Central Kentucky Community Foundation Announces $10,000 Endowed Gift for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library

An anonymous $10,000 donation has been given to start an endowment to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program in Hardin County in partnership with CKCF. This announcement came during CKCF’s 10th anniversary celebration of Get Ready! Camp in June.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to early learners, children from birth to age five, no matter their family’s income. The Friends of the Hardin County Public Library administers the program locally. From their efforts, the program can provide books to 600 children in Hardin County annually.

“We have been working on continued funding for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for the past year,” said Nancy Shores, president of Friends of Hardin County Public Library. “This endowment fund with CKCF will help ensure the program will continue for years to come.”

This announcement is another example of how Central Kentucky Community Foundation has shown its commitment to early childhood education. CKCF launched Get Ready! Camp in 2012 and it has expanded since inception. This free summer camp provides a unique learning experience for children from birth to age 5 and parents to discover how they can easily learn through play.

“We are thrilled that Get Ready! Camp and other early learning opportunities are available in our community, but it does take funding to support it,” said Davette B. Swiney, president and CEO of Central Kentucky Community Foundation. “This endowed gift expands the capacity to support the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program in our community forever.”

To learn more about or contribute to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program please go to https://ckcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate.
CKCF hosted Celebrating Achievement events in Bardstown and Elizabethtown, to announce this year’s Scholarship Central recipients. CKCF presented 175 scholarships totaling more than $346,000 to 136 students. The annual event was able to return to an in person opportunity for donors and recipient to make a connection with each other through the scholarship awards.

Celebrating Achievement recognizes the recipients who were chosen from applications through Scholarship Central, CKCF’s online application platform that makes applying for many local scholarships a simple and easy process. Scholarship Central houses over 70 scholarship funds with several awarding to multiple students.

“We are grateful to the generous donors in our community who make educational opportunities available for more students through scholarships,” said Davette B. Swiney, CKCF President and CEO. “CKCF has been awarding scholarships for over 50 years. We have seen it time and time again, investing in our students is investing in our future. We are honored to work with donors to make these opportunities available to students.”

Scholarship recipients were extremely gracious personally thanking their donors. (These need work, but I wanted you to pick which one you liked best)

“I feel so blessed to have been able to receive a scholarship in honor of such an amazing and inspirational woman,” said Madeline Burba, a Llewellyn Memorial Scholarship recipient. “I know that as I go through these next four years...”

Trisha Payne congratulates Shaylee Baxter on being the recipient of the Deana’s 7th Inning Stretch Scholarship. Trisha’s family established this scholarship in memory of her sister, Deana Stewart.

Lila Foster hugs Anna Claire Carwile to congratulate her on receiving the Tyler Foster Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a Nelson County HS or Thomas Nelson HS graduate.

Debbie McCarthy congratulates Kaden Hunt on being the recipient of the Jacob Barber and Katarina Peeters Memorial Scholarship. This award is given to a John Hardin HS graduate who has participated on the archery team.

Local nonprofits raised over $139,500 for KY Gives Day

Twenty-five area nonprofit organizations had a lot to celebrate at the stroke of midnight on Tuesday, May 10th as they collectively benefited from the generosity of the community through KY Gives Day. This was the 10th anniversary for this 24-hour online giving program that raised $139,640 for participating nonprofits in our region. The total gifts came from 592 donors through 774 gifts.

As a regional sponsor of KY Gives Day, Central Kentucky Community Foundation brings this opportunity to donors and nonprofit organizations in our area. The online event raises money and awareness about the vital work at nonprofit organizations in CKCF’s region and statewide prizes. Re earned $800 in prizes from CKCF Catholic School won first place with online on May 10 earning $250 for Dollars Raised. They also won the...
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Braden Dennison, the Dr. Linda Mayhew STEM Scholarship recipient, had a similar sentiment. “I am very grateful for the opportunity that you gave me to pursue my education in the STEM field at ECTC. The money from the scholarship gives my family and me a huge sigh of relief when it comes to expenses. The money from the scholarship gives me and my family a huge sigh of relief when it comes to expenses.”

It was also a wonderful chance to recognize the generous donors that make the scholarships possible.

“I really was impressed with CKCF and how everything was handled with my sister’s scholarship,” said Tricia Payne, who established Deana’s 7th Inning Stretch Scholarship with her family in memory of her sister. “The event was VERY nice and I’m glad we were able to attend. We loved being able to meet our scholarship winner in person at the events and see their smiles when we let them know that we selected them to get our scholarship. The event dinners are a great way to let the community know which students have received scholarships from CKCF. We’re looking forward to this next season with CKCF,” she added.

If you are interested in learning more about Scholarship Central or would like to establish a scholarship fund, please go to www.ckcf4people.org or call us at 270-737-8393.

Ways to Give

IRA Charitable Rollover or Qualified Charitable Distribution

IRA Charitable Rollover or Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a great option for individuals who would like to make a tax-free charitable gift from their IRA to eligible charities. A charitable IRA rollover makes it easier to use your IRA assets to make a gift to support a local nonprofit that is meaningful to you.

Unrestricted Funds

Donations to unrestricted funds can be used by nonprofits in a variety of ways to benefit our region. CKCF’s Making a Difference Everyday (MADE) Fund allows your gift to be used as needed to address current community opportunities and needs. The endowed fund grows over time to give relevant support to the community.

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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Donors prize at 97 earning $100 prize. The Lincoln Museum, Inc. raised $17,656 online on May 10 earning $150 from CKCF for second place in Most Dollars Raised. They also won the CKCF Lunch Break Power Hour earning an extra $100. Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana raised $7,880 online on May 10 earning them $100 from CKCF for third place in Most Dollars Raised. They also won the CKCF Coffee Break Power Hour earning an extra $100.

Regional nonprofit organizations earned $450 in state prize money from the Kentucky Nonprofit Network. State prize winners are Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest receiving $100 for a KNN Golden Ticket, and Warm Blessing Community Kitchen receiving $100 for the KNN Golden Ticket. Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana won for a KNN Peer-to-Peer Champion prize receiving $250.

To see the complete list of all participating regional nonprofit organizations and their KY Gives fundraising goals, go to https://www.kygives.org/leaderboards.

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Tickets are $30.00 per person; lunch is provided. Go to [www.ckcf4people.org](http://www.ckcf4people.org) to purchase tickets today!