

## A Note From Davette

When are we going to be back to normal?

What is normal?

Is there a new normal?

All these questions keep swirling around as we navigate into the second year since COVID. In reality, normal is what we have each defined it to be for our own lives.

I don't know what the new normal will be ... or how much different it will be from the old normal. For some people, things may be the same and other people may have permanent changes to habits and schedules. I do like meeting someone for lunch rather than a virtual meeting. I like walking into a shop and getting an ice cream cone. And I sure won't miss that awkward moment of what to do when you can't shake hands or give a hug when greeting a colleague or friend.

I know here at CKCF we are doing new work; some of which you will read about in this newsletter. And it feels good. New programs and opportunities for our communities. We've been able to announce these in person, in what was our normal manner pre-Covid. Following a year where our efforts were focused on COVID relief and adjusting the way we deliver our services, it is refreshing to create and do new work. It feels normal.

I hope your life is beginning to feel more normal for you - however that looks.

## Dow announcement makes region bloom with opportunity



**Nancy McCoy, Quality Manager at Dow and Sean Clinning, Operational Productivity Improvement Leader at Dow Performance Silicones unveil the sign near the orchard location.**



**Nick Powell, Elizabethtown Site Manager at Dow, announces the initiative in the Community Hall.**

Dow Foundation announced a \$425,000 Environmental Sustainability Initiative in the Home of Philanthropy's Community Hall, in partnership with Central Kentucky Community Foundation. The initiative includes a community orchard, an investment in environmental strategies and support for the community hall.

"It's probably one of the most innovative ideas that I've come across. When you think of sustainability, this is not just an environmental sustainability initiative, or a recycling sustainability concept, this is community sustainability," said Sean Clinning, Operational Productivity Improvement Leader at Dow Performance Silicones.

Dow's Community Orchard will be developed on land adjacent to Central Kentucky Community Foundation's Home of Philanthropy, which will tie in easily with the Hardin County Public Library, EC3 and ECTC. This offers a way for the community to engage with their food supply and nature through volunteerism.

The environmental strategy component will be the catalyst for community

recycling infrastructure and other environmental efforts.

The Community Hall in CKCF's Home of Philanthropy supports nonprofit work and community initiatives by offering a place for nonprofits to convene, collaborate and host meetings. The support for the Community Hall showcases Dow's longstanding commitment to the community and investment in philanthropy.

"We are excited to work with corporate partners like Dow who give us the opportunity to dream and create for our community," said Davette B. Swiney, President and CEO of CKCF. "That is what the Foundation is all about; those pieces we put in place to better our community, not necessarily for us to enjoy today, but all those that come after us."

Community involvement is key to the success of these programs. If you would like to be a part of the collaboration efforts for any of these initiatives, please go to [ckcf4people.org](http://ckcf4people.org) or call 270-737-8393.

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Central Kentucky Community Foundations recently announced a new competitive grant program, Granted. This program will connect ideas and needs with resources to enhance our community. Granted is available to nonprofits that serve CKCF's nine-county region encompassing Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, Hart, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington counties.

This new grant opportunity provides a structure for nonprofits to apply for funding through various CKCF sources. CKCF has been making grant awards from funds for their specific purposes for years. The new Granted program, however, will provide nonprofits with a recurring opportunity to try new initiatives, respond to current needs, or build their organization.

"Granted will provide new funding opportunities for our area nonprofits and we know it will evolve over time - just as our foundation, these organizations and our community evolve," said Davette B. Swiney, President & CEO of CKCF. "Now this year, every year, they will have an opportunity to apply for funding through CKCF."

Granted offers grant funding in three categories: capacity building, capital improvement or programming. Additional funding opportunities are provided by the Marvin and Joyce Benjamin Fund and the Bishop Charitable Fund.

Applications for the Granted program will be accepted through CKCF's online grant portal through August 15. For more information, go to [ckcf4people.org](http://ckcf4people.org) or contact us at [info@ckcf4people.org](mailto:info@ckcf4people.org).

### WAYS TO GIVE TO GRANTED

Part of our work as a community foundation is to connect the generous people in our region with the ideas, opportunities and needs to enhance our community. Our Give 5 initiative is a way you can help your community. Establishing a gift of 5% in your estate plans, allows you to give without affecting your current financial situation, and to continue your charitable giving beyond your lifetime. Your estate gift could help the Granted program grow and support more grants over time.

