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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

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Dear friends,

I hope you have been enjoying your fall! We have been very busy at Horizon Community Funds and are happy to share what we've been up to.

As the end of the year approaches, it's a good time to consider your charitable goals. We've provided some tips for year-end giving and are happy to discuss how we can help.

Some of our community partners have initiated exciting initiatives benefiting our Northern Kentucky community.

In October, we hosted the 2024 NKY Philanthropy Symposium, which involved important conversations around income-aligned housing.

Our giving circles continue to make a significant, collective impact. It's always great to see where members choose to direct their pooled funds.

Thank you for being a part of our giving community. Let us know how we can help you create more good for Northern Kentucky!

Warmest regards,

Nancy Grayson

Nancy Grayson, President & CEO



I live here and I give here.

Horizon
COMMUNITY FUNDS



your partner in charitable giving

Horizon Community Funds of Northern Kentucky is proud to partner with generous individuals, families, and businesses to help raise the quality of life for all people in our Northern Kentucky community. We are committed to supporting the vibrant and vital facets of our community that make us proud to call this our home.

As we enter the giving season, we are here to help you achieve your charitable goals by providing you with personalized, philanthropic support. Whether you're starting a new fund or contributing to your existing fund, Horizon Community Funds will help you create the most impact possible.

give wisely: year-end giving tips for 2024

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

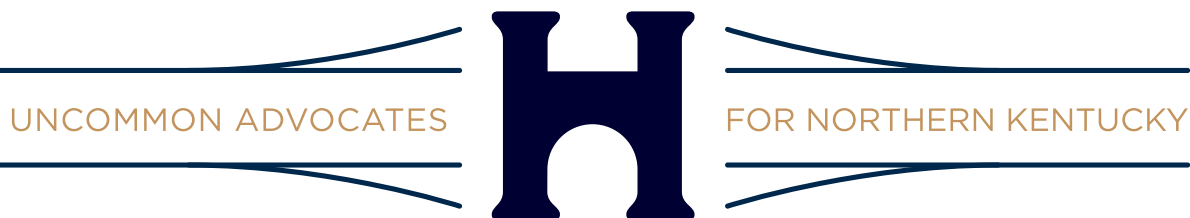
With the recent increase in the standard deduction, many donors are using donor advised funds to “bundle” charitable gifts for several years into one calendar year. This strategy allows you to exceed the standard deduction in one tax year, while using a donor advised fund to support your favorite charitable causes in the coming years.

APPRECIATED ASSETS

A charitable gift of appreciated assets is one of the most popular non-cash giving techniques. Many taxpayers have substantially appreciated investments that would be ideal for this purpose. With a gift of a highly appreciated asset, you can potentially avoid capital gains tax, preserve your current cash flow, and generate a charitable tax deduction.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

If you are age 70 ½ or older, you can gift up to \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to Horizon Community Funds to support an existing fund or create a new one. By using your pre-tax IRA assets, your charitable gift costs you less. In addition, IRA Charitable Rollover Gifts can be used to meet your required minimum distribution and are not subject to income taxes.



important year-end giving dates



GIFTS OF CASH

Checks delivered by mail must be postmarked by Tuesday, December 31, 2024, to qualify as a 2024 tax deduction. Checks delivered in person must be received at our office before close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, December 31, 2024.



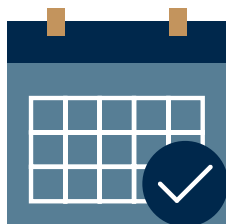
GIFTS OF STOCK

Gifts of stock must be received into Horizon Community Funds' donations account before 3:00 p.m. on December 31, 2024, to qualify as a 2024 tax deduction. Please contact us for transfer instructions at 859.757.1552.



GIFTS OF MUTUAL FUND SHARES

Gifts of mutual funds should be initiated no later than December 20, 2024. Please contact us for transfer instructions at 859.757.1552.



OUR OFFICE IS OPEN 8:30 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS, EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Wednesday, January 1, 2025

please contact us to discuss your year-end giving:

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advocates for a stronger NKY

PARTNER SPOTLIGHTS

bray foundation

Sara and Brandon Bray, in partnership with Horizon Community Funds, have established the Bray Foundation to support and promote the skilled trades through grants aimed at raising awareness, improving education, and advocating for these essential professions. Bray Topsoil & Gravel will match the first \$25,000 donated to the fund, which will benefit five organizations: Allied Construction Industries, Brighton Center's Trades to Success program, Gateway Community and Technical College's Diesel Technology Program, NaviGo College and Career Prep Services, and Trades NKY. These organizations offer training, education, and career readiness programs for individuals pursuing careers in the skilled trades.



Scan to make a contribution!



new riff distilling

In celebration of 10 years in business, New Riff Distilling released the Headliner special edition, a blend of their first batches of whiskey. Half of the proceeds of every bottle was donated to three Northern Kentucky nonprofits, including Horizon Community Funds. New Riff generously donated \$34,000 to our Community Impact Fund. We were honored to be one of the recipients of their generosity!



2024 NKY Philanthropy Symposium

EXPLORING INCOME-ALIGNED HOUSING IN NKY



Our 2024 NKY Philanthropy Symposium and Horizon Nonprofit Awards took place on October 1 at St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center. This year's Symposium focused on income-aligned housing in Northern Kentucky.

