshops and marriage education classes in 2007. Our educational program is constantly expanding so we can serve a broad range of interested persons, which includes teens, single adults, engaged couples, step families, married couple seeking enrichment, and troubled couples. Funding for some of these classes is provided by federal grants from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

Today the vision has been realized, and the Marriage Resource Center has become an important advocate and resource for marriage education in our region. Our vision is for communities filled with satisfying, healthy, life-long marriages, and for the happy families that these marriages produce.

Our mission is to improve our communities by improving the quality of marriage relationships and family life for all residents of Wayne County.