

ON THE TABLE INITIATIVE

Connecting Communities, Table by Table

On March 27, Blue Grass Community Foundation (BGCF) once again brought On the Table to the Bluegrass in Clark, Fayette, Franklin, and Woodford counties. Now in its third year, On the Table is a one-day opportunity to participate in important civic conversations while sharing a meal. Volunteer table hosts, equipped with toolkits provided by BGCF, supplied discussion starters—and snacks.

During the past two years, post-conversation surveys indicated that equity, social inclusion and race relations were key topics of interest. So this year, conversations focused on ways to make our communities more welcoming and inclusive.

Conversations took place in private homes as well as public venues open to all, including the Lexington Public Library, the University of

Kentucky, Fayette and Clark County schools, the Masjid Bilal Mosque, Lexington Senior Center and Global Lex. Over 11,000 people participated.



Survey results for On the Table 2019 will be available soon. Full results for 2017 and 2018 can be found at bgcf.org/onthetable/results.

On the Table is a national initiative funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Lexington is one of 10 cities across the U.S. selected to replicate On the Table.

To help turn great ideas into action, **a total of \$25,000 will be awarded in What You Do Matters Grants.** These quick-action mini-grants will fund the most impactful, innovative ideas that arose from On the Table

conversations. Winners will be announced in late May.

FROM AN ON THE TABLE HOST:

“I was very nervous about being an On the Table host,” said Susana, a native of El Salvador. “I don’t know a lot of my neighbors very well. But I invited people and they wanted to bring others. We had 26 people!” Guests to Susana’s Cardinal Valley home included immigrants from Honduras, Peru and El Salvador, and her daughter’s middle school basketball team.

“For the first time, I felt that everybody listened to what everyone else was saying,” said Susana. “My youngest daughter was so excited because we were asked to write things down and take a survey. She said that meant that what we said was important. Now we all feel like we aren’t just living here. Lexington is OUR CITY too.”

FROM LISA ADKINS

Our President’s Letter

Spring is the time when new things grow, and just as the peonies and lilacs are starting to bloom, Blue Grass Community Foundation (BGCF) is excited to launch this new newsletter, *BGCFyi*. At the Community Foundation, we are all about growth.

Launched in 1967 with one charitable giving fund and a single contribution of \$1,000, today BGCF has grown to over 650 giving funds, each with its own charitable purpose, and total charitable assets of \$135 million. In partnership with our generous donors, we’ve awarded more than \$91 million in grants, with 95 percent of all funding staying in Kentucky!

Helping individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits establish charitable funds is just one way we grow local giving and local charitable impact. Thanks to the generosity of John and Donna Hall, we are also growing the next generation of civic and philanthropic leaders through BGCF365 and Rowan365 (p. 3). And we are growing permanent charitable endowments by helping individual and corporate donors utilize Endow Kentucky tax credits (p. 4).

How can we help you, or your clients, grow the power of giving? Contact me at 859.225.3343 or ladkins@bgcf.org. At BGCF, it’s our mission to help good grow. We look forward to working together to make your charitable dreams bloom.



Lisa Ashner Adkins, J.D.
President/CEO

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JAMES KECK & TARA LOYD

Living Globally, Giving Locally

Tara Loyd and James Keck make a positive difference everywhere they go, and they've been a lot of places. Though both call Lexington home, their work in health care has taken them around the world, from the Arctic Circle to the Equator.

After college, Tara served in the Peace Corp in Lesotho, in Southern Africa, during the middle of an AIDS pandemic, then stayed another few years volunteering there. James has also worked on the front lines of public health, investigating disease outbreaks among the Inuit with the CDC in Alaska and as a World Health Organization consultant in Ecuador.

The two met at Johns Hopkins University when Tara was getting her Master's in public health and James was doing his residency in general preventive medicine.

Today, James is a physician specializing in family and community medicine at the University of Kentucky, and Tara is executive director of PIVOT, a global health organization dedicated to breaking cycles of poverty and disease in Madagascar, one of the world's least developed countries.

Tara and James have two children—Zeke, 7, and Zoe, 2. Since the birth of Zoe, Tara has worked remotely from Lexington, but the family spends summers in Madagascar's Ifanadiana District, where Tara and James work to improve health and health care systems while providing their kids, as Tara explained, “some perspective on their privilege and a chance to run free alongside Malagasy kids.”

