

## 2021 Community Impact Report



Love Where You Live

## Why Do You Love

"It is more than a place to live; it's part of who I am and engrained in my soul. It exudes gratitude, selflessness and most importantly togetherness."

- Lindsey Alicna

"We have a safe, clean and caring community that is dedicated to creating a better future by providing opportunities for all who live here."

— Ed Durnil

"I can go on and on about why I love my community, but It comes down to the people. Their sense of community and volunteerism... their desire to help those in need... planning unique social, educational and professional experiences." — Drew Ballard

"I love my hometown because it is growing, vibrant, and filled with people who care about each other."

- Matt Hess

Meade
Breckinridge
Hardin
Hart

"Our combined community efforts confirm that we are committed to planning, investing and hard work that will benefit our children, grandchildren and others for a better future." — Jamie Sizemore

"Because of the way this community has always embraced and welcomed everyone; especially the soldiers and the families who are assigned to Fort Knox."

- Emmet Holley

"Our community offers thriving commerce, excellent public and parochial schools and scenic green spaces for everyone to enjoy."

- Greg Lee

### Letter from Davette & Lindsey

Love Where You Live

The pages in this report are more than numbers; they represent stories of beginnings, stories of continued impact, and stories of the communities where we each live. These stories provide insight on the philanthropic impact that has graced our region this past year because your neighbor, a family member, or a friend truly loves where they live.

How do we decide where to live? Is it because of the streets? Is it because of the buildings? Is it because of the weather? Or is it most often because of the people? People make a place more than a dot on a map; people transform a place into a community.



CKCF Board Chair Lindsey Keith Alicna and CKCF President and CEO Davette B. Swiney

Central Kentucky Community Foundation has a long history of bringing people together for good through philanthropy in our region that creates the souls of our communities.

Woven through the souls of the communities we live in are stories much like in these pages that exemplify sacrifice, giving and collaborative efforts that CKCF has helped bring to life. As you read this report, think of how you can be a part of your community's soul.

These stories are just a small part of the work people entrust us to carry out. Visit ckcf4people.org and follow us on social media for more stories of inspiration, ideas and to see your fellow community members making an impact.

We should always look back to move forward, and what an inspirational time to look forward in our region. We sit at the dawn of transformational changes to where we love to live. We are grateful for the work in 2021 that will continue to impact the community and reminds us why we are committed more than ever to making where we love to live – better.

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Let's Do Some Good Today!

**Lindsey Keith Alicna** Board Chair

**Davette B. Swiney**President and CEO

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# Dow Company Foundation invests in the community through sustainability grant

A \$425,000 sustainability grant from Dow Company Foundation that includes a community outdoor space, an investment in environmental strategies, and a support space for area nonprofits was created in the spirit of philanthropy. Our community will benefit from Dow's generosity for generations to come.

"This investment into strategic environmental and capacity building initiatives led by Central Kentucky Community Foundation embraces our strong legacy in the region while generating a transformative impact for future generations," said Nick Powell, Site Leader at Dow.

This grant offers a convenient way for the community to engage with their food supply and nature through volunteerism. It will involve the public, nonprofit, and private sectors to grow relationships, collaboration and expertise.

"This is probably one of the most innovative ideas I've come across," said Sean Clinning, Operational Productivity Improvement Leader at Dow. "When you think about sustainability, this project is not just about environmental or recycling sustainability, this is about community sustainability." he added.

The Dow Environmental Sustainability Initiative will be the catalyst for community recycling infrastructure and other environmental efforts. Industrial leaders have created recycling programs such a material swap program to employee recycling incentives and sustainability standards.



Nick Powell, Elizabethtown Ste Manager at Dow, announces the sustainability grant in CKCF's Community Hall.

"We know waste reduction efforts are challenging and there are no simple answers," said Davette B.
Swiney, President and CEO of Central Kentucky Community Foundation.
"From reducing to reusing to recycling, there are ways we can make a difference in our community. We can work together – philanthropy, the public sector and each one of us as individuals to be effective."

The Community Hall in CKCF's Home of Philanthropy supports nonprofit work and community initiatives to help bring life to new ideas by offering a place for nonprofits to convene, collaborate and host meetings, inperson or virtually. This investment displays Dow's longstanding commitment to the community and investment in nonprofit work.

