

## A Note From Davette

What captures your attention? Is it celebrity news or sports talk. Maybe it's big weather events or local happenings. There's been plenty of activity in these areas to capture our attention recently.

Lately, I've been captivated by an unlikely topic - strategic planning. It doesn't sound exciting, does it? In the last half of 2022, the CKCF Board of Directors worked through a strategic planning process and now we are pulling it all together into a workplan. Although it wasn't always a fun process, we know it's important work to help CKCF evolve as our community changes. The ways we work to enhance our region are different today than they were 25, 10, even 2 years ago. We must continue to anticipate those changing needs and how we best allocate our resources to carry out the work entrusted to us. Strategic planning that began as a necessary and seemingly monstrous project, morphed into understanding, ideas and an actionable plan I am excited to watch materialize. Who is the beneficiary of this work? You. Our community.

CKCF has a legacy of board members who focused on long-term approaches to enhancing our community. This strategic planning process helps us ensure we continue to keep CKCF relevant and looking towards the future we want to be part of creating for people in our region.

## Empowering Women through Heels Together

Heels Together awarded \$35,000 in grants to two local nonprofits this past fall. This was the largest amount given out by the group of women since it began in 2015.

Family Scholar House received \$20,000 toward A Step Up for Student Moms program to help student mothers enrolled at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College. The money will add additional technology to their loaner laptop program, transportation support, and emergency assistance for coursework and credentials costs.

Wesley Hilltop House and PURE Inc. received \$15,000 toward its Step Ahead Institute for Leadership. The program will target middle and high school girls living in the Glendale Hill and Haycraft neighborhoods. The objective is to empower and equip the young women from the south side of Elizabethtown with tools they need to step into leadership roles within the community.

Forty-nine Heels Together investors made these grants possible and as investors increase, so will the opportunity to impact our community.

Helping Hand of Hope and the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, shared the impact of the grants they received from Heels Together last year.

"I value the opportunity to be a Heels Together investor because of the collective nature of my investment," said Beth Avey. "The funds I contribute are



From left: Kim Iman, Founder of PURE Inc., Paige Waldron, Executive Director of Wesley Hilltop House and representatives from PURE Inc accept the Heels Together Grant Check.



From left: Sarah Brady, Family Scholar House VP of Workforce Development, Cathe Dykstra, Family Scholar House Chief Possibility Officer & President and Lynette Kennedy, Family Scholar House Elizabethtown Regional Coordinator pose for their check presentation.

combined with those of other Heels Together investors, to make a more significant collective impact. I also love that it's women coming together to help other women and girls in our community."

If you are interested in becoming a Heels Together Investor or have a suggestion on a project or program to help women and girls in Hardin County, please contact us at [info@ckcf4people.org](mailto:info@ckcf4people.org).



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## Granted awards over \$55,000 to twelve area nonprofits



The second annual Granted awards was the pinnacle event during National Community Foundation Week awarding \$56,146 to twelve nonprofit organizations from six counties. This competitive grants program offers funding opportunities to meet the ever-changing needs in the region.

"This is the week each year when we celebrate and bring a little attention to the work we do in our communities," said Davette B. Swiney, President and CEO of Central Kentucky Community Foundation. "We strive to enhance our communities by connecting ideas and resources, people and programs and ultimately one generation to the next, weaving the continual thread of giving and good to make a place we all love to live," she added.

Grants for capacity building we awarded to Bethany Haven, Nelson County, for technology updates and Warm Blessings, Hardin County, to develop a formal volunteer program.

"The Granted award is meaningful to our organization in many ways," said Dawn Cash, Executive Director for Warm Blessings. "Volunteers make up 97% of the staffing for Warm Blessings. This grant will assist us in increasing our organizational capacity to recruit and effectively train our volunteers to meet the needs of the neighbors we serve in a more professional and informed manner. We are always learning and growing as staff members, and we are now able to share those same learning opportunities with our volunteer staff. Without volunteers and community involvement, we would not be able to meet the needs of our community. And, to know that a donor chose our program and chose to invest in our human capital lets us know we are moving in the right direction," she added.