“Life is extremely difficult in Madagascar,” said Tara. “Patients frequently walk over five miles to get medical care at the clinic. And yet,” she continued, “you don't see homeless people in rural Madagascar. If someone has no place to sleep, they are invited in by family and neighbors—even if all they have to offer is

a mud hut with a leaky roof.”

When it comes to philanthropy, Tara and James believe it's important to show the same kind of generosity to their local community in Lexington.

“In part because [James and I] have a global focus professionally, we have directed a lot of our giving to local causes as a way to have a stake in the ground here, too,” said Tara. “It's a flip on the ‘think globally, act locally’ mantra.”

Knowing firsthand how precious food security is in Madagascar, Tara makes it a point to support sustainable food programs at home, like Seedleaf and GleanKY. Other causes include the built environment, homelessness, and the well-being of children and families in need.

“Many of the organizations we support in Lexington are run by friends and acquaintances, and we feel really grateful for their work to make our community a place we're proud to live,” said Tara.

Several of those friends recommended Tara and James contact Lisa Adkins at the Community Foundation to make the most of their charitable giving. In 2017, after meeting with Lisa and talking with friends who had already established funds of their own, Tara and James opened The Z Team Fund (in honor of Zeke and Zoe).

Since then, The Z Fund has made dozens of grants to improve the quality of life in Lexington.



Learn how you can start a donor advised charitable giving fund like Tara and James to make your community a better place for everyone. Contact Lisa Adkins, president/CEO of Blue Grass Community Foundation, 859.225.3343 or ladkins@bgcf.org.



Meet Madonna Turner, BGCF Board Chair

Madonna has served on BGCF's board of directors since 2007 and as its chair since 2017. Madonna, a retired medical technologist, has an impressive history in the nonprofit community as a volunteer, supporter and leader. She is married to her college sweetheart, Craig, and has two married daughters and five young grandchildren. BGCF is grateful for her guidance!

BGCF's Nonprofit Endowment Building Institute Welcomes Class of 2019

The Nonprofit Endowment Building Institute is an intensive course designed to help local nonprofits build their permanent assets and establish a perpetual form of income. The Institute is an exclusive benefit for nonprofits with endowment funds at BGCF. Participants are chosen through a competitive application process, and all receive full scholarships to attend. Congratulations to our class of 2019:

- Ashland Terrace, GleanKY, Henry Clay Memorial Foundation, Kentucky
- Refugee Ministries, The Nest Center for Women, Children & Families

(RE)IMAGINING CHEAPSIDE

(RE)IMAGINING CHEAPSIDE, a one-year placemaking and community engagement initiative, sought to build inclusion and healing into a former slave auction site, adjacent to the Historic Lexington Courthouse. The project was funded by the Knight Foundation, with additional resources contributed by Blue Grass Community Foundation. A case study of the initiative is available at bgcf.org/engage/community.

Total Assets	\$127,563,702
Number of Grants Awarded	2,316
Nonprofits Received Grants	1,127
Grants Awarded	\$7,794,248
Grants Since Inception	\$89+ million

BGCF AT A GLANCE

From January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018

BGCF 365

BGCF365 Connects Lexington's Next Generation of Civic and Philanthropic Leaders

»»» **\$365,000** ENDOWMENT
ESTABLISHED

BGCF365, an initiative of the Community Foundation, is a giving circle that invites Lexingtonians in their 20s, 30s, and 40s to get directly involved in philanthropy. For \$1 a day (\$365 a year), members choose the charitable causes their collective dollars support and get a seat at the grantmaking table. One half of members' contributions funds immediate grantmaking, while the other half builds the BGCF365 Endowment, which produces an annual source of income for grantmaking, in perpetuity.

The idea is catching on among BGCF's affiliate funds. In Morehead, the young philanthropists of ROWAN365 recently awarded the program's first grants to Doves—Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter, KY Stills U program at Morehead State, and Gateway Children's Advocacy Center.

 Learn more at bgcf.org/bgcf365 or bgcf.org/rowan365.



*Philanthropists
John and
Donna Hall*

Philanthropists John and Donna Hall were so inspired by the focus of BGCF365, they have established a permanent endowment fund to support this program for young philanthropists in perpetuity.



