



A Note From Davette

Many days I see a lone turkey walking a similar path through the field behind our office. Yesterday as the sun was shining he caught my eye. He was in his own world, pecking around for some food on the ground, occasionally taking a glance as a bird flew nearby. Suddenly, a deer darted in front, startling the turkey. He literally got his feathers ruffled. I chuckled.

Watching this reminded me a bit of what 2020 has been like. Most of us were moving through winter, looking forward to spring, doing our work, taking care of our families. Then suddenly, we have major life disruptions.

How did we react?

Did we get our feathers ruffled? I sure did. But what came next?

Did we stop?

Adjust?

Reflect?

Help?

Maintain the status quo?

Wish things to return to normal?

If we are honest, probably some combination of all the above at different times during the past several months.

The turkey came back this morning. He walked a different path.

Celebrate Community Foundation Week with us!

Each year we try to do some good during Community Foundation Week. It gives us a chance to share a little more of what we are about as an organization and a way that you, our friends and partners, can get involved as well. Annually, Community Foundation Week culminates with National Philanthropy day and helps raise awareness for the work community foundations across the country do in our own communities.

This year we are excited to have several events that connect with our mission and work.

SCHEDULE

Monday, November 9

Blood Drive 1-6pm, Home of Philanthropy Community Hall
To donate blood, visit www.ckcf4people.org to register.

Wednesday, November 11

Nonprofit Roundtable 2pm, Register at ckcf4people.org

Thursday, November 12

FAFSA workshop 2-7pm, Home of Philanthropy Community Hall

All Week

Toy Factory - Drop off new unwrapped toys for the Quicksie Toy Factory

Stop by and say Hi! We would love a chance to visit and catch up with you.

For more information, contact our office at 270-737-8393 or info@ckcf4people.org

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It's a Virtual Celebrating Community

We had a great Celebrating Community Philanthropy Program this year, even though it looked a little (a lot) different than previous years. We talked to an empty room and missed seeing friends and familiar faces. Although the format and look changed, the most important piece was still the same. We heard inspiring stories from local people who are making a difference in our communities. Even through a virtual event, it still brought together the same engaging stories and inspiration you expect each year. The best news is, if you weren't able to watch it on September 24th, you can still view the program at ckcf4people.org or on our YouTube channel.

Stories of ideas and inspiration wove through the program going back to the bold idea by Jim Collier that started the foundation 60 years ago. The 60th anniversary celebration continued as Al Rider reflected back on milestones in our history. From Jim Collier's idea to establish a college, brought forth what has become a significant piece of our work today - scholarships. One of those scholarship awards is the Mike and Sharon Bell Scholarship established by Glendale Christian Church.

"When we tried to figure out a way to best honor their contribution, this seemed like a logical step for us," said Tim Isaacs, church member.

"It is something that will carry far beyond not just them but the people who established it."

As Jim Collier's passion for education led him in his efforts to establish the foundation and Elizabethtown Community College, people today take their passion and turn it into ideas for our community. Mark and Sheree' Nelson have taken their commitment to financial literacy and established an endowment fund to support quality financial literacy programs for local high school students.

The Central Kentucky Cares Fund stemmed from an idea formed 25 years ago when our Board established a disaster relief fund for our community. While they couldn't have expected a pandemic, the fund became a lifeline for people most affected by COVID-19. Through a partnership with United Way of Central Kentucky, local nonprofit organizations were able to carryout the vision of the Central Kentucky Cares Fund by providing relief to people during the disaster. Donors were also able to give one place, directing money to where it could be most effective.

Many funds and community initiatives started by ideas. What's your idea for our community?



Davette B. Swiney and Alex Todd about during Celebrating Community



Feeding America, Kent Fowler, Hope Burke, De about the Central Kentucky Cares Fund



Grayson County Alliance the work of Central Kentucky Cares Fund Celebrating Community

LET'S DO SOME GOOD TODAY!

Community Philanthropy



Interviews with Mark Nelson, Jamee Meredith and their experiences with financial literacy operating Community Philanthropy.



Community Philanthropy's Heartland was a great place for Joe Childress and Cameron Brown to talk about the Kentucky Cares Fund with Davette B. Swiney.



Community staff and volunteers learn more about the Kentucky Community Foundation through Community Philanthropy last month.



Nonprofit Roundtable

We've been working with nonprofit leaders to host learning events for our regional nonprofit community. Once a month, nonprofit professionals gather virtually to convene, connect and collaborate around a specific topic. During the roundtable, participants hear from a panel with experience and expertise in that specific area. It is an opportunity to come together, gain new ideas and resources, and connect with others, in our region who enhance our community through their nonprofit work.

We held the first in the three-part series in September, Show Me the Money - Fundraising During COVID-19. Three nonprofit colleagues, Debbie Childress, Laura Dickinson and Venus Cornett shared their experience with fundraising recently.

The nonprofit roundtable series topics were determined by our local nonprofits who gave input based on their organizational needs. Remaining topics in the series are:

Oct. 14, 2 p.m. Eastern - Virtual Events: No Tablecloths Needed

Nov. 11, 2 p.m. Eastern - All Things Volunteers

If you aren't on our mailing list and would like to receive an invitation, please send your information to contact@ckckf4people.org. We hope you will make plans to join us!

Missed the Nonprofit Roundtable: Show Me the Money - Fundraising During COVID-19, we will send you a link to video. Email us contact@ckckf4people.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Heels Together Investors Program
October 22

Community Foundation Week
November 9-13

Community Blood Drive
November 9, 1-6 pm
Home of Philanthropy Community Hall

Nonprofit Roundtable: All Things Volunteers
November 11

FAFSA Workshop
November 12, 2-7 pm

National Philanthropy Day
November 15



WAYS TO GIVE

The end of the year is a popular time to think about giving. It is also an important time to think about tax-savings as it relates to your giving.

Do you anticipate not being able to itemize on your 2020 tax return?

Talk to your tax professional about the \$300 Universal Deduction for charitable gifts in 2020.

Do you expect to itemize?

The cap for charitable gifts has increased from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100%.

The window to take advantage of these changes closes on December 31, 2020.



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It's time to think Scholarships!

It won't be long before students are looking for those 2021 scholarships. Are you looking for a way to make sure students know about your scholarship and it is easy to apply? Look no further. Scholarship Central is your answer. Central Kentucky Community Foundation has been the region's partner in education for 60 years and has been awarding scholarships for nearly as long. We've partnered with many generous people and organizations to help students reach their dream of a college education.

Sometimes organizations want autonomy for its scholarship program, but can use some help with the administration and details. That's why we offer the option of including your organization's scholarship on the area's one-stop shop for local scholarships - Scholarship Central. Call us at 270-737-8393 or email us at info@ckcf4people.org today to see how we can partner with you to increase applicants for your scholarship and put the power of Scholarship Central to work for you.