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## A Note from Al Rider CKCF President/CEO

Thanks to you, CKCF enjoyed another successful year of delivering service and value to our community. In this newsletter you'll read about CASA opening an endowment fund, CKCF's gift of University Drive Park to the City of Elizabethtown and my retirement.

I'm pleased to share with you the Board of Directors has appointed Davette Swiney, our current Vice-President, as President/CEO effective the first of February. CKCF's succession plan began more than six years ago preparing for this time. I have had the pleasure of working with Davette for the past four years. She will do a magnificent job in the top leadership role and I invite you to welcome Davette to her new position.

A special thanks to you for giving me 21 wonderful years to serve you, our donors, our partners and all those who have benefited from your generosity. Your investment in our community has enjoyed great dividends. But no one has been more richly blessed than me.

Thank YOU!



At the October 24th meeting of the CKCF Board of Directors, President/CEO Al Rider announced his upcoming retirement.

During his tenure with us, Al's list of accomplishments and organizational affiliations is lengthy including Rotary President, Treasurer of the Hardin Co. Chamber of Commerce, and the Workforce Investment Board of Lincoln Trail Area Development District.

Al has facilitated numerous educational summits and conferences for this region and the state, and served as a resource for many organizations and businesses in our community. He has assisted on

## Rider announces retirement

*Served the Foundation  
and community for  
21 years*

numerous fundraising efforts for community initiatives. He was the 2008 recipient of the Joseph W. Kelly Award for leadership in education and the 2011 Hardin County Citizen of the Year.

Al has served as our only President and CEO. Hired by North Central Education Foundation on May 27, 1992, Al has led the Foundation in great growth and development. Al's vision and passion for both our community and CKCF are unmatched. It is with deep regret and appreciation the Board accepted Al's retirement.

The Board appointed Davette Swiney as the new President/CEO.

*On Monday, February 3, 2014, the CKCF Board of Directors will host a reception to honor Al Rider. Please join us anytime from 4:30-6:30 at the State Theatre in Elizabethtown.*

## Fund Profile

Central Kentucky Community Foundation provides the expertise to help donors meet their personal goals and award scholarships to deserving students.

Establishing a scholarship fund with CKCF is easy; administering a scholarship fund can be challenging. Our experience and expertise is valuable to the donor and student as they navigate the financial structures in higher education today.

Donors often like to create a Scholarship as a memorial to someone special, selecting eligibility criteria that exemplify that person's goals and values. Or, it may express the educational values of the donor, donor's family or business. Scholarships can support any area of academic need. Our program staff tracks performance to ensure students continue to meet the terms for Scholarship support.

## Scholarship Funds

How it works:

- A donor makes a gift to CKCF—it can be cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets.
- The donor receives tax benefits in the year the gift is made to CKCF.
- The donor chooses a name for the Scholarship Fund.
- We help donors determine eligibility requirements — whether they are based on a student's field of study, academic achievements, extracurricular activities, financial need, background, or geography.
- We handle all the administrative details — scholarship application, review committee, selection process -- and award Scholarships to deserving students.
- This year, CKCF will operate Scholarship Central, a one stop online portal for many scholarships available to students in our community. Visit Scholarship Central at [scholarshipcentral.ckcf4people.org](http://scholarshipcentral.ckcf4people.org).

## CKCF gifts Park to City

Central Kentucky Community Foundation donated nearly 17 acres known as University Drive Park to the City of Elizabethtown.

Al Rider, CKCF President/CEO, said the organization was looking for a gift to reflect its dedication to the community's well-being and quality of life.

CKCF has owned the land for more than 50 years and has partnered with the city since 1967 to provide a recreational outlet for local residents and children, which includes youth baseball fields, tennis courts, horseshoe pits and a playground area for children.

Councilman Ron Thomas said the foundation's willingness to allow the city to use the land at such a negligible cost for so many years is a testament to its commitment and love for the community.

## CKCF partners to establish CASA Endowment Fund

Central Kentucky Community Foundation is pleased to partner with CASA to establish an endowment fund for the long term benefit of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) which works with children.

"CASA provides an extremely valuable service in our community and is fortunate to have a great staff, board and volunteers," said Al Rider, President/CEO of CKCF. "Now they focus on a new dimension in fundraising, looking long-term."

An endowment is a permanent gift. Only the earnings are distributed, establishing a forever revenue stream for CASA to benefit the community forever.

"CASA of the Heartland is very excited to establish the CASA Endowment Fund in partnership with the Central Kentucky Community Foundation," said Chris Ordway, CASA Board Chairman. "This local philanthropic opportunity made available through CKCF represents a very important sustainability milestone in the life of our organization and children caught up in abuse and neglect cases within Hardin County Family Court."

Central Kentucky Community Foundation will assist CASA as they launch this new effort by matching

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**Chris Ordway, CASA Board Chairman, Sylvia Griendling, CASA Executive Director and Al Rider, CKCF President/CEO formalize the partnership to establish a CASA Endowment Fund at CKCF.**

money raised for the CASA Endowment Fund.

Central Kentucky Community Foundation is committed to helping the nonprofit community grow and develop in a strategic way to best serve our community. Endowment funds are one way organizations can plan for their future.

Additionally, through Central Kentucky Community Foundation, donors may take advantage of Endow Kentucky, the 20% state income tax credit to support the CASA Endowment Fund.

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