Fall in Kentucky. If you don’t like the weather, just wait an hour or, at most, a day, and it will change. For those of us who love a certain season, these words ring true, albeit a little bittersweet. Personally, I will be in mourning over flip flops until at least Christmas.

The seasonal change, like many changes, is embraced by some and met with apprehension by others. We watch change in our community – business and industrial change, leadership change, opportunities realized, and problems addressed. You can look at photos from even a few years ago and quickly see the changes happening in our communities.

Unlike the changing seasons, we can affect changes in our community. We can intentionally create experiences in our community and make it the place we are happy to call home. We can be involved, we can bring questions and solutions, we can support what is important to us, we can give to what matters to us.

Through the Give Five Legacy Initiative you will read about inside, we can all help insure our community is equipped to intentionally change for generations who will follow us.

I’ve lived in Hardin County for 10 years and, just in that short time, have seen change. I am grateful for those who came before us and put so many important community building blocks in place. I hope we do our part to continue to make intentional changes that enhance our communities.

So for now, I will pull on my boots, wrap up in a coat, and embrace the new season. But watch out April, my flip flops are waiting!

During the week of November 12-18 Central Kentucky Community Foundation will join more than 780 community foundations across America celebrating Community Foundation Week. For more than 25 years, the effort has raised awareness about the increasingly important role community foundations play in facilitating advancement in critical areas for community success.

Created in 1989, by then-president George H.W. Bush, Community Foundation Week celebrates the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private and nonprofit sectors to enhance local communities.

To highlight our collaboration with other entities for the betterment of the 10-county region we serve, CKCF will embody our motto, "Let's do some good today!" We are planning various community involvement activities to support nonprofits and their missions in our region. We invite our donors, board members and the community to join us as we do some good for others.

"When we looked at what we could do to celebrate Community Foundation Week, we couldn't think of any better way than giving back to our community," said Davette Swiney, CKCF president and CEO. "We value the trust the community places in us and this is a tangible way we can demonstrate our appreciation."

As plans for the week are finalized, we will be announcing them on our website and social media platforms. Please check back with us on our social media sites, our website – ckcf4people.org, or call us at 270-737-8393, if you are interested in participating.
Celebrating Community Philanthropy

Central Kentucky Community Foundation recently held its sixth annual Celebrating Community Philanthropy luncheon.

Community partners shared personal experiences about how they have decided to pass on their legacy through CKCF to provide opportunities for the next generation.

The luncheon, which hosted more than 150 guests Sept. 20 at Grace Heartland Church in Elizabethtown, served to help launch the Give Five Legacy initiative. Give Five encourages donors to consider a gift of 5% designated to causes important to them in their estate plans and the community will benefit forever.

Nanette Johnston and D. Michael Coyle spoke about their experiences with philanthropic gifts in estate planning. Coyle, an attorney, helps clients through the process of estate planning and shared how he encourages giving through the foundation to ensure a client’s legacy carries long past their lifetime. Johnston shared how she and her husband, Kenneth, followed the motto “give while you live” and how it was an “automatic decision” to continue that by giving 5% through their estate.

Just as opportunities and experiences granted to each of us by the community are personal, the legacy donors give to support the community can reflect their experiences. CKCF can help carry out your personal legacy for our community, just as we are for Johnston. To learn more about Give Five or to start ensuring your legacy, go to http://ckcf4people.org/give-five.

Attendees also heard from Tricia Bagley Smith and Ernie Bagley, co-founder of the Just Be Kind campaign, shares how the initiative has had a positive effect on the community and the group, which includes his daughter, Tricia Bagley Smith, seated next to him.

“Just Be Kind signs were a mission to fight hatred, of CKCF, with part of its proceeds are helping the community and the group, which includes his daughter, Tricia Bagley Smith, seated next to him. Each had a personal story about how youth sports have impacted them. The place you call home, your community.

You have an opportunity to invest and create your legacy in a place like no other: the place you call home, your community. By giving a gift of 5% of your estate through the foundation to support causes close to your heart and important to your community, you can ensure your legacy continues forever.

5 Steps to Create Your Legacy
1. Decide what you want your gift to support.
2. Meet with CKCF to explore how to put this into action.
3. Share your plans with your family.
4. Engage professional advisors to create or update your will and other relevant documents to Give Five and leave your legacy.
5. Finalize your plans with CKCF and feel good about your investment in your community.

Let’s Do Some Good Today!
CKCF welcomes our new board members Cliff Fowler, Tehmina Haider and Matthew Hess.

Fowler, of Munfordville, is a CPA with Fowler Durham CPAs and Advisors in Munfordville. He also serves on boards for Career and Technical Education - Kentucky Department of Education - Business Pathways, Campbellsville University and the Hart County Chamber of Commerce and is a member of Southeast Christian Church’s mission team.

“I think the influence of the foundation needs has more of a regional effect,” he said. “Smaller counties don’t have the resources Hardin County does and we are just scratching the surface in other counties.”

Haider is a physician assistant with DermSpecialists of Elizabethtown. Born in Philadelphia and raised in Southern Indiana, she moved to Elizabethtown in 1997. Her past and present board memberships include serving on the Hardin Memorial Health Foundation, and having served on boards for CKCF and the Elizabethtown Education Foundation.

“I think it’s all about giving back to the community,” she said. “This community has given my family and me so much. I feel it’s my obligation to give back. I am very proud and happy to be back on the board and be able to give back to the community.”

Hess is a graduate from the University of Kentucky Law School and is a partner with Bell, Hess and VanZant, PLC in Elizabethtown. His community involvement includes serving as a board member for America’s Second Harvest of Kentucky’s Heartland and the Elizabethtown-Hardin County Industrial Foundation. He also is a deacon at Severns Valley Baptist Church.

“I have been blessed in my profession to see the estates of generous individuals contribute to and through Central Kentucky Community Foundation,” he said. “I see the foundation as filling a great role in our community by connecting charitably minded individuals with needs in our community and assisting those individuals in making the most of their generous contributions.”