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Let's Do Some Good Today!

A Note From Davette

I always enjoy watching the Olympics. The skill and determination of the athletes amaze me. I enjoy the performance and the competition. With so many medalists determined by fractional times or scores the competition is intense.

With the time difference from Paris, most of the time I have been watching competitions that already occurred. The winners are known, even if not yet to me. That hasn't changed my focus as I watch to see scores posted or who crosses the line first.

I find the athlete stories capture my attention as much as the results. Stories of resilience and passion, challenges and success. Somewhere in each story there is someone who believed in that athlete - an adult (or several) who invested time, money, and expertise creating a relationship so the athlete could thrive.

Just like a community. We create the ways to support our people in so many areas. And one community fund comes to mind during the Olympic season - the Youth Sports Fund. Recreational sports are available for more youth because of this fund. We've offered this support in Hardin County for several years and this year in conjunction with the Grayson County Healthcare Foundation, we've expanded to serve youth in Grayson County.

Although the goal of the Youth Sports Fund is about learning, teamwork and responsibility, not growing elite athletes, these were the very qualities I heard woven throughout Olympic athlete stories.

Celebrating Achievement: Honoring excellence for area students

Central Kentucky Community Foundation hosted Celebrating Achievement in Elizabethtown and Bardstown bringing together scholarship recipients and donors from across the region for evenings filled with recognition, gratitude, and community spirit. CKCF awarded 173 scholarships to students totaling \$382,000. These awards were made from students who applied through Scholarship Central, CKCF's online scholarship portal. This fall, the scholarship recipients will continue their educational careers at 49 different colleges and universities.

"Scholarships help to relieve some of that financial stress that comes along with college and help us to focus on our goals and what we want to achieve during our time there," said Kenton Gagne, recipient of the Cindy Ethington Memorial Scholarship. "It also helps to alleviate some of the burden on our biggest supporters, our parents."

As presenting sponsor, South Central Bank's supported CKCF's commitment to fostering education and supporting local students to pursue their dreams. Celebrating Achievement is an annual reflection of a community that values education, encourages young minds, and appreciates the generosity that makes this possible.



Bob Brown, presenter of the Bob Brown Family Scholarship, was all smiles as he arrived at Celebrating Achievement in Elizabethtown.



Thank you to South Central Bank, event sponsor, and Braden Pace, South Central Bank Vice President of Lending for welcoming the audience to Celebrating Achievement in Elizabethtown.



Lila Foster presents Thomas Nelson High School graduate Carlee Hite with the Tyler Foster Memorial Scholarship at Celebrating Achievement in Elizabethtown.

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Learn & Lead: Empowering nonprofit leaders through knowledge and networking



The Lincoln Museum hosted the February Learn and Lead Luncheon in Hodgenville.

Central Kentucky Community Foundation has continued its ongoing Learn & Lead sessions, a series designed specifically for nonprofit executive directors and those in leadership positions within nonprofit organizations. This innovative series brings together experts to share insights and strategies on various critical topics, helping to strengthen the skills and knowledge of local nonprofit leaders.

The first session this year, hosted by The Lincoln Museum in Hodgenville, focused on best practices for stress management, where experts shared practical techniques for managing stress, promoting work-life balance,

and maintaining mental well-being. The second session held at the Brown-Pusey House, specialists discussed strategies for developing robust succession plans. Nonprofit leaders learned about identifying and nurturing potential successors, creating transition plans, and ensuring organizational stability during leadership changes.

These sessions go beyond imparting knowledge; they also foster a sense of community among nonprofit leaders through networking and collaboration. If you are a nonprofit leader interested in participating in our next Learn & Lead lunch on Thursday, November 14th, please reach out to us at contact@ckcf4people.org.



Jillian Carden Psy.D, Executive Director of Silverleaf Sexual Trauma Recovery Services, presented best practices for reducing stress and self-care.



Debbie Childress, Executive Director of Grayson County Alliance leads the group in an ice breaker during a Learn and Lead session.

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Real Estate Gifts - A great option for donors

A real estate donation to CKCF offers a compelling opportunity for individuals, families, and businesses to make a meaningful impact on their communities while realizing significant financial benefits.

Although real estate gifts offer significant potential benefits, they can also present unique challenges that CKCF can help navigate effectively to ensure successful outcomes for both donors and the community.

Real estate gifts offer donors tax benefits. These benefits can enhance the overall value of the donation and provide donors with a meaningful way to optimize their financial planning strategies. Ed and Georgia Gordon donated real estate to CKCF, resulting in savings on their tax bill.

"We donated a rental property which eliminated our capital gains, so we were able to realize the tax benefits while helping organizations we care about in our community," said Ed.

Georgia expanded on their experience

working with CKCF helping them to navigate the intricacies that a real estate gift requires.

"Davette was willing to work with us in some unusual ways like the real estate gift," said Georgia. "CKCF's willingness to take on a house and sell it was amazing, making it so easy, so all the hard work was done for us. We got to designate the dollars to the organizations we wanted to help and that was the fun part."

"Real estate gifts, and other complex gifts, offer specific gift and tax advantages for donors to maximize the impact of their gift," said Davette B. Swiney, CKCF President and CEO. "We are honored when people entrust us to explore the best gift strategies to accomplish their giving goals. Oftentimes proceeds from real estate gifts can be directed to multiple organizations allowing donors support various interests through one gift."

If you would like more information about real estate gifts, please email us at info@ckcf4people.org

SAVE THE DATE

Granted Evaluator Training

Monday, August 12th at 10:30 am

Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30 pm

CKCF's Home of Philanthropy Community Hall

Heels Together grant applications due

Thursday, August 15th

3rd Annual Nonprofit Roundtable

Thursday, August 15th

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Tickets are \$35

CKCF's Home of Philanthropy Community Hall

Celebrating Community Philanthropy

Thursday, September 26th

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Grace Heartland Church



Philanthropic "Ph"ocus

Do you have a Donor Advised Fund but don't always know where your contribution would be most needed in our community? Do you know what organizations are working on causes you care about? That's where CKCF's Partners in Philanthropy program shines.

Partners in Philanthropy is a donor program that empowers individuals and businesses to make a meaningful impact in their community. Through this program, Donor Advised Fundholders have the unique opportunity to review grant proposals that address various areas of need within the community. By providing support to these targeted grant opportunities, donors can directly contribute to initiatives that resonate with their philanthropic goals. This collaborative approach ensures that community needs are met through strategic and impactful giving. It simplifies giving and maximizes your charitable impact—a winning strategy!



Ed and Georgia Gordon



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Call us today to talk about new options for your current DAF or to set up a new one.

