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Let's Do Some Good Today!

A Note From Davette

Driving home from work the other day, my mind kept drifting to the many families in our state whose lives have been forever altered by the devastating storms last month. I wondered why I was so upset over people I've never met, people I don't know, people I may never know.

But really, the better question is, "Why wouldn't I be upset?"

Why wouldn't I be concerned for people? That's what being human is about: our ability to empathize with our fellow man when they hurt; to feel compelled to action; to make a difference.

That feeling of compassion. To make a difference.

It's what we've seen in our community as families have faced unthinkable health situations, as people have supported each other personally and financially through the pandemic, as groups provided holiday support for families in need, and now as we've responded to our neighbors and fellow Kentuckians in the aftermath of the tornados.

This is what communities and people do. We make a difference. I appreciate the examples of inspiration I see from so many in our community, both for people we know and for people we will never know.

Celebrating Community Foundation Week

CKCF started the week of November 15th announcing the recipients of our inaugural Granted program, awarding 14 local nonprofits over \$75,000 (please see "Granted" story on page 3 for more details).

On Wednesday, CKCF hosted a FAFSA workshop in partnership with Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) offering students one-on-one assistance to complete the FAFSA for college grants and scholarships.

On Thursday, CKCF hosted a virtual nonprofit roundtable for area organizations, giving them the opportunity to discuss how they are positioning their organization to thrive as they continue to serve our community through the pandemic. Nonprofits shared innovative ideas about fundraising for the coming year and discussed hurdles they

are facing with volunteer participation challenges.

The week finished strong hosting a blood drive with the Red Cross in our Community Hall. Over 30 pints of blood were donated. CKCF's next blood drive will be in the spring so watch for details.



Matt Hess, incoming CKCF Board Chair, recognized Lindsey Alicna, for her devoted years of service as CKCF's Board Chair from 2019 to 2021, during the CKCF December Board Meeting. Lindsey will remain on the CKCF Board of Directors.

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Granted awards over \$75,000 to local

Central Kentucky Community Foundation awarded \$76,439 in grants to fourteen nonprofit organizations through the Granted program.

Granted, a competitive grant program, offers funding opportunities to meet the ever-changing needs of the region. The November 16th announcement was the conclusion to the inaugural year of the Granted Program.

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

Nonprofit organizations submitted applications for programs in three categories: capacity building, capital improvement and programming.

2021 Granted Recipients

- Bethany Haven
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Kentuckiana
- CASA of the Heartland
- Crossroads Life Center in Hart County
- Feeding America - Kentucky's Heartland
- Grayson County Alliance
- Helping Hand of Hope
- Project L.E.A.R.N.
- Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services
- SpringHaven Domestic Violence Program
- The Community Health Clinic
- The Lincoln Museum
- The Salvation Army of Elizabethtown
- Wesley Hilltop House



The Granted awards celebration was held at CKCF nonprofits.

Granted allows many organizations to fund new programs for the community. "Money Habitudes--Financial Literacy" aligns with our mission of teaching financial literacy to empower family stability. said Executive Director of Grayson County, "This course will teach people the skills to help them manage their money and establish tools for budgeting goals. We really want to men empower families through this continued."

Funding for these grants was provided by various CKCF unrestricted funds. CKCF funds also made awards from the Charitable Fund, which provides funding to organizations assisting low-income families in Washington County and The Benjamin Fund that fosters equality, bigotry, and anti-Semitism.

"The Granted funding will all provide education and outreach to the community."

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Local nonprofits in first year



CKCF's Home of Philanthropy's in Elizabethtown. CKCF awarded more than \$75,000 to area

organizations to implement communities they serve.

Financial Literacy Series of teaching life skills and said Debbie Childress, Madison County Alliance. This the habits and attitudes air money better by budgeting and setting family mentor, encourage and through this curriculum." she

was made possible by funds. Two specific wards. The Bishop provides support to low-income people in The Marvin and Joyce efforts to fight hatred, m.

It allow Silverleaf to outreach to a group of

individuals in a way that we would not be able to otherwise." said Jillian Cardin, Psy.D, Executive Director at Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services. "Through this funding, we hope to positively impact the lives of individuals living in Washington County by providing support, encouragement, education and engagement. Additionally, we are excited that this program will launch in the community of Silverleaf's newest satellite location." she said.

A new cycle for Granted will start this spring. More information about Granted can be found at www.ckcf4people.org.



SAVE THE DATE

Scholarship Central Workshops

Tuesday, January 25 from 5-7 p.m.,
Monday, February 21 from 1-3 p.m.
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy

2022 Economic & Investment Briefing

Presented by PNC Bank
Tuesday, February 8
8:30 a.m. coffee, 9 a.m. program
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy

Youth Sports Fund of Hardin County

Spring Sports Application Deadline
Tuesday, February 15

Scholarship Central Application Deadline

Tuesday, March 1



WAYS TO GIVE

Giving to a Fund at CKCF

Central Kentucky Community Foundation offers an easy way for you to support causes that enhance the community and are important to you through our many funds.

Designated Fund - Give to a fund for your church or other organization.

Memorial Fund - Give to a fund that memorializes someone such as a memorial scholarship fund.

Community Fund - Give to a fund that supports the direct work of CKCF in our community such as the M.A.D.E Fund (which funded our amazing 14 Granted Awards this year) or Central Kentucky Cares Fund for disaster relief.

If you would like to make a gift to a CKCF fund, contact us today. You can see a full list of all our funds on our website; www.ckcf4people.org.



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Scholarship Central offers new features

CKCF is accepting scholarship applications through Scholarship Central from now until Tuesday, March 1st. This year, students, counselors and evaluators will experience a new format designed to enhance and strengthen the application process.

Scholarship Central houses over 70 scholarships funds with several awarding to multiple students. In 2021, CKCF awarded 194 scholarships and more than \$345,000.

"As our region so strongly supports education, our scholarship program continues to grow, with eight new scholarship opportunities being added just this year," said Davette B. Swiney, President/CEO. "It is important for our application process to stay relevant for students and utilize technological advances to ensure a quality experience for everyone who engages in the scholarship process with us."

If you know a high school or current college student looking for financial ways to support their education, encourage them to browse our scholarships at www.ckcf4people.org. One application can open the door to so many financial possibilities for higher education.



CKCF is always looking for volunteers to become scholarship evaluators. If you are interested, please contact us at 270-737-8393 or email us at info@ckcf4people.org.