"Whether you work at Dow, partner with us, or experience our materials in your favorite brands, we are relentlessly working to make the world and this community a better place to live and work. By listening and collaborating, we can find out what solutions will help us achieve these results," said Nancy McCoy, Quality Manager at Dow.

The Dow Sustainability
Grant is just the catalyst. The
success of these programs
will be accomplished through
collaborative efforts from the
community. Everyone in the
community has something to
contribute.

"This is a community project. We are just honored to be the convenor and collaborator to bring these initiatives to life," said Swiney. "Initiatives that are much more than apples, recycling, or a meeting space – initiatives that will bring nourishment and hope for generations to come in our community."

If you are interested in being involved, please contact CKCF at info@ckcf4people.org.



It was great to come together for this announcement in the Home of Philanthropy's Community Hall.



Nancy McCoy, Quality Manager at Dow and Sean Clinning, Operational Productivity Improvement Leader at Dow Performance Silicones unveil the sign announcing the orchard.



Are you willing to bring our Community Orchard to life? Email info@ckcf.org to get involved.

## Granted Program makes significant impact in first year

Central Kentucky
Community
Foundation launched
a new competitive
grant program in
2021. Nonprofit
organizations
submitted
applications for up
to \$5,000 in three
categories: capacity
building, capital
improvement and
programming.

"Part of our work as a community foundation is to connect the generous people in our region with the ideas, opportunities and needs to enhance our region," said Davette B. Swiney, President & CEO.

This funding opportunity provides a grant structure that connects these resources to nonprofits, helping them carryout their mission. CKCF has awarded grants from funds for their specific purposes for many years. Now Granted provides nonprofits with a recurring opportunity to try new initiatives, respond to current needs, or build their organization.

The first year of Granted culminated in November when CKCF awarded \$76,439 in grants to 14 nonprofits.

"Through the generosity of our donors, along with the foresight many years ago of people who gave to this community in a long-term and thoughtful way, we have the opportunity each year to make



Fourteen community organizations were awarded grants through the inaugural year of Granted.

grant awards in relevant ways to impact our community today," said Swiney, "CKCF's funding of these grants comes from our unrestricted grantmaking fund, which gives us the flexibility to meet ever-changing community needs."

Two grants were awarded for capacity building. The Lincoln Museum received funding to upgrade their technology capabilities and Helping Hand of Hope's grant will equip them to go directly into neighbors and serve people where they live.

"The grant funding has had an immediate impact on our collections, research, and cataloguing efforts," said Iris LaRue, Executive Director of the Lincoln Museum. "This additional equipment is being used to document, catalog, and digitize items in our collection as well as provide additional public access

to our collections. The installation of the additional components will further enhance staff productivity as well as broaden the museum's overall digitization and cataloguing efforts."

Three nonprofits were funded for capital improvements. The Community Health Clinic purchased lifesaving machines for heart patients, Project L.E.A.R.N. has been able to utilize their entire facility with the addition of a new HVAC unit and Bethany Haven offers privacy in a shower room at a Room at the Inn location.

"It is imperative to those who are homeless to have a place to go not only for shelter, food and supplies, but also for a hot shower, and a place to do their laundry," said Treasure Davidson, Executive Director of Bethany Haven. "We have been blessed to be able to provide

these things and thanks to Central Kentucky Community Foundation, we now have more options for desperately needed showers."

Programming grants will help six nonprofits expand their efforts in areas that are core to their mission. Those organizations are CASA of the Heartland, Crossroads Life Center in Hart County, Grayson County Alliance, Wesley Hilltop House, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Kentuckiana, and The Salvation Army of Elizabethtown.

"Money Habitudes--Financial Literacy Series aligns with our mission of teaching life skills and empower family stability," said Debbie Childress, Executive Director of Grayson County Alliance. This course will teach people the habits and attitudes to help them manage their money better by establishing tools for budgeting and setting family goals. We really want to mentor, encourage, and empower families through this curriculum," she continued.

Two specific CKCF funds also accepted applications through the Granted process: the Bishop Charitable Fund and The Marvin and Joyce Benjamin Fund.

Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services received support for their project focused on helping Washington County residents in poverty develop individualized self-sufficiency plans to overcome barriers. Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland received funding enabling them to disperse culturally diverse food into the communities it serves.

"Prevention is key to eradicating any negative outcome," said Jillian Cardin, Psy.D, Executive Director at

Silverleaf Sexual
Trauma Recovery
Services. "We know
that individuals
with financial
instability are
more likely to be
abused, misused,
mistreated and/

or violated because they must rely on other people to function. This project allows Silverleaf to promote a proactive approach to ending all types of sexual violence by equipping individuals with the tools, and resources to improve their financial stability."

"We are proud of the significant work our nonprofit community does all year long to make our community a better place," said Swiney. "The grant awards are just a small, but hopefully, meaningful investment in their work."

More information about Granted can be found at www.ckcf4people.org.



Jalayne Tillery, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, celebrates the announcement of Granted awardees.



Davette B. Swiney, President & CEO of CKCF announced the Granted Program at a lunch on CKCF's Community Hall patio.



At the announcement of the Granted program, Matt Bowman shares how the grant opportunity could help an organization he cares about, Bethany Haven.

### Heels Together Investors

Investors awarded \$14,557 to Helping Hand of Hope for the Steps to Success Program and \$5,443 to Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana for the Day Camp Program during the annual Investors Banquet. Helping Hand of Hope's Steps to Success Program offers a support system to women encouraging and motivating them to make smart financial and lifestyle decisions. The Girl Scout Day Camp program provides area girls the opportunity to take



Pictured from left to right: Kayla Parent and Hope Burke, Helping Hand of Hope, and Tonya Schweitzer and Maggie Elder, Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana are all smiles after hearing their organizations won Heels Together grants.

adventures, learn outdoor skills, participate in STEM

activities and much more.

#### **KY Gives Day**

Donors from across Kentucky gave to 22 nonprofits during the ninth annual KY Gives Day in 2021. This 24-hour online giving blitz raised \$193,764 for nonprofit organizations in our region. Those

gifts came from 768 donors. The region's generosity was reflected on the state leaderboard, with four of the top 10 fundraisers were local organizations.

"We are overwhelmed and humbled by the response to our KY Gives Day fundraiser

this year," said Jennifer Moran, Director of Mission Advancement for Saint James Catholic School. "The fact that we were able to exceed our goal is a testament to the Saint James Catholic School and Church family who rallied around our campaign. Our students will be the ones to benefit from the funds raised as we expand the services we have to offer. With additional Academic, Social/Emotional Support as well as Occupational and Speech Therapy, we will be able to provide our students with the services necessary for individual success. We are so grateful to CKCF for being so gracious in offering support for KY Gives Day – they are a big part of our success."

For more information about KY Gives Day and a list of local participating nonprofits, go to kygives.org.



Each year, CKCF provides cash prizes to successful nonprofits throughout the day to add a little competitive fun and inspiration for donors. Davette B. Swiney, President & CEO, presents a check to St. James Catholic School for winning the regional leaderboard and other prizes. .

#### Celebrating Achievement

CKCF awarded 194 scholarships through Scholarship Central. The scholarships totaled nearly \$345,000 and were awarded to 152 students from 17 high schools and four colleges in the region. All scholarship awards were announced during a virtual Celebrating Achievement ceremony that can be viewed on CKCF's YouTube channel.



Paul Estes (left) awarded the Owen J. Estes Memorial Scholarship to Luke Carter.



The Becca Bohannon Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Sierra Spell (left) by Becca's sisters, Jessica Bohannon-Ferris (middle) and Jennifer Ryan (right).



Mike Bell (right) and Tim Isaacs (left) awarded Susie Mohamed (center) with the Mike and Sharon Bell Scholarship

#### Get Ready! Camp

**Get Ready! Camp**, for children birth to 5 years old, was held at schools in Elizabethtown and Radcliff. This age is a crucial time in a child's development, so we invest in exceptional early educational opportunities for children. **Get Ready! Camp** provides a unique learning experience for children and parents to discover how they can easily learn together.





