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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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### Dear friends,

As we wrap up the first half of 2023, we are looking ahead to all that's in store for the remainder of the year!

We have completed two meetings for our giving circle, Give Where You Live, and have launched this year's cycle of The 410. Membership is still open for both groups for all who are interested.

Students benefited from another year of Camp Give, an engaging experience that teaches youth about the importance of philanthropy. We are proud to support this unique program.

Our NKY Philanthropy Symposium is approaching, where we will dive into education-related topics impacting our region. We will also honor five deserving individuals who are making a difference in the world of nonprofits. We hope you will join us!

Thank you to our supporters who are making a direct impact on the lives of Northern Kentuckians. We appreciate the care you show for our community. As always, please reach out with any questions you may have about our work.

Warmest regards,

Nancy Grayson, President & CEO



I live here and I give here.



# Horizon

## COMMUNITY FUNDS

### community impact fund

#### ABOUT

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. It is our most flexible source of grantmaking dollars and supports long-term solutions, rapid response to emergencies, and the ability to navigate changing needs in our region.

This fund provides support to nonprofits that accelerate change, innovate solutions, and leverage partnerships and resources in Northern Kentucky. The Community Impact Fund relies on generous donors, business partnerships, and other support to bring grant opportunities to Northern Kentucky.

#### CULTIVATING A STRONGER 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, including needs that are not anticipated at the time the gift is made. Community funds empower our Council of Trustees to apply their judgment in assessing our community's needs and most critical endeavors.

From young professionals to lifelong Northern Kentucky residents, the Community Impact Fund provides an opportunity for people to join together and help neighbors throughout Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties. No gift is too small to build a more vibrant community now and in the future.

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year's Community Impact Fund grants!**

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### The Cincinnati Eye Institute

\$15,000 FOR IMPROVED PATIENT NAVIGATION IN  
NORTHERN KENTUCKY CLINICS

“We are so grateful for the confidence that Horizon Community Funds has placed in our mission to provide quality eye care to the underserved. The support will greatly impact the lives of our clients, and in some cases, it’s a life changing impact.”

**Amy Jones, President and CEO of The Cincinnati Eye Institute**



### Gateway Community and Technical College

\$5,000 FOR THE FOOD FOR THOUGHT PANTRY

“As part of our mission to remove barriers to student success, we provide non-academic support to students through The Food for Thought Pantry, which ensures that all students and their families have access to food and basic necessities as they pursue their better life. Through the support of the Community Impact Fund, we are able to champion our students when they are in need, and we anticipate serving hundreds of individuals in the upcoming semester. Thank you to Horizon Community Funds for your support.”

**Dr. Fernando Figueroa, President of Gateway Community and Technical College**



### Leadership Council for Nonprofits

\$10,000 FOR THE BOLD NKY COHORT

“We are thrilled to have the chance to create a Northern Kentucky-focused version of our popular BOLD (Board Orientation + Leadership Development) program. Since 2019, 500 people representing 200 companies and organizations have graduated from the program, with an ever-diversifying participant base. Hundreds of them are serving on local boards and committees, better prepared to lead. We can’t wait to focus on Northern Kentucky nonprofits and leaders.”

**Elizabeth Benson, Executive Director of Leadership Council**



### Life Learning Center

\$14,500 FOR THEIR EMBEDDED REMOTE EMPLOYMENT TEAM

“With the funds received from this grant, our Peer Support team can deploy and insert themselves on-site with key employer partners. By being on-site, Peer Support Specialists can deliver Care services, counseling, and other case management resources to the LLC Candidates and Members employed at the organization, ensuring their continued success.”

**Alecia Webb-Edgington, President and CEO of Life Learning Center**



### Meals on Wheels Southwest OH & Northern KY

\$15,000 TO BRING A NEW FOOD TRUCK TO NEIGHBORHOODS WITH HIGH FOOD INSECURITY AMONG SENIORS

"We are working with our NKY partners to bring the food truck to meet seniors where they are, both literally and figuratively. We want to provide great food and social opportunities for older adults in a way that feels modern, accessible, and inclusive. It's so simple, but these efforts are the results of our ongoing research and innovation efforts to re-design services for today's seniors."

**Sarah Celenza, Chief Giving Officer of Meals on Wheels Southwest OH and Northern KY**



### Northern Kentucky University

\$20,000 FOR THE NURSE ADVOCACY CENTER FOR THE UNDERSERVED

"The generosity of this recent grant will allow NKU's NACU to continue its mission of addressing healthcare inequalities in Northern Kentucky so all community members can thrive while also cultivating and developing the next generation of healthcare professionals in our region through hands-on learning experiences."

**Dr. Gannon Tagher, Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services**



### People Working Cooperatively

\$8,500 FOR HOME REPAIRS AND MODIFICATIONS IN NORTHERN KENTUCKY

"The work we do at PWC really does require cooperation and support from partners and organizations whose missions align with ours. We are grateful for this grant which will support the critical and emergency home repairs and accessibility modifications we provide every day for low-income residents living in NKY. These funds ensure we can keep more families living independently, healthily, safely, and affordably in their homes."

