

A Note From Davette

As we came together around the theme "Stepping Up" at our Celebrating Community Philanthropy luncheon on September 26, Hurricane Helene was picking up momentum toward the Gulf Coast of Florida.

Although our area was spared mass disaster this time, Kentucky has found ourselves in those situations over years, especially recently. Kentuckians have faced devastation from tornadoes and floods.

Our Southern neighbors have just experienced mass devastation. Reconstruction will be a long-term project.

Nearly as soon as flood images appeared, stories of people stepping up emerged. People making life-saving rescues, sharing information with worried family and friends, and mobilizing resources.

When I see these heartwarming stories, I am reminded of the goodness in mankind. Goodness we can foster and strengthen. Sometimes I wonder, "What would I do in that situation?"

Would I know what to do? Would I know how to best help? Would I Step Up?

We hope we aren't in that situation. We can also be ready. It's in everyday situations that our responses form habits and our personal culture.

A smile at a scared child walking into the doctor's office.

Flowers from your garden to a neighbor with a deployed spouse.

Grocery shopping for a neighbor who doesn't drive much anymore.

We have the chance to create who we are in little ways daily. Then when a big situation arises, there won't be a question, "Will I step up?"

Stepping Up for a Strong Future: Celebrating Community Philanthropy



Heels Together Investors Marilyn Ford, Alison Langley and Marnie Clagett shared why they invest in women and girls in Hardin County.

Celebrating Community Philanthropy highlighted the generosity and meaningful impact of philanthropy in our region. The theme, Stepping Up, underscored the vital role philanthropy plays in addressing community needs and empowering people to take action.

Sponsored by The Cecilian Bank, the lunch brought together community members, donors, and leaders to hear personal stories and challenge us all to Step Up.

"The Cecilian Bank is incredibly thankful for the opportunity to sponsor Celebrating Community Philanthropy: Stepping Up with Central Kentucky Community Foundation," said Tracie Oliver, Senior Vice-President - Assistant Senior Lender & Lending Administration Officer for The Cecilian Bank. "Together, we make a lasting impact, and it's an honor to celebrate the spirit of giving that uplifts our community," she added.

Celebrating the 10-year anniversary of

Heels Together, kicked off the program, marking 10 years supporting women and girls in Hardin County. Over the past decade, Heels Together has made a lasting difference in the lives of countless women awarding over \$250,000 to 15 nonprofit organizations.

Scott and Monica Kisselbaugh shared how their charitable giving through real estate gifts in conjunction with their Donor Advised Fund has allowed them to support causes they care about. Their story demonstrated how innovative giving strategies can maximize the impact of philanthropy.

One of the most emotional moments came from Jason Sutton, who shared the deeply personal story behind Julie Sutton's Shoes, a fund he created in memory of his late wife, Julie. Inspired by her compassionate spirit, Jason started this fund to provide shoes to kids in need, continuing her legacy of kindness.

"Once again, this Celebrating Community Philanthropy gathering was a powerful reminder of the great impact that individuals can make in our local communities," said attendee Ron Gonterman. "Many of the personal stories provide inspiration and motivation for all of us to look around our local community and find ways to help lift up our neighbors in need. Thank you CKCF for the impact you have in our region!"

Throughout the program, Celebrating Community Philanthropy showcased the incredible power of Stepping Up for others.

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Celebrating Community Philanthropy



Scott and Monica Kisselbaugh provided some levity as they shared about their giving through their Donor Advised Funds.



Tracie Oliver, Senior Vice President - Assistant Senior Lendor & Lending Administration Officer for The Cecilian Bank, shared with the audience how The Cecilian Bank steps up in our community.



Jason Sutton hugged Davette Swiney after he shared about why he started Julie Sutton's Shoes, in honor of his late wife.



The Grayson County High School Chamber Orchestra provided wonderful entertainment during lunch.

LET'S DO SOME GOOD TODAY!

The Power of Estate Planning with Central Kentucky Community Foundation

Estate planning is an essential step in securing your legacy and ensuring your assets are distributed the way you desire. When you include Central Kentucky Community Foundation in your estate planning process, you can ensure an impact for the causes you care about most. Through a planned gift, such as a bequest, charitable trust, or beneficiary designation, you can support local nonprofits, scholarships, or specific causes that align with your values. CKCF offers personalized assistance to help tailor your plan, ensuring your gift reflects your philanthropic vision.

What would happen if everyone thought about an area of community life in their estate plans?

In the next 10 years, nearly \$4 billion

in wealth and assets in our region will be transferred to the next generation. If everyone designated just 5% of their estate to an endowment at CKCF, nearly \$64 million would be gained. Figuring a five percent grant payout, an estimated \$3.2 million could be

available annually to improve the quality of life in central Kentucky. That's the premise of CKCF's Give 5 program which gives you an opportunity to make a lasting difference in the place you call home.

Considering Give 5 with CKCF gives you peace of mind. You can be confident knowing that your legacy will live on, supporting the community you love. Your planned gift ensures an impact for the community forever.

To learn more about Give 5, contact us at 270-737-8393.

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3rd Annual Nonprofit Roundtable



Connecting and collaborating at CKCF's 3rd Annual Nonprofit Roundtable held on August 15th.

SAVE THE DATE

Heels Together Investors' Banquet

Thursday, November 7th
5 pm social hour - 6 pm dinner
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy Community Hall

Community Foundation Week

November 11th-15th
see back page for list of events

Granted Awards

Thursday, November 14th at 10 am ET
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy Community Hall

Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 5th
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm ET
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy Community Hall

End of Year Giving Deadlines:

Last day Donor Advised Fund grants

received - Friday, December 13th

Last day to make a gift for 2024 tax

benefits - Tuesday, December 31st



Philanthropic "Ph"ocus

End of Year Giving - Gifts that go beyond the holiday season

CKCF is the new Hardin County fiscal partner with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, bringing the joy of books to children. It's more than just sending books to kids ages birth to 5 years old. It's about sparking imaginations, encouraging a love of reading and opening doors to lifelong learning. When you give, you're investing in the future of children right in our community. Your tax-deductible contribution will help families build home libraries, creating moments of connection. What better way to make an impact this holiday season than to give the gift of literacy. Go to our **DONATE NOW** button at ckcf4people.org.



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Celebrate November 11 – 15 *Community Foundation Week*

Monday (11/11): Community Blood Drive
1pm- 6pm; register at redcrossblood.org

Tuesday (11/12): Volunteer Appreciation
3:30 pm

Thursday (11/14): Granted Awards
10:00 am

All events will be held at
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy
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