At its current rate, workforce job-creation in Northern

Kentucky is outpacing workforce housing availability, putting strain on residents and employers. The Northern Kentucky Housing Data Study (led by the Northern Kentucky Area Development District) found that the Commonwealth's eight northernmost counties – Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Owen and Pendleton – need to create a combined 6,650 additional housing units beyond currently planned developments to support continued economic growth over the next five years.

The topics discussed included:

- Data presentation on the Northern Kentucky Housing Data Study regarding our community's current needs for income-aligned housing
- Elected officials panel discussing the challenges our Northern Kentucky counties and cities face related to our housing needs
- Overview on strategies employed by other communities beyond Northern Kentucky to meet housing demands
- Conversation with local developers and companies to share what is currently being done in our Northern Kentucky community related to income-aligned housing

Join us at next year's NKY Philanthropy Symposium to take part in conversations vital to moving our region forward!

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The Horizon Nonprofit Awards are an additional component of the symposium and highlight the work of nonprofit leaders and volunteers who serve Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties. We were grateful for the opportunity to celebrate these five individuals.

2024 NKY Philanthropy Symposium and Horizon Nonprofit Awards

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THESE NORTHERN KENTUCKY LEADERS



Tara Johnson-Noem

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community impact fund

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR NKY

We are proud to announce the recipients of our 2024 Community Impact Fund grants! The Community Impact Fund is our most flexible source of grantmaking dollars and supports long-term solutions, rapid response to emergencies, and the ability to navigate changing community needs in Northern Kentucky. During this grant cycle, we awarded \$100,000 in total to six different organizations.



Adopt A Class

Adopt A Class received \$20,000 to grow their mentorship program to include an additional 1,000 students in River City Schools. The program pairs teams with classrooms, exposing students to diverse life and career experiences, broadening their knowledge of career opportunities, and helping them develop a clearer vision for their future.



The Catalytic Fund

The Catalytic Fund received \$20,000 for its Impact Investment Program, a key element of its three-part strategy for community development and urban revitalization in Northern Kentucky. This grant will specifically support an affordable housing initiative within the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan, addressing the region's need for workforce and low-income housing.



Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road

Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road received \$10,000 for Building the Bridge to Girls K-12 Leadership, a capacity-building initiative that will focus on creating collaborative community partnerships and building the volunteer infrastructure needed to expand and sustain program delivery to low-income and racially/ethnically diverse girls, with a strong focus on Hispanic and immigrant communities.



Last Mile Food Rescue

Last Mile Food Rescue received \$10,000 to build on the expansion and growth of their food recovery programming in Northern Kentucky. This funding will allow the organization to continue to directly serve those with transportation barriers, financial barriers, and other circumstances that would prevent them from accessing nutritious food.



Northern Kentucky University

Northern Kentucky University received \$25,000 for the Pathway for Paraeducators Program. The goal of the program is to reduce the teacher shortages in the region, to bolster competitive compensation packages for school districts to leverage and incentivize staff, award compulsory degrees for current paraeducators to attain teaching positions, and aid in the overall upward economic mobility of the community.



Samaritan Car Care

Samaritan Car Care Clinic received \$15,000 to provide emergency car services to low-income families. The organization works on a referral basis with Northern Kentucky social service agencies. Car repairs are done using a shared-cost model with the goal of helping the families get to their jobs and stay on the path to self-sufficiency.



The Community Impact Fund connects our community to needs across the region and uses collective giving as a way to break the cycle of poverty, support the arts, enhance education, and build a successful future for Northern Kentucky. When you invest in our community fund, you are making a charitable gift that addresses the challenges of Northern Kentucky as they evolve. Scan the QR code to learn how you can make an impact!

collaborative philanthropy THROUGH GIVING CIRCLES



Woody Mueller and Nancy Grayson present Charlotte Boemker of Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center with the third quarter GWYL grant.

At our third quarter meeting, members of Give Where You Live voted to award Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center with the \$5,500 grant. The Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center provides a coordinated response to concerns of child abuse in a child-focused environment by offering prevention, evaluation, and treatment to children and families.

At their quarterly meetings, Give Where You Live members nominate a nonprofit of their choice, and three names are randomly selected and briefly discussed by the group. The members then vote on their favorite of the three organizations, and each member

contributes \$100 for the grant to the winning organization. The format of Give Where You Live NKY also a way to connect funds to nonprofits without the need for nonprofits to expend financial resources and staff time on fundraising.

— THE — 410

Members of The 410 giving circle kicked off their 2024 grant cycle with a vote to concentrate on health, mental health, and substance use disorders in Northern Kentucky. Grant applications are currently under review and funds will be awarded at a celebration in December. To qualify for the grant, nonprofits must be serving at least one of the three counties of Boone, Campbell, or Kenton in Northern Kentucky within the realm of financial literacy.

The 410 operates as a giving circle, where individuals contribute \$410 each, pooling their resources to make a more substantial grant to a local nonprofit. In addition to the financial contribution, members participate in four brief meetings.

interested in joining a giving circle?

Contact Mary Kate Vanderglas at
mvanderglas@horizonfunds.org to learn more!

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