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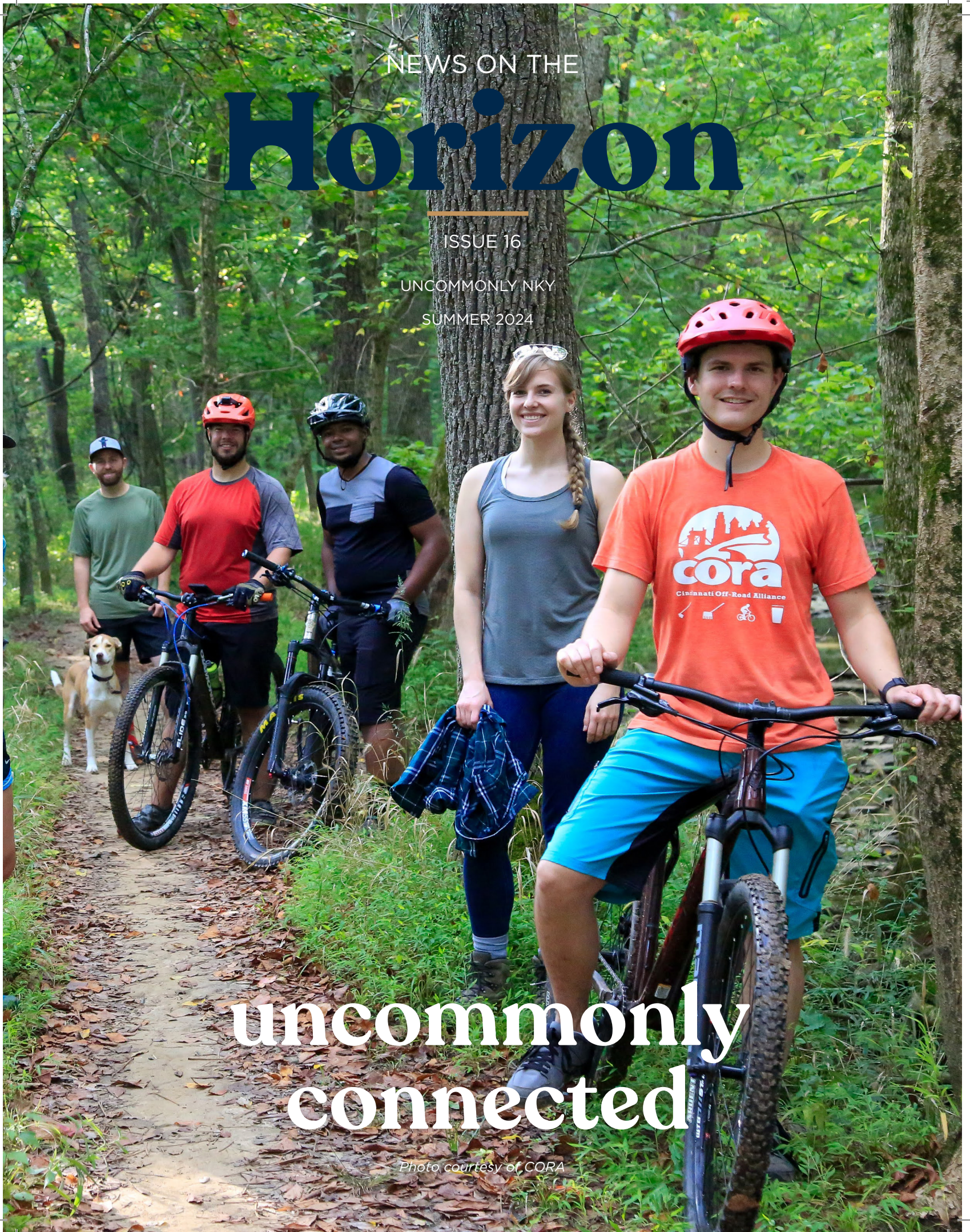
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear friends,

The first half of 2024 has been busy and impactful at Horizon Community Funds!

