

A Note From Davette

A wish for every community

I've spent the past few days out of town. I always enjoy seeing new communities and experiencing them as a visitor, an outsider. But at the same time, I love to get perspective from the locals. Why do they choose to live here? What do they love about it? What would they change if they could?

From Uber drivers to the pizza delivery person to the hotel desk clerk and the random person in a local boutique, it doesn't take long to get a sense of the place, even in a touristy area. Today an Uber driver told me he came to this town when he was 5 and a local church helped his family for the first few months they were here after coming from bad circumstances in another state. Forty some years later, he remembers the community that welcomed and helped his family. Every week he comps at least one drive for someone he thinks could use the help. Maybe they are getting a ride to a grocery store or a doctor's office. He says when you encounter a lot of people, sometimes you can just tell.

His message stuck with me. He has a very tangible story of how his community helped him. In reality, we all have that story, it just may not be as evident to us.

I wish for every community to be filled with people who see the gifts given to them by where they live and the desire of this Uber driver to continue to carry those gifts forward to others. He isn't waiting for someone else to make a difference in his community, he is doing it every week.

Financial Foundations Fund banks on local students

Thanks to a local couple who are banking on students and their success, we now have a fund to provide students with a quality financial education.

The Financial Foundations Fund was established with a \$65,000 gift and plans for continued support from Mark and Sheree Nelson of Elizabethtown. It supports students in Hardin County and Elizabethtown Independent schools with quality financial education, equipping them with knowledge and resources to improve their chances for success and the economic well-being of our communities.

"We've been blessed in this community and this was a way for us to give back," Mark Nelson said. "At the end of the day, if you graduate from a high school in Hardin County, we want you to have a step up in financial education. We want our students to be successful."

The fund, which was established using the Endow Kentucky tax credit program, was unveiled Nov. 25 in a joint announcement with the Nelsons and both school districts at our Home of Philanthropy. By starting the fund, the Nelsons hope others join their mission so more students can benefit.

"We hope it is something that



Mark Nelson, who started the Financial Foundations Fund, speaks Nov. 25 in a joint announcement with Hardin County and Elizabethtown Independent schools at CKCF's Home of Philanthropy in Elizabethtown.

catches fire," he said. "The hope is that others will pick this up and say, 'I want to do this in my town.' We have to do better for future generations. We will be better off as a nation if we can address the need for financial literacy education."

Even though the fund benefits high school students in Hardin County, it can serve as a model other school districts in our service area.

"What Mark and Sheree did is a perfect example of how philanthropy and community foundations benefit people," Swiney said. "Mark and Sheree saw a need and are passionate about addressing it. We hope others follow their example to expand this program to other school districts."

If you would like to give to the Financial Foundations Fund or start a fund of your own, go to ckcf4people.org and click on donate or call us at 270-737-8393.

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Heels Together Investors present a grant for \$15,000 to representatives from Elizabethtown Community and Technical College for its Camp Forge Ahead program for middle school girls to learn about traditionally male-dominated career paths.

Heels Together: Celebrating 5 years of women helping women

There was cause for celebration at this year's Heels Together Investors' Banquet.

Hosting the banquet for the first time in the Home of Philanthropy, the women-led initiative celebrated its 5th anniversary with 50 investors and awarded \$25,000 in grants to two nonprofit organizations.

"You could definitely feel the energy in the room," said Teri Bennett, an original Heels Together Investor. "We had much to celebrate, but topping that list was the \$110,000 in grants we've awarded in five years to new programming to benefit women and girls in Hardin County."

At the Investors' Banquet, women heard stories from representatives from the Community Health Clinic and Warm Blessings about how their 2018 grants impacted women's lives. The Community Health Clinic's Women's Health Initiative was able to provide clinical care and advocacy for 486 women and have coordinated and provided 2,023 women's care visits. Warm Blessings was able to provide 598 rides to 54 women for them to travel to and from jobs through its Ride to Independence program.

Investors awarded a \$15,000 grant

to Elizabethtown Community and Technical College for its Camp Forge Ahead. The project allows middle schools girls in Hardin County to participate in a week-long immersive program of traditionally male-dominated career paths, including welding, advanced manufacturing, automotive and diesel IT, and agriculture.

The Hardin County Attorney's Office was awarded \$10,000 for its Breaking the Silence on Dating Violence program. The initiative seeks to end dating violence by sending a victim advocate to classrooms around Hardin County to provide information to middle and high school students on definitions of dating violence, how to identify dating violence and what to do when they or someone they know is experiencing dating violence.