Five nonprofits received awards for capital improvements. The Lincoln Museum, LaRue County, to upgrade the lighting system in the museum; Project L.E.A.R.N., Hardin County, to update their learning kitchen; Hope Academy for Kids., Hardin County, to update their literacy area; Grayson County Alliance for a mobile workstation; and Springhaven Domestic Violence Program, Hardin County for a server upgrade.

"The Alliance is always looking for ways to improve workflow or advance our programming. Granted allows us to envision what could be better and ask for the support to make it happen," said Debbie Childress, Executive Director for Grayson County Alliance. "Funding a smaller project such as our mobile workstation equipment, is making a big impact on our ability to deliver the programs we have and reduce the workload on our staff and volunteers. Funders investing in Granted are really investing in the everyday progress we work hard to make in the non-profit sector."

Programming grants for five nonprofits expand their work in areas core to their mission. Helping Hand of Hope, Hardin County, for a Gas to Work program; Good Samaritan Center, Breckinridge County, for a food program to help offset increased food costs; Grayson County Ministerial Association to provide financial coaching assistance to their clients; the Community Health Clinic to purchase a dental X-ray sensor; and Breckinridge County United to start an Emerging Entrepreneurs Experience program.

Twenty-six nonprofits submitted applications for programs in three categories: capacity building, capital improvement and programming.

## LET'S DO SOME GOOD TODAY!



# Home of Philanthropy Holiday Open House



Brian Smith and Emmet Holley look dapper in their holiday bow ties.



Davette Swiney welcomes Iris LaRue and Rob Thurman from The Lincoln Museum.



Terry Owens and Asa McCarthy catch up during the Holiday Open House.



Bob Swope and Jim Barnard added some Christmas cheer by leading guests in singing a few carols.

## The 2023 Scholarship Central Application is now Open! We Need You!

Interested in supporting local students as they pursue 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](mailto:info@ckcf4people.org).

## SAVE THE DATE

### Scholarship Central Workshop -

Monday, February 13th from 6-8pm  
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy  
Community Hall

### Youth Sports Fund of Hardin County -

Spring Sports Application Deadline  
Tuesday, February 1st

### Scholarship Fair -

Tuesday, February 21st from 5pm - 7pm  
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy  
Community Hall

### Scholarship Central Application

**Deadline -** Tuesday, March 1st

### Peden Fund Application Deadline -

Wednesday, March 15th

### Heels Together Grant Workshop -

Tuesday, March 21st  
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy  
Community Hall



## WAYS TO GIVE

### Giving to a Fund at CKCF

#### Scholarship Funds

Have you been thinking about establishing a scholarship? Create a lasting legacy by investing directly in the future of deserving students pursuing higher education.

Our scholarship funds provide an opportunity to honor loved ones, support students in career paths that matter to you, and help the next generation of community leaders develop skills they need to be successful.

Awards range from \$500 to full tuition. Most scholarship funds at CKCF are permanent endowments so they continue to make an impact forever.

Establishing a fund is easy and you'll qualify for the maximum tax deduction.

For additional information, please contact Davette Swiney at 270-737-8393 or by email at [dswiney@ckcf4people.org](mailto:dswiney@ckcf4people.org).



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## Connections through Legacy Funds

If your priorities for the New Year include your personal financial plans, consider including a charitable gift in your estate plans. **Legacy** funds, created by a gift that comes through an estate, are special and have long-term impact in our community. When we work with you in the planning process, we understand what's important and establish a plan that will best carry out your **legacy**. It is a trust and responsibility we take seriously!

In 2022, we worked with a donor and created a scholarship fund that is very personal. For years he has volunteered with a youth organization tutoring, mentoring and generally being a support to youth who need some help. His **legacy** scholarship will prioritize students who are part of this program as they further their education.