We are excited to share our annual appeal was made even more special by a generous donor who has offered a \$20,000 matching donation. Your contributions during this campaign will be doubled, amplifying the impact we can make together. This is a great opportunity to invest in the work of Horizon and to ensure that vital programs and services continue to thrive. You can contribute at [horizonfunds.org/fund/Annual-Appeal](https://horizonfunds.org/fund/Annual-Appeal).

Our giving circle, Give Where You Live, has awarded grants to two deserving nonprofits, and The 410 has kicked off its 2024 giving cycle.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are making a meaningful difference in Northern Kentucky. We hope you enjoy reading more about our accomplishments and the exciting work ahead.

Warmest regards,

Nancy Grayson, President & CEO



I live here and I give here.



# cultivating collaboration in northern kentucky

## about the community impact fund

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.

Scan to learn how you can  
make an impact!



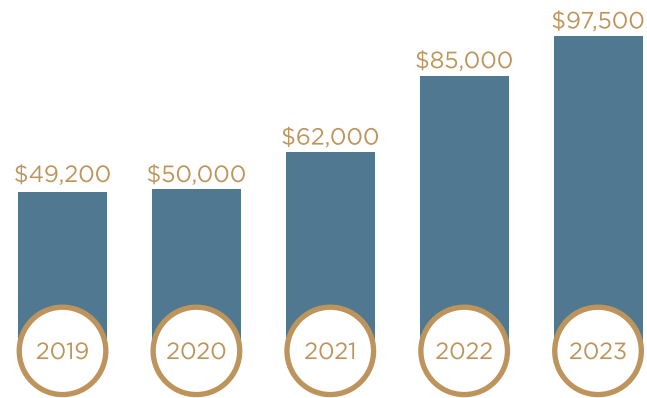
## individuals served

More than **50,000 Northern Kentuckians** have been impacted by grants from the Community Impact Fund since the first grant cycle in 2019. In total, **29 grants** have been distributed to **26 different nonprofits** serving Boone, Kenton, and Campbell counties.



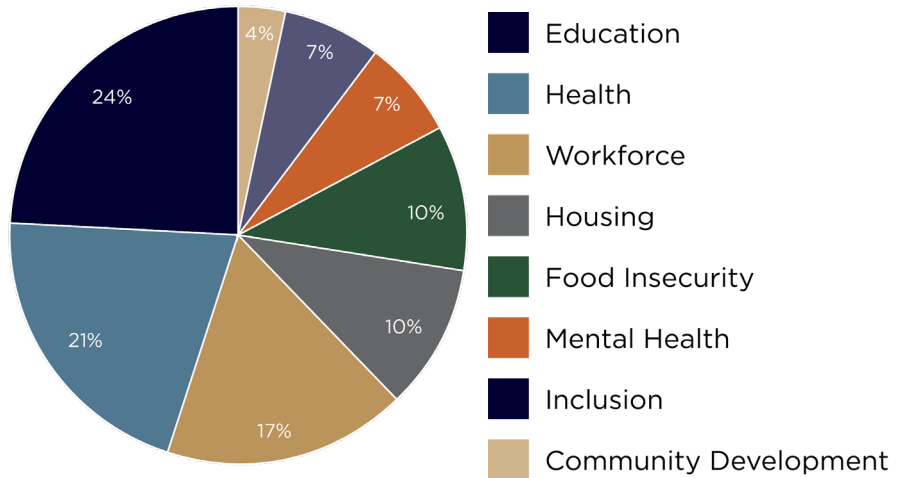
## grant dollars by year

During the first five grant cycles of the Community Impact Fund, **a total of \$343,700** was invested into Northern Kentucky. Thanks to the generous supporters of the fund, the amount we are able to grant continues to increase each year. From 2019 to 2023, **the total amount granted increased by 98%.**



## grants by focus area

Through the Community Impact Fund, we are able to invest in a variety of areas for our region, ensuring that our community continues to thrive and grow. Northern Kentucky's needs are ever-changing, influenced by factors such as economic shifts, population growth, and emerging social challenges. We are able to provide targeted support where it is most needed, whether it be in healthcare, education, affordable housing, or community development. By directing grants to the most crucial priorities, we can make a significant and lasting impact on the well-being and prosperity of Northern Kentucky.