These grants provide opportunities for organizations to think beyond the everyday. Without our investors' generosity, these programs would not be possible. If you are interested in becoming part of this group of dynamic women or want to learn more, please go to our website, ckcf4people.org/heels-together-initiative/, or call 270-737-8393.

LET'S DO SOME GOOD TODAY!



CKCF board members, donors and supporters gather Nov. 7 as CKCF Board Chair Jeff Richardson cuts the ribbon during the Home of Philanthropy's Grand Opening celebration.

COMING HOME

Home of Philanthropy completes founders' original vision



The story of community philanthropy is intertwined with the history of Central Kentucky Community Foundation, so much so, it's written on our walls at the new Home of Philanthropy.

Entering the main lobby reveals a large mural of undeveloped farmland from 1951. The foundation purchased the pictured property for what was then Elizabethtown Community College and has since donated pieces of it for the Hardin County Public Library, Hardin County Schools Early College and Career Center and University Drive ballfields. A portion was reserved to build a permanent home for the foundation.

Nearly 60 years later, the foundation has come home, realizing the founders' original vision with the completion and grand opening on Nov. 7 of the Home of Philanthropy.

"Tonight, we come home. Our founders bought the land on which we built, and they saw to it that Elizabethtown Community College was established," CKCF Board Chair Jeff Richardson said during a grand opening celebration. "We think it's fitting that our new home is sitting on land that was purchased by our original founders."

The story of philanthropy and CKCF's history continues in various mixed media displays throughout the building, including a historical timeline to greet guests leading into the Community Hall and digital signage on both levels.

"We think it is important to tell the community's story of philanthropy in the community's home, the Home of Philanthropy," said Davette B. Swiney, our president and CEO. "Thanks to the wonderful work of our creative partners, now visitors can be inspired by and understand

how philanthropy works in our community."

Guests had their first opportunity to see the Home of Philanthropy, the foundation's headquarters, during the grand opening celebration to dedicate the building and officially open our home to the community.

"My husband and I were talking that it wasn't just a building filled up," said Debbie McCarthy, a CKCF fund holder. "Every room had a purpose. The building itself represented something that just brought so much into the building. It's not just a building of philanthropy. It's a building of hopes and dreams and future and ideas. It isn't just a structure built. It is the future. It is growth. Everything that philanthropy stands for is right here."

The \$2.6 million, 9,500-square-foot project broke ground April 20, 2018, and site work began on Aug. 6. It has two levels, an upper level for foundation work with a board room, workroom and office space and a lower level Community Hall.

Through board commitments and generous donations from the community, the Home of Philanthropy's capital campaign has raised most of the cost with \$500,000 remaining. The Presenting Sponsor, The Cecilian Bank, contributed \$250,000.

"We feel like whenever our bank gives money, we want it to be pointed and directed and highly



Guests at the Home of Philanthropy's Grand Opening celebration socialize in the main lobby. A mural of the original land purchase for the foundation adorns the read wall.

"A house isn't a home until people move into it and fill it with love. This is a home because of the people who are going to fill this place and we're going to do a lot of love in our community."

- Brian Smith

effective," said Greg Pawley, president of The Cecilian Bank. "We do feel like this is the proper channel to do that, so we're very committed to this project and we're thankful CKCF gave us the opportunity to participate. We know our \$250,000 is put in good hands and we love this home that you have. It does feel like home. We ask everyone to



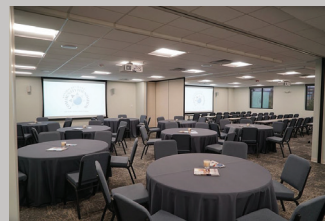
A timeline of our history leads guests to the Community Hall.

continue to support this."

More than 150 guests attended the Grand Opening celebration, where they ate hor d'oeuvres prepared by Elizabethtown Community College's culinary students.

"We've looked forward to this day for a very long time," Swiney said. "This building is special because it not only tells the story of our community's philanthropy, from the start of the foundation in

COMMUNITY HALL READY FOR USE



After just more than two months of official use, the Home of Philanthropy's Community Hall has played host to various local nonprofit and civic organizations, local businesses, state legislators and various CKCF events.

Its first event was the Heels Together Investors' Banquet on Oct. 24, 2019, where more than 75 women gathered for the initiative's 5th annual Investors' Banquet. It also hosted the launch of our Financial Foundations Fund.

The Community Hall features a catering kitchen, multiple layout options, breakout meeting spaces and state-of-the-art technology. It can seat up to 250 people and rental rates vary on the type of use, and nonprofit organizations can use the space for free or for a nominal fee.