### 2021 CKCF FUNDS

#### CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

Llewellyn Charitable Remainder Trust Funds (2)

#### **COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT**

Florence Y. Mason Fund Joe and Lenelle Hays Community Spirit Fund Marvin and Joyce Benjamin Fund Ruby N. Deitchman Fund

#### Tony/Becky Bishop Community Fund

#### **DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS**

Anne and Carl Swope Fund Anne and Carl Swope Fund for Endow KY Anonymous Funds (3) Bob and Ella Mae Wade Fund Bowers Family Endowment Fund for Endow KY Byler Family Fund Carter Family Fund Carter Family Fund for Endow KY

Chad and Amy Brown Donor Advised Fund for Endow KY

Conrad Hotopp Family Fund

#### **Dennis and Lisa Parrett Family Donor Advised Fund**

Dr. Chris and DaneNell Knight Fund Dr. Robert E. and Rita H. Robbins Fund Ed and Georgia Gordon Donor Advised Fund Ed and Georgia Gordon Endowed Donor Advised Fund

Fisher Family Fund

#### **Fowler Family Fund for Endow KY**

Godfrey Family Foundation Fund Gourmand's International Culinary Donor Advised Fund James and Patricia Schory Fund

#### John and Ann Fisher Charitable Fund

Nandi's Smile Fund

Nelson and Opal Gonterman Charitable Fund Prather Family Fund

#### R. and N. Corbett Wellness Fund

Ray Family Fund for Endow KY Ryan-Dudgeon Donor Advised Fund Scott and Monica Kisselbaugh Donor Advised Fund Scott and Monica Kisselbaugh Donor Advised Fund for Endow KY

Swope Family Fund for Endow KY Terry and Bonnie Patterson Donor Advised Fund The Wade Fund for Endow KY William and Joyce Godfrey Fund for Endow KY

#### **EDUCATION**

Bardstown Independent Schools Endowment Fund Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Funds

- Campus Improvement ECTC Fund
- Capital Projects ECTC Fund
- Capogna Science Fund
- ECTC Faculty/Staff Development Fund
- Elizabethtown Community College Fund
- Endowment for ECTC Faculty/Staff Excellence

Elizabethtown Educational Foundation

Financial Foundations Fund

Hardin County Library Duff Book Fund

Hardin County Library Mitchell Book Fund

Hardin County Public Library Fund

Hardin County Schools Early College and Career Center

Hardin County Schools Partnership Grants Fund

Hardin County Schools Support Fund

Kenneth and Nannette Johnston Endowment Fund

Kennard and Melva Peden Trust **KySTE Agency Endowment Fund** Mildred Rowlett Education Fund

Nannette S. Johnston Impact Fund for Hardin

County Schools

Nelson County Schools Endowment Fund

Samuel G. Jenkins Jr. Fund for KET

Tai Sy Le Memorial Fund

#### **FIELD OF INTEREST**

#### **Donna Mulligan Fund**

Heels Together Fund

#### **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Baptist Health Foundation Hardin, Inc. Bishop Charitable Fund Central Kentucky Cares Fund Washington County Association for the Mentally Handicapped Legacy Fund

#### **HISTORICAL PRESERVATION**

**Brown-Pusey Fund** Holbert Family Fund for Brown Pusey House Sallie W. Pusey Fund William A. and Sallie W. Pusey Fund

#### **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocates Fund Central Kentucky Community Foundation Endowment Fund Clarity Solutions Fund Elizabethtown Police Foundation Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland Friends of the Hardin County Animal Shelter

#### **Greenspace Endowment Fund**

Hardin County Habitat for Humanity Fund Harold and Dolly Jackson Endowment for Magnolia Cemetery Designated Endowment Fund Hart County Community Fund Helping Hand of Hope Fund Mission Hope for Kids Fund Mission Hope for Kids Designated Endowment Fund SpringHaven Designated Endowment Fund United Way of Central Kentucky Fund