# camp give

BY MAGNIFIED GIVING

Horizon Community Funds has supported the Northern Kentucky cohort of Camp Give by Magnified Giving since 2019. Camp Give is a fun and engaging summer camp with age-appropriate, hands-on service activities designed to spark a passion for giving at a young age. The support that Horizon provides to Camp Give allows participants the opportunity to award a donation to local nonprofits at the end of the week.

## SINCE 2019, OUR SUPPORT HAS EMPOWERED:

**65 campers** to grant **\$16,275** to **17 local nonprofits** and complete more than **369 hours of community service.**

## BENEFITING NONPROFITS:

- Angel Food Pantry
- BLOC Ministries
- Brighton Center - Senior Services Twin Rivers
- Care Closet
- Dragonfly Foundation
- Emergency Shelter of NKY
- Family Promise
- Frankie's Furry Friends
- Gorman Heritage Farm
- Henry Hosea House
- La Soupe
- Master Provisions
- NKY Community Action Commission
- Pet Partners of Greater Cincinnati
- Protect 4 Paws
- Queen City Book Bank
- St. Vincent De Paul





PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

# NKY Trail Fund



The NKY Trail Fund was established by the Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance (CORA) and Tri-State Trails to support trail development in Northern Kentucky. This initiative aims to enhance community connectivity and vibrancy, with CORA and Tri-State Trails bringing their expertise in trail advocacy and development. CORA, founded in 1996, has

successfully built over 115 miles of multi-use natural surface trails, while Tri-State Trails has added more than 138 miles of multi-use trails and 55 miles of bikeways since its inception in 2012.

By creating this fund, the organizations hope to overcome financial barriers and foster greater community engagement, wellness, and environmental stewardship in Northern Kentucky.

CORA was founded in 1996 by a group of dedicated riders with the purpose of building and advocating for more miles of off-road trails and has successfully built or leveraged over 115 miles of multi-use natural surface trails. CORA has worked to change the discussion about trails in the community by building sustainable and connected trail systems. CORA's has become highly respected not just for the work done in the woods, but for the countless hours spent enabling land managers in developing trail access for all in our region.

The mission of Tri-State Trails is to connect people and places with a regional trail and bikeway network that enhances vibrancy and equity in our community. The nonprofit was organized in 2012 to craft a connected vision for the fragmented regional trail network. Since inception, their partners have built more than 138 miles of multi-use trails and 55 miles of on-road bikeways. Tri-State Trails has grown to become the leading advocacy organization for active transportation issues in Greater Cincinnati.

Donors can contribute to this fund at [horizonfunds.org/fund/NKY-Trail-Fund](https://horizonfunds.org/fund/NKY-Trail-Fund) or by scanning the QR code.





PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

# Riverfront Commons Fund



This Spring, a new “Love the COV” installation was added to Covington’s riverfront. The 12-foot-tall sculpture, created by Banz Studios Indianapolis-based artists Owens + Crawley, is an exciting addition and a focal point for community gatherings and a perfect photo opportunity for residents and visitors alike.

The sculpture was commissioned by Southbank Partners with support from meetNKY and Horizon Community Funds as part of the Riverfront Commons project. The sculpture is the first of many public art installations that will enhance the 20-mile Riverfront Commons multi-use path.

The Riverfront Commons is a planned 20-mile continuous multi-use path from Devou Park to Pendery Park along the south bank of the Ohio River linking the urban core of Northern Kentucky together through the river cities of Bromley, Ludlow, Covington, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton, Fort Thomas, and Silver Grove. This active transportation system is the signature project of Southbank Partners, a non-profit regional economic development organization.