Reservations for the Community Hall are quickly filling our 2020 calendar. If you or your organization would like to book the Community Hall for your event, call 270-737-8393.

1960 to now, but it also will serve as a community hub for philanthropy and collaboration."

To give to Central Kentucky Community Foundation's Capital Campaign for the Home of Philanthropy or to inquire about services CKCF offers, go to ckcf4people.org or call 270-737-8393.

Scholarship Central: Area's No. 1 stop for local scholarships

The word is out! Scholarship Central is the place to be to apply for local scholarships.

The popularity of Scholarship Central continues to grow among students seeking financial assistance for college, and so does the list of local scholarships offered. Last year we welcomed all of Elizabethtown Community and Technical College's scholarships, along with scholarships from the Bardstown Rotary Club and Nelson County Schools Community Support Inc. This year, we've added 24 new scholarships bringing our scholarship offerings to over 200.

With these additions, more than \$400,000 in local scholarships are now available to local students to help ease the financial burden of college tuition. That is why Scholarship Central is an essential part of local college-bound students' and school administrators' toolkits, making it the website they just can't afford to miss.

Using the portal, which is now open, high school seniors and returning college students can apply using just one application. For a list of available scholarships, go to scholarships.ckcf4people.org. Encourage students to apply at ckcf4people.org. Deadline is March 1.



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New 2020 Scholarships: 24
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Awarding scholarships and assisting students in their higher education endeavors is the bedrock of CKCF and it wouldn't be possible without our generous donors who make affording higher education possible for generations of students. It is why we play a key role in meeting donors' goals for scholarship funds and helping area students' dreams of a college education come true.

If you or your organization is considering starting a scholarship fund or you want your established scholarship noticed by more students, consider putting the power of Scholarship Central to work for you. Contact us to learn more about how to partner with us on your scholarship.

Become a scholarship reviewer

Looking for a way to support local students as they pursue higher education? Volunteers from a variety of backgrounds help us give a well-rounded review of applicants for the many scholarships we offer, and we could use your help. Your involvement is a great way to make a direct and positive impact on students in our region.

Scholarship reviews are conducted online and can be done from the comfort of your home. All reviews are blind, so reviewers do not know the identity of applicants. For more information about serving as a scholarship reviewer, contact us at 270-737-8393 or info@ckcf4people.org.

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SAVE THE DATE

Scholarship Central Workshop

January 21, 6 p.m.
Home of Philanthropy, 200 Jim Owen Drive, Elizabethtown

Investment and Economic Outlook Briefing

February 12, 8 a.m.
Home of Philanthropy, 200 Jim Owen Drive, Elizabethtown

Youth Sports Fund of Hardin County Scholarship Applications Due

February 15

Scholarship Central Applications Due

March 1

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March 20

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May 12



WAY TO GIVE

ESTATE PLANNING

Is part of your New Year's resolutions working on your estate plan?

No matter where you are in your estate planning process, it's never too early or late to plan for your family's financial future. That's where we can help. Working with your financial advisor and attorney, we can help you incorporate charitable giving as part of your estate plan.

Whether it's through a bequest in your will or designating assets - such as real estate, personal property or proceeds from your life insurance policy - we can help you plan your legacy gift and ensure it is carried out. One way to do this is through our Give 5 initiative. By designating at least 5% of your estate, you can ensure causes you care about will be supported forever.

So, if estate planning is part of your 2020 priority list, contact us at 270-737-8393 or info@ckcf4people.org to explore how charitable giving fits into your plan.



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life to make a difference

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Celebrating Community Foundation Week with service

Each year, we celebrate Community Foundation Week in November and some of our celebration we spend in service.

To start the celebration, we hosted our grand opening at the Home of Philanthropy on Nov. 7.

That Saturday, we honored veterans for their service by placing flags on their graves at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-Central in Radcliff. We were part of the effort that placed more than 6,000 flags for Veterans Day that day.

On Volunteer With Us Day - Wednesday, Nov. 13, which was also World Kindness Day, we hosted a day of service. We went to Clarity Solutions; Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland; and the Hardin County Animal Shelter to "Do Some Good Today!" Thank you to all who participated with us.

Top left, clockwise, flags adorn graves at the Kentucky Veterans-Cemetery Central; Davette Swiney at Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland; Jennifer Priddy at Clarity Solutions; Gina Clear, John Aldridge, Julia Springsteen and Krissa Gray at the Hardin County Animal Shelter.

