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## A Note From Davette

The new calendar year starts turning and that seemingly gets our minds in a place of ideas and to-dos, plans and resolutions, and well, NEW. Check out the information on page 3 if you are still thinking about your plans for the new year.

In 2023, I made some of the typical plans and followed through on most. Sometimes I'm guilty of thinking I can make too many changes at once. The one plan I committed to checking off the list was an updated estate plan for my husband and me. Our family has grown and changed, and it has been a few years since we last revisited this topic.

We set out on the normal process of prioritizing what's important to us. We talked about what we want to ensure is taken care of after we are gone (our 12 going on 21-year-old daughter) and what we want to happen with the rest. Although our situation isn't complex, the guidance from an attorney who does this all the time, was helpful for ideas and examples. We were able to take care of some of what we want to do through our wills and other things through designation on life insurance and retirement accounts.

Some of the topics weren't fun to talk about or even think about at first. But it got easier. I know we will have to revisit this plan again as our family and situations continue to change. I feel a lot better in January 2024, knowing our wishes are in place, than I felt in January 2023, knowing it was outdated.

As a sidenote, we didn't get finished in 2023. We finalized everything January 5th. We may have missed my "deadline" date, but we have our updated estate plan - and that was the real goal.

## Granted surpasses previous record, awarding largest amount to area nonprofits



**Granted Awardees represent organizations located in five of the nine counties CKCF serves.**

CKCF's Granted Program awarded over \$125,000 to 17 area nonprofits; the most awarded since the program began in 2021.

"The Granted program allowed us to help support our community in ways that we didn't know were possible," said Nancy McCoy, Quality Manager at Dow. "Through the program we have made connections with agencies in the community that support our mission and share our values," she added.

Many donors chose grant projects that interest them and they want to see come to fruition. Hardin County Schools sought support to launch a Hardin County Schools Youth Orchestra, resonating with David and Sherlyn Goodman.

"David and I have been involved in music all of our lives. I am a retired elementary music teacher and David sang in a gospel quartet for many years," said Sherlyn "We want others to be able to participate in

an orchestra and for the community to be able to enjoy it!"

Granted has a regional impact, awarding to organizations serving Hardin, Grayson, Nelson, Hart and LaRue Counties, which are five of the nine counties CKCF's serves.

Funding for Granted comes from CKCF's unrestricted giving fund, Make a Difference Everyday (M.A.D.E.) as well as CKCF donors, fundholders and corporate partners who, through the Partners in Philanthropy program, review and select grants that align with their giving priorities.

This competitive grant program encourages nonprofits to apply for funding in various categories and through specific CKCF funds. Since its inception, Granted has received 83 applications and awarded over \$257,000 to nonprofits in the region to carry out their mission.

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## CKCF welcomes new board members

Central Kentucky Community Foundation recently welcomed three new members to its board of directors.

Janna Clark, Jake Darabos and Tom Husted were recently installed as members at a CKCF board meeting.

CKCF Board Chairman Beth Lochmiller said the newest members are community leaders and champions who elevate philanthropy in the region.

"Since its beginning, CKCF has had community leaders who have stepped up to guide the foundation," she said. "Our Board paves the direction of not only the foundation, but also our communities. We are pleased to have three new directors join us with varied personal and professional experience. Changes in leadership bring fresh ideas, renewed energy and innovative ways for us to touch the communities we serve."

Janna Clark is Executive Director at Elizabethtown Tourism and Convention Bureau. She also serves on the board for the Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Foundation. She and her husband, Mitch, have two sons. In her spare time, Janna enjoys traveling, sporting events, and going to the beach.

"Serving on the CKCF board is a meaningful opportunity to help guide giving in ways that can help our community for years to come," said Clark. "It's some of the most important volunteer work that can be done and

I'm looking forward to being a part of that work."

Jake Darabos is the Chief Financial & Administration Officer at Abound Credit Union. He is also a board member on the Kentucky Credit Union League Governmental Affairs and Filene Think Tank. He and his husband, Michael, reside in Elizabethtown. When not working, Jake enjoys traveling, landscaping and seeing live music.

"Since moving to Central Kentucky, I have wanted to find the right way to give back to the community. CKCF is a perfect fit, where I can share my skills to continue the incredible mission of the foundation and impact many lives," said Darabos.