This regional project will feature open park space and trailheads at strategic points along the river to accommodate walkers, joggers, and bikers, as well as access areas where people can launch kayaks and canoes into the river. It will also offer a series of nodes, which will provide direct linkages to each of the city’s downtown business, entertainment, and historic districts.

Riverfront Commons is also connected directly to regional multi-modal trail networks such as, The CROWN in the City of Cincinnati via the Purple People Bridge, statewide through the Cross Kentucky Trail, and nationally through the Ohio River Way.

You can contribute to the Riverfront Commons Fund by visiting [horizonfunds.org/fund/Riverfront-Commons-Fund](https://horizonfunds.org/fund/Riverfront-Commons-Fund) or by scanning the QR code.







## — THE — 410

The 410 began its new cycle on August 21, and we are thrilled to embark on another season of thoughtful and engaging grantmaking. During the kickoff meeting, members selected mental health and substance use disorders as 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.

This group is a new take on a well-established concept, the giving circle. With a self-governing, open membership, targeting those who work or live in Northern Kentucky, members will:

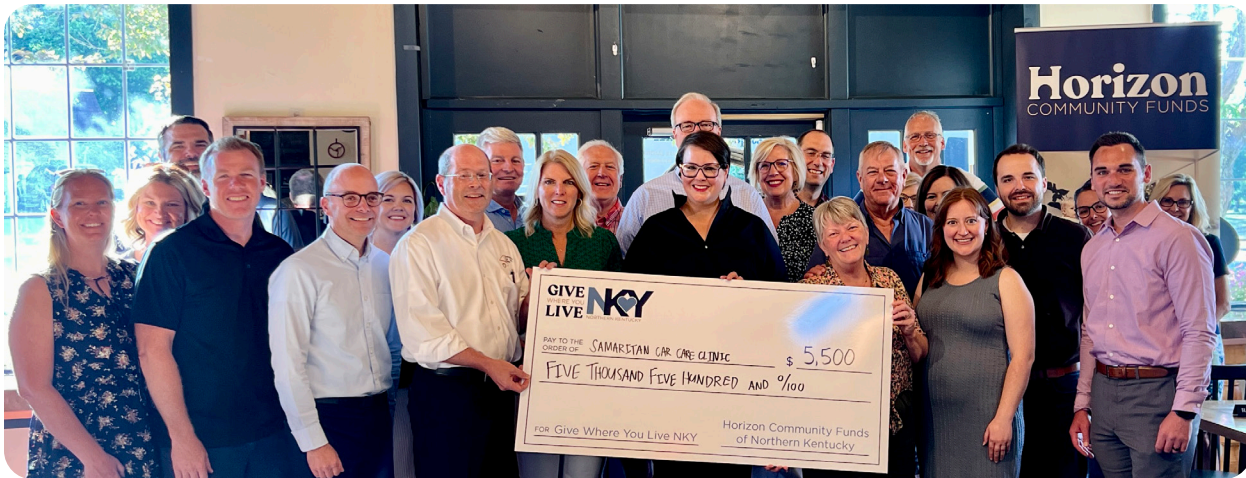
- Commit \$410 per year to identify, select, and collectively fund projects that will advance the quality of life in Northern Kentucky.
- Serve as part of a grant-making committee to review and recommend funding in an identified focus area that aligns with the grant-making priorities of Horizon Community Funds: programs/initiatives that are innovative, accelerate solutions, and leverage community resources.
- Volunteer time and ideas to make locally-focused charitable giving more accessible and successful for small donors, young donors, and diverse donors.

### 2024 Schedule:

- September 26: Focus area panel discussion
- November 4: Meet to discuss and determine funding/vote
- December 5: Check presentation and celebration

Missed the kickoff meeting? It's not too late to join! Contact Mary Kate Vanderglas at [mvanderglas@horizonfunds.org](mailto:mvanderglas@horizonfunds.org) to learn how to become a member of The 410.