**Jock Pitts, President of People Working Cooperatively**



### UpSpring

\$10,000 FOR SUMMER 360: NORTHERN KENTUCKY

"We are so honored to receive this grant from Horizon Community Funds. This funding will help children experiencing homelessness in Northern Kentucky avoid the 'summer slide' and have fun doing so! With this support, our students will be ready to return to school in the fall, both academically and emotionally. We are so grateful for all that Horizon does to support our community."

**Katie Jensen, Development & Marketing Director UpSpring**

# 2023 NKY Philanthropy Symposium

JOIN US FOR A DAY ADDRESSING EDUCATION IN NKY

The 2023 NKY Philanthropy Symposium and Awards Luncheon will take place on Monday, September 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Training and Education Center in Erlanger. This year's Symposium will focus on education and key topics being addressed in our region in this field, including:

- ▶ **A regional snapshot on where NKY stands with education data**
- ▶ **Addressing family engagement and out of school time learning through the NKY Student Success Fund**
- ▶ **Student mental health strategies**
- ▶ **Innovation in the education landscape**

## HORIZON NONPROFIT AWARDS

As a component of the symposium, the Horizon Nonprofit Awards will highlight the work of nonprofit leaders and volunteers who serve Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties. Learn more about this year's recipients on the following page.

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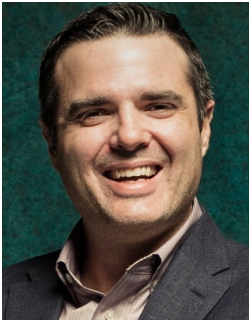


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### **Jane Herms** EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR / LARGE NONPROFIT

Jane Herms is the President and CEO of the Family Nurturing Center. She has been with the organization for 28 years, and oversaw its growth from a small grass roots organization to a regional leader in child abuse prevention and treatment. Jane's efforts in the past 10 years have more than doubled the number of individuals served by Family Nurturing Center.

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### **Aaron Broomall** EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR / SMALL NONPROFIT

Aaron Broomall joined Faith Community Pharmacy, Inc. in 2019 and since then, he has transformed the organization into a modern, partner-rich, client-focused, and financially healthy social safety net organization. Aaron has helped to improve the organization's programs through technology, process simplification, staff expansion, and new program offerings.

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### **Julie Raia** STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Julie Raia is Chief Strategy Officer for CHNK Behavioral Health, where she has served as a member of leadership for over 23 years. Since joining CHNK in 2000, Julie has been instrumental in guiding staff members through key transitions in the organization's mission activities.

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### **Wilbert Ziegler** BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Wilbert Ziegler serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for Thomas More University and as honorary chair of the largest capital campaign in Thomas More University history. He has created three scholarships at TMU, one of which has helped more than 100 students.

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### **Katie Cooper** VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Katie Cooper has volunteered with Adopt A Class for ten years since she began as an intern with PwC. As Team Lead for two second grade classrooms at Newport Primary, she facilitates monthly lessons and field trips for her students centered around a variety of business acumen topics including learning to code, creating and operating a business, and more.

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# camp give

## ENCOURAGING FUTURE PHILANTHROPISTS

Camp Give is fun and engaging summer camp with age-appropriate, hands-on service activities to spark passion for giving at a young age. The program concluded its 2023 program in July, serving ten campers ages 11-17.

Horizon Community Funds provides support to Camp Give to allow the participants the opportunity to award a donation at the end of the week. The campers worked together to allocate the grant funding and chose to distribute \$845.51 to Henry Hosea House, \$982.29 to the Brighton Center Senior Center, and \$749.90 to BLOC Ministries.



On the first day of Camp Give, campers created “I Am Thumbprints,” which allowed them to reflect on their personal strengths and what makes each of us unique. As a group, they discussed how everyone’s different strengths can work together to make the community a better place.

Motivational speaker Kathy Gray visited the group and led the campers through several team building activities. Campers learned the importance of patience, sportsmanship, and communication.

On Tuesday, the campers completed a survey that determined which type of leadership style they portray. This led to a discussion on recognizing the different strengths and needs of the community, and how their leadership can make a positive impact or change.

The campers visited the Cincinnati Type & Print Museum, which is a part of BLOC Ministries. The mission of BLOC Ministries is to build a community by providing people with resources which they can use to grow. They focus on building relationships and creating activities that can help them develop purpose and vital life skills. One of the resources of BLOC Ministries is the museum. Not only does the museum showcase the work of local artists, but it also provides skills and job training for women in the Redeemed Home so that they can become employable.

Wednesday morning was spent at the Brighton Center Senior Center. The students had brunch with the seniors and taught them a fun craft making flowers out of tissue paper. Later that day, the campers made bookmarks for Queen City Book Bank.