*BGCF365
Advisory
Committee:
Becca Sherman,
Garyen Denning,
Bethany Denning,
Halee Cunningham,
Tim Dunn,
Hamid Sheikhitee*

**HELP CREATE
CHANGE**

BECOME A MEMBER!

**FOR JUST
\$1/DAY**



\$365/YEAR

2019 FOCUS:



**GREEN PLACES AND
PUBLIC SPACES**



**4 SOCIAL NETWORKING
EVENTS**

2018 BGCF365 Members

Jonathan Barker	Halee Cunningham	Daniel Franklyn
John Boardman	Matthew Cunningham	Alexander Garcia
Michael Bollinger	Drew Daniel	Megan George
Will Booher	Todd Davidson	Vanessa Grossl
Julia Booher	Bethany Denning	Cameron Hamilton
Maddie Booher	Garyen Denning	Mike Hilton
Catherine Bouvier	Brian Dineen	William Hinkle
Kenneth Brooks	Anne Donworth	Michelle Hollingshead
Ashley Brown	Harding Dowell	Daniel Hollingshead
Jackson Buchanan	Taylor Dunn	Gregory Humkey
Wells Bullard	Timothy Dunn	Nolan Jackson
Allison Carter	Olivia Escudero	Liz Kip
Rachael Chamberlain	Savannah Fielding	Jessica Kunin
Elizabeth Combs	Barbara Fischer	James Lanford

Seth Lawless	Daniel Patrick
Todd Lewis	Brandi Peacher
Lauren Lovely	Danielle Rardin
Krista Mainous	Andy Reynolds
Anne Mapson	Laura Reynolds
Scott McConnell	Margaret Ridley
Allen McDaniel	Liz Roach
Jacob Michul	Erin Salomon
Grant Mills	Seth Salomon
Kav Milward	Salvador Sanchez
Jeffery Monohan	Ben Self
Melissa Mullins	Rebecca Self
Will Nash	Suzanne Shaffar
John Newton	Kristina Shea

Daniel Patrick	Andy Shea
Brandi Peacher	Hamid Sheikh
Danielle Rardin	Justin Sherman
Andy Reynolds	Rebecca Sherman
Laura Reynolds	Tommy Sikes
Margaret Ridley	Joseph Smallwood
Liz Roach	William Stoops
Erin Salomon	Andrew Tan
Seth Salomon	Natalie Tate
Salvador Sanchez	John Thomas
Ben Self	James Thornberry
Rebecca Self	Griffin VanMeter
Suzanne Shaffar	Jillian Waitkus
Kristina Shea	Barry Walling

Andres Walsen	Gabe Brown
Megan Walsen	Lincoln Caudill
Chloe White	Harry Clark
Jack Wilkinson	Tarah Eldridge
Mary Wood	Timothy Eldridge
	Paige Flanery
	Randi Frazier
	Whitney Ginn
	KaSandra Hensley
	Wes Holland
	Justine Holland
	Jami Hornbuckle
	Billie Hough
	Anna Ison
	Loretta Justice

**2018
ROWAN365
Members**

Ashley Adkins	Melinda Justice
Nick Anderson	Kentucky Bank
Laura White Brown	Jessica Mansfield
Miranda Brown	Charlotte Mullins
	Bobby Mullins
	Keisha Randolph
	William Redwine
	Deveney Shae Redwine
	Beth Reynolds
	Chris Ring
	St. Claire Foundation
	St. Claire Hospital
	Kim Barker Tabor
	Maria White

ALL ABOUT ENDOWMENTS

Thanks to the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit, there has never been a better time to invest in the future of your community.

Gifts to endowed charitable funds at Blue Grass Community Foundation are eligible for generous state tax credits—up to 20 percent. ONLY gifts to endowment funds at accredited community foundations qualify for this tax credit.