#### **RELIGIOUS**

Ann Young and Claude Morgan Roebuck Fund for Glendale United Methodist Church

Ernest and Wilma Rider Endowment Fund for Lucas Grove Baptist Church

First Christian Church Endowment Fund First Presbyterian Legacy of Faith Fund

First Presbyterian Legacy of Faith Fund for Endow KY

First Presbyterian Legacy of Hope Fund Grace Heartland Church Endowment Fund

Joe and Dorothy Brothers Designated Fund

Macedonia Baptist Church Endowment Fund St. James Catholic Church Endowment Fund

St. James Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund

Valley Creek Baptist Church Designated Endowment Fund

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Amy Alicna Scholarship Fund

#### Andrew Kyle Mykytiuk Memorial Scholarship Angela Kirchner Memorial Fund for St. James Catholic School

Ann Mackin Ewing Memorial Scholarship Audrey Shoulders Memorial Scholarship Fund BCD Inc. and J. Michael Salsman PE Construction Scholarship

#### Becca Bohannon Memorial Scholarship Fund Bob Brown Family Scholarship

Brent Wagoner Excellence in Education Scholarship Fund

Brewer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Brianna and Brice Taylor Scholarship Fund

Carol Withrow Nursing Fund

Cindy Ethington Memorial Scholarship

Col. Larry and Betty Sue French Scholarship Endowment Fund

Col. Michael Baymor Scholarship Fund

Dana Marie Underdonk Bryant Memorial Scholarship Fund

**Deana's 7th Inning Stretch Scholarship** 

Dennis and Lisa Parrett Family Scholarship Endowment

Doug and Lisa Cantrell ECTC Faculty Scholarship Fund

Dr. and Mrs. E.H. Durnil Scholarship Fund

**Dr. Don Berry Memorial Scholarship** 

Dr. Gary King Sharp Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dr. Jim Owen Scholarship Fund

Dr. Larry and Mary Lou Hall Scholarship Fund

Dr. Linda Mayhew STEM Scholarship Fund

Dustin Matthews Memorial Scholarship Fund

Earl Day Legacy Scholarship Fund

Elizabethtown High School Class of 1966

Scholarship Fund

Glenn D. and Bennie Lou Hammons Family Scholarship

Fund

Gourmands International Culinary Scholarship Fund Hardin County Bar Association/Teen Court Scholarships Hardin County Cattleman's Association Scholarship

#### **Hardin County Lacrosse Scholarship Fund**

Hardin County Principal Organization Scholarship Harold and Cynthia Carter Memorial Scholarship Fund Hart County Scholarship Alliance Fund

Heart of Kentucky Realtors Association Scholarship

Helen P. DeGraffenried RN Fund

J.R. and Carrie Lee Edwards Scholarship Fund J.T. Wiglesworth Automotive Scholarship Fund

Jacob Barber & Katarina Peeters Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

James and Betty Holeman Scholarship Fund

John Dink Scholarship Fund

#### Juana Alicia and Gilberto Rosas Memorial Scholarship

Kacy Lee Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund Kathy Mattingly Kidwell Memorial Scholarship Fund Lanny Skees Memorial Scholarship Fund

#### Larry and Carol Kimberlain Scholarship Fund

Lisa Hays Charness Memorial Scholarship Fund

Llewellyn Scholarship Fund

Mac Michaelis Scholarship Fund

Martha Jane Hamilton Nursing Scholarship

Mike and Sharon Bell Scholarship Fund

Mike Ovesen Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Hall Scholarship Fund

#### **Nugent McGrew Scholarship Fund**

Obviously Analiese Scholarship Fund

Owen J. Estes Memorial Scholarship Fund

#### P.L. Mansfield Award for Excellence in Mathematics Scholarship Fund

#### Patrick Eldon Bergman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Patty Lirot Memorial Scholarship

PFC Sammie Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund

#### Phillip "Duke" and Florence Deeb Owen Scholarship

Rae of Sunshine Kentucky Scholarship

Randy Pinkston Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ray Harm Art Scholarship Fund

Rylee Marie Razon Memorial Equine Scholarship Fund

Schmidt Family Scholarship Fund

Scholarship General Funds (5)

Taylor and June Spaulding Memorial Scholarship Fund

Taylor Martin Scholarship Fund

Trooper Ponder Memorial Scholarship Fund

Tyler Foster Memorial Scholarship Fund

Van Earl and Rudell Allen Scholarship Endowment Fund

Wendy Elaine Trenum Memorial Scholarship

#### **UNRESTRICTED**

M.A.D.E. Fund

#### **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Lahoma Routt Fund

Youth Sports Fund of Hardin County

Funds opened in 2021 are in bold.