The first two quarters of Give Where You Live were great successes, with the grants going towards very important causes. As always, we heard three great pitches at each meeting.

In March, the grant was awarded to the Victorian at Riverside, a non-profit Senior Care Home located in the Historic Licking Riverside District of Covington. With more than 135 consecutive years of service in the community, the Victorian at Riverside offers a fusion of modern amenities and care with a comforting, elegant and “homey” Victorian setting to make them stand apart in the care field. Operating as a non-profit organization throughout their entire history has allowed the senior care home to make quality care their true bottom-line concern. The residence offers long-term memory care, residential assisted living, and short-term respite care.

At our second quarter meeting, members selected the Samaritan Car Care Clinic, which provides complimentary routine vehicle maintenance for low-income individuals, a need that is often overlooked. The clinic helps clients, referred by social service agencies throughout Northern Kentucky, maintain their vehicles – and by extension, their livelihoods. Samaritan Car Care volunteers offer a lifeline to working poor families who may otherwise not have the means to maintain their vehicle. This allows them to access jobs and transport family members to school and health care appointments. Samaritan Car Care Clinic addresses transportation barriers faced by low-income families on their path to self-sufficiency.

Contact Mary Kate Vanderglas at [mvanderglas@horizonfunds.org](mailto:mvanderglas@horizonfunds.org) to join!



GWYL member Stefanie Feltner won the first GWYL grant of 2024 for the Victorian at Riverside received.



Bruce Kintner of Samaritan Car Care Clinis accepts the second quarter GWYL grant.



## TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT

# lauren huizenga

### COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES



#### HOW DO YOU APPLY YOUR EXPERIENCE FROM YOUR CAREER AND YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A NORTHERN KENTUCKY RESIDENT TO YOUR ROLE ON HORIZON'S COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES?

I enjoy being able to connect and learn from my fellow Trustees. The Council of Trustees consist of top-notch local leaders with a true passion for making Northern Kentucky a better, brighter, and more vibrant community. I also enjoy learning about the local non-profits who are providing vital services to our region and ways to support their work.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ASPECT OF SERVING ON OUR COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES?

Horizon Community Funds allows residents and supporters of NKY to have its own community foundation solely focused on the betterment of NKY. NKY is part of the Cincinnati metro area, but we have our own look and feel on this side of the river. NKY has its own unique challenges, focus areas, and assets and Horizon serves as a connector to allow the community to pour our attention and resources into these areas.

#### WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MAJOR BENEFITS TO A PARTNERSHIP WITH HORIZON COMMUNITY FUNDS AS A DONOR OR FUND HOLDER?

Nancy and the team are well respected and trusted in the community. They take the time to build critical relationship with local politicians, business leaders, non-profit executives and community members. Partnering with Horizon allows a donor, non-profit, or company to tap into these relationships and leverage them to find other sources of funding or other future collaborators.

#### WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT LIVING IN NORTHERN KENTUCKY?

1. Walking from my home in Covington to Mainstrasse to enjoy the amazing restaurants (Mama's on Main, Larry's, the Standard, and Bouquet are some favorites), frequent festivals, and local parks.
2. Head to the Covington Farmers Market on Saturday mornings to pick up local produce, handmade pasta, and a fresh bouquet of flowers then swing by the Kenton County Library for some story time or other kid activities.
3. Take a stroll to the Banks, hop on the street car and explore downtown Cincinnati, catch a FC Cincinnati game, shop at Findlay Market or enjoy Washington Park.
4. Hike the trails in Devou Park and enjoy the beauty of our region.
5. Participating in progressive dinners with friends through downtown Covington to hit some of our favorite spots (Ripple, Opal, Knowledge Bar, Hotel Covington, and The Hannaford).



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