LET'S DO SOME GOOD TODAY!

## Local organizations lead state in KY Gives Day



Davette B. Swiney, President & CEO of CKCF, presents a check to Alicia Feldman and Cadell Walker from Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest winning two prizes for being a top performing participating nonprofits.

On May 11, donors from across the state of Kentucky gave to support 22 area nonprofits during the 9th annual KY Gives Day. This 24-hour online giving blitz raised \$193,764 for nonprofit organizations in our region. Those gifts came from 768 donors.

\*The region's generosity was reflected on the state leaderboard, with four of the top ten fundraisers were local organizations.

For new participants, KY Gives can be full of excitement and appreciation.

"As first-time participants we could not be more grateful," said Paige Waldron, Executive Director of Wesley Hilltop House. "CKCF made the fundraising process so much fun! The money we raised will be dedicated to our youth summer programming and to senior citizen enrichment activities."

For more information about KY Gives Day and a list of local participating nonprofits, go to [kygives.org](http://kygives.org).

Dear Central Kentucky Community Foundation Administrators and Committees,

Thank you so very much for all your participation in affording me the opportunity to not only apply for scholarships, but also be selected. Your tireless efforts during these different times did not go unnoticed. I was excited and stannned when I heard my name announced during the livestream.

I promise to work hard over the next four years and make you proud of your selection.

Sincerely,  
Keegan L Walker

### TOP 10 PARTICIPATING REGIONAL NONPROFITS & TOTALS

1. Saint James Catholic School\* **\$44,295**
2. Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest\* **\$22,975**
3. The Lincoln Museum, Inc.\* **\$11,040**
4. Isaiah House Treatment Center\* **\$10,195**
5. Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana **\$6,945**
6. Friend for Life Cancer Support Network **\$6,545**
7. Barktown Animal Rescue **\$6,490**
8. Stephen Foster Drama Association **\$4,725**
9. CASA of the Heartland, Inc. **\$3,875**
10. Friends of Hardin County Animal Shelter **\$3,010**

## Scholarship recipients value donors

A virtual Celebrating Achievement did not dampen the recognition of our scholarship recipients' accomplishments and acknowledgement of the generous donors who make this program possible. Keegan Walker's letter is just one of many examples of gratitude received after the program was aired. To watch Celebrating Achievement, go to [www.ckcf4people.org/celebrating-our-winners/](http://www.ckcf4people.org/celebrating-our-winners/).

### CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

**\$12** million in Endowed Scholarships  
**194** Scholarships awarded  
**8** New Scholarships for 2021

**\$345,000** awarded  
**152** Student recipients (17 High Schools & 4 Colleges)  
**131** Volunteer reviewers

## SAVE THE DATE

Heels Together Grant Applications Due  
August 2

Granted Applications Due  
August 15

Celebrating Community Philanthropy  
September 23  
Grace Heartland Church

Heels Together Investors' Banquet  
October 21

Youth Sports Fund of Hardin County  
Winter Sports Application Deadline  
November 1

\*The Community Hall at CKCF's Home of Philanthropy is here for you. To reserve dates, please call us at 270-737-8393 or email us at [info@ckcf4people.org](mailto:info@ckcf4people.org).



## WAYS TO GIVE

**IRA Charitable Rollover** is a simple & smart way to give. If you are 70½ or older, the IRA Charitable Rollover is an exceptional opportunity for you to make a charitable gift and satisfy your annual required minimum distribution without paying taxes.

**Recurring Gifts** are easy and convenient. Gifts can be made automatically from your credit card or checking account and can be changed at any time. Supporting the ever-changing needs of our community can be automatic and it's an easy way to make an impact throughout the year.

If you would like to make a gift, contact us today. We will work with you to tailor giving options to best meet your philanthropic vision.

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## CKCF News



## Get Ready! Camp turns 10!

Families were all smiles during *Get Ready! Camp* this year. This weekday camp for children birth - 5 years old, was held at area elementary schools in Elizabethtown and Radcliff. This age is a crucial time in a child's development, so we invest in exceptional early educational opportunities for children. *Get Ready! Camp* provides a unique learning experience for children, and parents to discover how they can easily learn together.