## Endow Kentucky:

## A legacy to support efforts most important to you

Endowed gifts can provide personal fulfillment and also have the added benefit of a tax credit through the Endow Kentucky program.

The Endow
Kentucky tax credit
is available to any
Kentucky taxpayer,
business or individual, to receive a
state tax credit up to 20% of their
charitable gift to a permanent
endowment at Central Kentucky
Community Foundation.

"There are multiple benefits to using the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit," said Cliff Fowler CPA/PFS. "First, there can be significant tax savings for the donor. Second, the fund will keep up with inflation. It will continue to have today's dollar value rather than the initial contribution. In other words, the fund distributions increase every year."

Endowment Funds provide annual support for a nonprofit organization\* in perpetuity.

"An endowment gift is great for a person with a charitable heart who wants their gift to have a lasting impact; not just an immediate one-time impact," Fowler said. "You don't have to invest major dollars to take advantage of the tax



credit. The best part is that you can choose where the money goes," he added.

The tax benefit is not just for cash gifts. Noncash gifts such as securities and real estate gifts can qualify too.

"Donors who have appreciated stocks, mutual funds or real estate can transfer those assets to an endowment fund to avoid taxes on the gain, receive the tax credit and avoid taxes on the appreciation," Fowler commented.

When considering starting an endowment fund or adding to an existing one, the Endow Kentucky tax credit process is simple and credits are available each year. Only certified community foundations, like CKCF, are qualified to offer this tax credit.

"When using CKCF for endowment fund management, you have peace of mind knowing the money will always go where you intended. CKCF will take care of your gift, honoring their promise to fulfill your charitable intent forever," said Fowler.

Endowment giving is a way your legacy can extend in perpetuity through charitable giving

that you hold closest to your heart. Our community will benefit forever while you realize tax savings today for your endowment gift. If you are interested in learning more about how you could benefit from the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit, please call 270-737-8393 or go to www. ckcf4people.org.

\*See a complete list of CKCF funds on pages 10-11.



Cliff Fowler

### 2021 FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS			
Current Assets Investment Funds Cash Accounts Real Estate Gift Holdings Other Current Assets Total Current Assets Total Fixed Assets TOTAL ASSETS	\$33,571,355 \$1,142,925 \$105,000 \$600 \$34,819,280 \$2,032,276 <b>\$36,852,156</b>		
		LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES	
		Total Liabilities	\$2,348,999
		Total Equity	\$34,503,157
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES	\$36,852,156
		GIVING	
		Total Donor Gifts to CKCF:	\$1,775,886
		New Funds:	22
Total Number of Funds:	184		



STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS





\$345,000

194

\$990,560

104

<sup>\*</sup> Central Kentucky Community Foundation undergoes an annual audit, and the most current audited financial report is available at www.ckcf4people.org.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



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Names in Bold acknowledge new 2021 Board Members.

**OUR MISSION:** Central Kentucky Community Foundation is the philanthropic focal point in the region, serving as a resource, leader and catalyst to people who wish to improve life in their community.

## . Where You Live?

It's a place where people enjoy the company of neighbors, teammates, co-workers and church members. It's a place where people try hard to help those in need. Elizabethtown isn't where I was born or raised but it has become a place I am proud to call home." — Beth Lochmiller

"It's all about relationships. We're family. We take care of each other." - Cliff Fowler

"Everyone is your family, everyone your neighbor, and the golden rule is in practice." – Earl Wright

"Because the people here are willing to help each other in times of need."

- Dustin Humphrey

Nelson Washington Marion "Home is not where you're from, but where you are comfortable living.

I love my home because I love our people, and that makes living in my community home."

- John Beavin

"It is a wonderful community where there is an activity or volunteer opportunity for everyone to participate in and be included in a good neighbor experience." – Ann Carnes "I love where I live because of the loving community which surrounds me. There is so much genuine care and support. I've seen people give the shirt off their backs for others.

This speaks volumes of who we are and what we stand for. I truly cherish this about where I live."

- Tehmina Haider

"It is special to see Central Kentucky's growth thrive as all members of our community continue to contribute and support each other as we all work towards a common goal." — Chris Carter





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