Tom Husted M.D., is CEO and Co-Founding Partner of The Referent Group. He is currently Chairman of the Grace Heartland Church Elder Board and has previously served on numerous military boards. He and his wife, Cheri, have two daughters and a son.

"I love this community. It is such a giving community and a honor to serve in a way that promotes that to bless others," said Husted.

The directors on CKCF's board are all volunteers. CKCF is the philanthropic focal point in the region, serving as a resource, leader and catalyst to people who wish to improve life in their community.



Janna Clark



Jake Darabos



Tom Husted, M.D.

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# Embrace Community in the New Year: Make giving part of your resolutions

As we ring in the new year, many people make resolutions. Are you tired of resolutions about dieting, exercise or organizing? Make a resolution in 2024 that you won't regret: Give Back.

Here are some practical steps to take for your giving to positively impact your community and bring personal fulfillment.

- **Identify what matters to you:**

Choose causes or organizations that align with your values and interests. It's easier to stick with your giving resolutions if you pick charities that you care about deeply. Don't feel bad if you don't have one cause or passion; use this as an opportunity to learn about issues and take an honest inventory of what matters most to you. *If you need help exploring local, regional or national organizations that match your interests, we can help you!*

- **Set-aside time:**

Volunteering your time and skills is a great way to learn more about specific causes or organizations. Nonprofit organizations often depend on volunteers to carry out their mission. You may have skills or talents that fill a valuable role and help an organization make a bigger difference. Volunteering can take every format - from a regular schedule, to as needed. Find the right fit for you. *Nonprofits in our region identified declining volunteers as one of their biggest challenges.*

- **Give:** Financially support those organizations or causes you identified or where you volunteer. As you become comfortable with

their work, consider a recurring gift or learn about specific areas that need financial support. *Ask staff how your financial gift could best help the organization.*

- **Celebrate your impact:** Keep track of your journey. As you make decisions about where you direct your time and dollars, you can see the impact you make.

Celebrate these personal milestones and use them to keep your focus and motivation. *Share your experience with friends and family (and us!) to encourage others.*

- **Plan for the future:**

Estate planning is a great New Year's resolution to take stress off your family. Planned giving is being intentional about what you want to do with your estate. It's the process of sitting down, making decisions about the best way to structure a gift that will support both your family, as well as the community. *Contact an estate planning attorney or CKCF to get started.*

Don't know where to begin? We can help you fulfill your philanthropic needs. Give us a call today 270-737-8393 or email us at [info@ckcf4people.org](mailto:info@ckcf4people.org).



## SAVE THE DATE

### Scholarship Central Workshops

Thursday, January 18th from 5-7 pm  
Monday, February 12th from 2-6 pm  
CKCF's Home of Philanthropy Community Hall

### Youth Sports Fund of Hardin County

Spring Sports Deadline  
Thursday, February 1st

### Scholarship Central Application Deadline

Friday, March 1st

### Peden Fund Application Deadline

Friday, March 15th



## Philanthropy "Ph"ocus

While you are working on your 2023 taxes, let's start thinking about your 2024 taxes. The Endow Kentucky tax credit program through CKCF provides a unique opportunity to support local causes and charitable organizations while receiving substantial tax benefits.

Just last year, CKCF's Endow Kentucky participants received **over \$110,000 in tax credits**. By donating to an endowed fund, you can enjoy tax credits of up to 20% of your charitable gifts, making it an advantageous way to invest in the community's future. Additionally, Endow Kentucky allows donors to leave a lasting legacy as their contributions continue to generate support for vital community initiatives for years to come.

For more information on how Endow Kentucky could work for you, please visit [www.ckcf4people.org](http://www.ckcf4people.org) or contact us at [atinfo@ckcf4people.org](mailto:atinfo@ckcf4people.org).





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### Join Us in Making a Difference through Volunteering!

Volunteering with CKCF offers an invaluable opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others and strengthens community bonds. Engage your sense of fulfillment by volunteering with us in one of the following ways:

- Be a Scholarship Central Reviewer
- Help grow the Central Kentucky Community Orchard
- Help us fulfill the ongoing need of volunteers at area nonprofit organizations

Searching for

*volunteers*

Let's Help and Make a Difference!

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