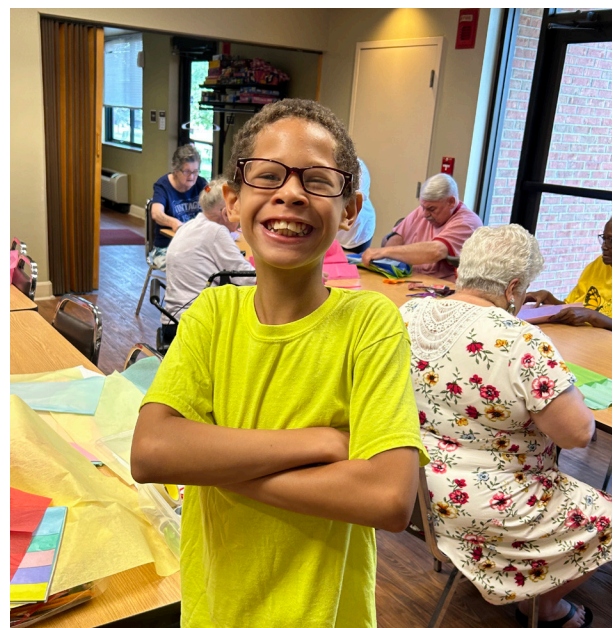
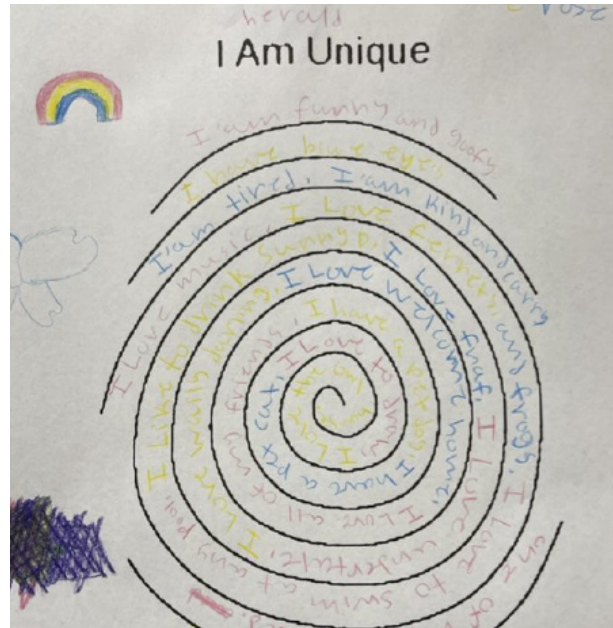




After a visit to another Brighton Center Senior Center on Thursday, campers visited the Juvenile Detention Center. Art teacher Penny Harris, who teaches art classes at center, led the campers through a fun project.

The Henry Hosea House provided lunch for the campers every day. Students created placemats for Henry Hosea House's tables and helped divide M&Ms into bags to be given to businesses to spread the word about the work they do.

We are very proud to support this program and are excited for this next generation of philanthropists.



# collaborative grantmaking

## THROUGH GIVING CIRCLES



Members of Give Where You Live have gathered twice this year for their quarterly meetings. As always, they put their hour-long meeting to great use. Each member nominates a nonprofit of their choice and three are randomly selected. Those three individuals then pitch their chosen nonprofit to the rest of the group, who then votes on the winning organization.

The first quarter meeting yielded a grant of \$5,000 to Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center, which provides a coordinated response to concerns of child abuse in a child-focused environment, offering prevention, evaluation, and treatment to children and families.

At the most recent meeting, Life Learning Center took home the \$6,000 grant for Give Where You Live's Q2 meeting. Life Learning Center works to build a caring and serving community by helping people learn, secure, and sustain a better way of living through gainful employment. The group also heard pitches from Northern Kentucky Young Marines and Lucky Tales Rescue.

Interested in participating? Members can join Give Where You Live at any point in the year, with the commitment to give for all remaining quarters.



## THE 410

The 410 kicked off on August 30 and we are excited for another cycle of thoughtful and engaging grantmaking. At the kickoff meeting, members voted on financial literacy as this year's focus area.

The goal of The 410 is to build a robust culture of giving in Northern Kentucky by engaging individuals in philanthropic leadership. Pooled with fellow 410 members, the commitment of \$410 creates a powerful grant-making engine for Northern Kentucky nonprofits and civic projects.

### 2023 Schedule:

- August 30: Kickoff and focus area vote
- September 26: Focus area panel discussion
- November 7: Meet to discuss and determine funding/vote
- December 12: Check presentation and celebration

Missed the kickoff meeting? It's not too late to join!

## ready to get involved?

Contact Mary Kate Vanderglas at [mvanderglas@horizonfunds.org](mailto:mvanderglas@horizonfunds.org) or 859.292.2849.



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