A Note From Davette

Enough is enough. How many times have we said that phrase? How often have we heard it? Words said in frustration that conjure my mother’s voice from my childhood. Possibly I had pushed too far....

But when is enough a good thing? When is enough satisfying and complete?

Feeling enough. Having enough. Being enough. How do we bring ourselves to a place of satisfaction while continuing to grow and learn? Finding peace and contentment in where we are, even as we are on a constant journey.

Just as we have these personal journeys, organizations have similar journeys as well. Our community continues to evolve and CKCF continues to contribute to that growth through the ways we serve.

We’ve undertaken some major changes in the past year. Even though many of them are behind the scenes to help us serve you better, we appreciate the understanding you’ve shown us through transitions. Satisfied with where we are, our journey of enough continues.

Scholarships for experience? Yes!

When you hear scholarships, you most likely think of college. Scholarship by definition is a grant or payment to advance a student’s knowledge and education.

In addition to our many college scholarships, we also have two scholarship funds to support development in other areas of student life. The Lahoma Routt Fund and the Youth Sports Fund of Hardin County support specific areas of student development through a common goal – to give children the opportunity to learn through experiences, regardless of financial circumstances.

The Lahoma Routt Fund provides funding for youth to experience church camp and service through mission trips each year. By establishing an endowment fund, Routt provides an opportunity for future generations of church youth in Hardin County to learn and grow in their faith along side their fellow church friends.

A scholarship recipient explains how Routt’s kindness will help her son. “He has shown interest in being baptized. My hope is that by attending camp he will make friends, learn more about Jesus and understand more deeply the impact baptism will have on his life.”

The Youth Sports Fund of Hardin County encourages and supports participation in recreational sports leagues for families who may not be able to afford the expense. Sports introduce children to a healthy, active lifestyle and teach good sportsmanship and teamwork. It also helps children develop cognitive and physical skills. Grants made from the Youth Sports Fund assist children with registration fees and equipment, allowing even more young people in the community access to recreational sports.

A grateful parent conveys how much sports assists in her child’s development. “I am a single mother of three children and currently unemployed. Although I struggle financially, I still want my children to enjoy playing sports. My son loves baseball. I believe sports teach valuable lessons on sportsmanship, friendship, accountability, and self-esteem.”

Want to help more youth benefit from these experiences? Go to www.ckcf4people.org and click donate now to choose either of these funds for your tax-deductible gift.
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Endow Kentucky Tax Credit - Benefits you and the community

The Endow Kentucky Tax Credit Program offers a unique opportunity to receive state tax credit toward your state income tax (individual or business) after making a contribution to a permanent endowment fund at Central Kentucky Community Foundation. You may be eligible to receive a tax credit up to 20% of your gift. A tax credit lowers your tax bill dollar for dollar.

CKCF offers opportunities to contribute funds that help nonprofits, churches, education, healthcare, the arts, youth development, animal welfare and more. The option of establishing a new endowed fund, benefiting our community, is also available. A gift to an endowment provides forever support for charities and charitable causes in perpetuity.

The Kentucky Department of Revenue makes $1 million available each year, and the credits go fast! Applications must be submitted to CKCF by June 30th.

How can you receive a tax credit?

• Decide to invest in your community
• Complete an application for preliminary authorization for the tax credit and submit it to CKCF by Thursday, June 30th. Contact CKCF to receive an application.
• You will receive an approval letter. You have 30 days to make your contribution to the endowment fund of your choice.
• CKCF will submit proof of your gift. The Kentucky Department of Revenue will then send you a letter of final approval with your Kentucky state tax return.

If you think Endow Kentucky will help you fulfill your charitable giving wishes, CKCF can guide you every step of the way. Please contact us today at info@ckcf4people.org or 270-737-8393.

“This is critically important to our donors,” said Davette B. Swiney, CKCF President and CEO. “When people make a charitable bequest or establish a fund, they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage the investment wisely and to honor their charitable wishes forever. The National Standards accreditation says our house is in order.”

This accreditation allows CKCF to offer the Endow Kentucky tax credit to donors. Endow Kentucky 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 CKCF. The credit is in addition to the normal federal deduction for a charitable gift. (See more about Endow Kentucky in the above article on this page.)

In addition to affirming the organization’s philanthropic services, the accreditation validates CKCF’s grantmaking practices for the nonprofit community.

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140 volunteers offer their time to evaluate scholarships this year. We couldn’t do it without you. Thanks for your commitment and investing in our students as they continue their academic journey.