

## A Note From Davette

I just spent a week with my family, including my parents, on vacation. From typical vacation standards it wasn't noteworthy. We didn't climb any mountains, visit castles or get lots of Instagram worthy photos.

So how did we spend our time? We worked a puzzle, played games, walked on the beach and laughed. Oh, we laughed. We had days of uninterrupted time together rather than an occasional phone call or a few hours here and there. You could say we made memories, but more than that, we made connections. And that was invaluable to me for my family.... much like the connections we showcased at Celebrating Community Philanthropy (see inside) are valuable to the people we serve in our community.

Connecting people to help our community, to help each other and grow as individuals might just be the most rewarding part of our work.



Tonya Schweitzer and Dusty Siravo from Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana and Rob Thurman from The Lincoln Museum share in the fun at Nonprofit Roundtable Conference.

## Nonprofit Roundtable provides 'fresh ideas' for participants



**2022 Nonprofit Roundtable Core Team:** Back Row, from left to right: Jamie Sizemore, Rob Thurman, Laura Sedlatschek, Scott Turner. Front Row, from left to right: Davette B. Swiney, Debbie Childress, Beth Ratley, Susan Dyer, and Iris LaRue.

Sharing success stories and struggles and learning from each other were a big part of what made Central Kentucky Community Foundation's Nonprofit Roundtable "Convene, Connect, Collaborate" in late August a success.

The one-day event attracted about 75 people from several area counties to CKCF's Home of Philanthropy as those who took part sought ways to better their organization through speakers and breakout sessions.

"It's always good to hear fresh ideas from someone else on the same topic whether it's fundraising, recruiting volunteers or learning about a new grant opportunity," said Jamie Sizemore, Executive Director at Feeding America, Kentucky's Heartland. "I took a new idea away from every presenter."

Among the speakers was Danielle Clore, Executive Director and CEO of the Kentucky Nonprofit Network, who not only complimented the work nonprofits do each day, but acknowledged the challenges faced.

"It's rewarding, but it's really, really hard work that you do," Clore said. "It's important to realize there is no straight

path to success."

She told attendees it's critical to build a mission statement to define an organization's mission to help determine "what success looks like."

The Nonprofit Roundtable featured a keynote address from Warren Beeler, who has served as Executive Director for the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy under Governors Matt Bevin and Andy Beshear.

"I'm in awe of you," said Beeler. "You are all so servant minded that you are willing to give your time, talents and abilities to folks who are maybe less fortunate than you."

Davette B. Swiney, CKCF's President and CEO, closed the conference offering words of encouragement that resonated with her from the day's events.

"There's power in a nonprofit," Swiney said. "Important work is contagious, and you folks see it every day. We can share these experiences, we can share these tips and we can share resources with each other because we are all working for a common purpose and that's to make our community a better place and fulfill our missions."



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## Celebrating Community Phila



Emily Hyde and her family have attended Get Ready! Camp since it began more than 10 years ago.

and support early childhood education efforts for families – celebrated its 11th year.

It's a program Emily Hyde and her three children have been part of since the beginning.

**"Get Ready! Camp"** empowers a parent that their job isn't just parenting; you're the first educator for your children," Hyde said. "The program really wants to put the parent in that position to realize how capable and how much of a difference that you can make in your child."

Returning to an in-person Celebrating Community Philanthropy event for the first time since 2019, was important to us to connect the communities we serve with opportunities and ideas. We always love showcasing great examples of community philanthropy, and this year the connections we explored made a lasting impact.

Over the summer, the **Get Ready! Camp** – a community effort to strengthen

Jeremy Hinton, who along with others, created a legacy fund for their friend Aaron Reding. Hinton and Reding attended the University of Kentucky, and they became lifelong friends. Reding, fought ALS for 17 years, but he never let that define him or get him down, said Hinton.

Reding was a strong proponent for the next-generation of farming. Keeping with that passion, the Aaron Reding Memorial



Saint James Catholic School Ambassadors did an excellent job serving the meal.



Jim Iacocca (left) from Knox Regional Development Alliance and Mike Bowers.



From left: House of Representatives and the Alliance share the Round

LET'S DO SOME GOOD TODAY!



# Philanthropy focuses on connection

Fund will support youth in various pursuits of agriculture.

The memorial fund as of late September already had received 83 donations demonstrating the power of connecting people in giving around what matters to them.

For nonprofits, the connections they have to the communities they serve are fostered by enthusiastic staff and volunteers. Their passion to carry out the organization's mission does take some funding which can be a barrier for their projects and programs to come to fruition.

"For years we have been making grant awards from funds for their specific purposes," said CKCF President and CEO Davette B. Swiney. "We've also been informally connecting nonprofit projects with donors who want to invest in seeing those efforts come to life."

Started in 2021, Granted awarded \$76,000 to 14 organizations.

As Paige Waldron, Wesley Hilltop House, their grant funding for smartboards helped students study who don't have reliable internet access or a home environment conducive to studying, stay on track in school. It has also helped engage senior citizens with students and learn new skills through multi-generational connections.

Funding for this year will be announced Nov. 15 at CKCF's Home of Philanthropy Community Hall as part of a weeklong celebration for

Community Foundation Week.

Check out the Celebrating Community Philanthropy highlight video by going on [www.ckcf4people.org](http://www.ckcf4people.org).



Jeremy Hinton shared some heartfelt stories about his dear friend, Aaron Reding.



Guests enjoyed hearing inspirational stories about connection throughout the program held at Grace Heartland Church.



From left to right: Paige Waldron from Wesley Hilltop House, Debbie Childress from Grayson County and Iris LaRue from The Lincoln Museum shared their impactful experiences from the Nonprofit Philanthropy event and Granted with Davette B. Swiney (far left).



From left to right: Brandon and Savannah Dupris and John Anderson shared the story behind why they started Hole Lotta Love Donuts.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Heels Together Investors' Banquet -

Thursday, November 3rd  
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy  
Community Hall

### American Red Cross Blood Drive -

Monday, November 14th from 1-6  
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy  
Community Hall  
Sign up to give blood by visiting  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

### National Philanthropy Day -

Tuesday, November 15th

### 2022 Granted Awards Announcement -

Tuesday, November 15th  
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy  
Community Hall

**Last day Donor Advised Fund grants received -** Monday, December 12th

**Last Day to make a gift for 2022 tax benefits -** Friday, December 30th



## WAYS TO GIVE

### Year End Giving

Did you know that over 15 local nonprofits have funds with us? To help support their work now and forever, consider a gift to our community this holiday season. It's not too early to start thinking about year-end giving for tax planning. Contact us today while you still have time to think about the charitable efforts you would like to support.

### Give Five

You have an opportunity to invest and create your legacy in a place like no other: The place you call home, your community. By giving a gift of 5% of your estate through the foundation to support causes close to your heart and important to your community, you can ensure your legacy continues forever.

### 5 Steps to Create Your Legacy

1. Decide what you want your gift to support.
2. Meet with CKCF to explore how to put this into action.
3. Share your plans with your family.
4. Engage professional advisors to create or update your will and other relevant documents to Give Five and leave your legacy.
5. Finalize your plans with CKCF and feel good about your investment in your community.



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## CKCFNews

### Community Foundation Week is all about Connections

Community Foundation Week recognizes the important work of community foundations throughout the U.S. and their collaborative and innovation approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sector. Annually, Community Foundation Week coincides with National Philanthropy Day on November 15th (see page 3 for Community Foundation Week scheduled events).

We care about the communities we serve and this gives us a great opportunity to celebrate the strong connections we've made and foster connections in the future.