Unlike tax deductions, tax credits are subtracted from a donor's tax bill. A gift of \$5,000 can reduce what you owe on state taxes by \$1,000. A gift of \$50,000 can reduce

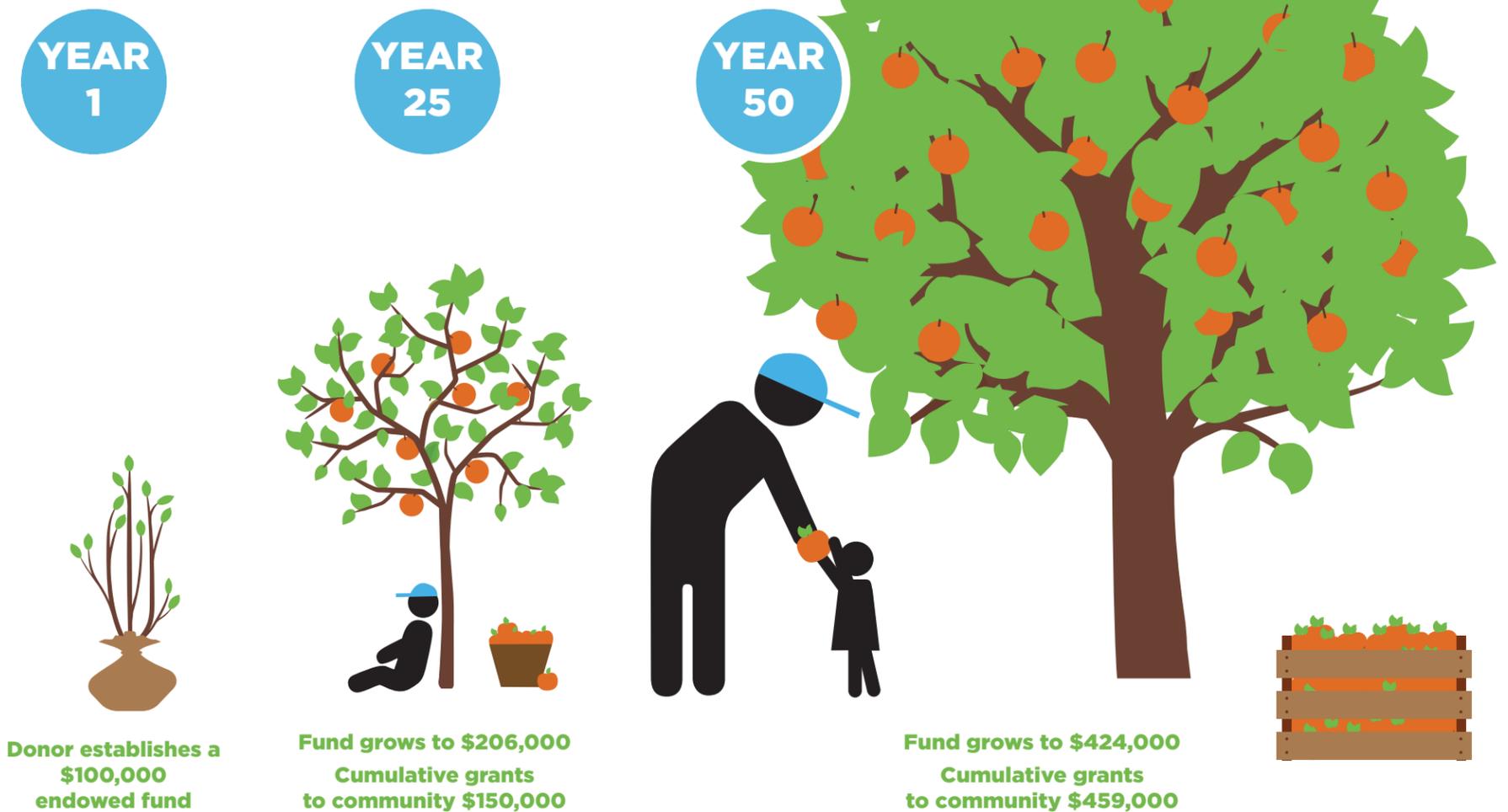
your tax bill by \$10,000. And this is in addition to your federal and state charitable tax deduction.

But these credits go fast! The Kentucky Department of Revenue begins accepting applications for Endow Kentucky Tax Credits on July 1. ALL applications submitted between July 1 and July 7 are guaranteed to receive at least a prorated portion.

An endowment's income provides annual support for charitable causes in perpetuity. Whether it's supporting an existing endowment at BGCF or creating one of your own, we can help. A gift to an endowment fund is an investment in today and tomorrow.



Would you like to make a gift that qualifies for the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit? Call us at 859.225.3343



Make your community a better place for those who will follow.

Kentucky's net worth is estimated at \$728 billion. Over the next 20 years, about \$193 billion of that wealth will transfer to the next generation.

But, what if instead of leaving everything to the kids, Kentuckians set aside **just 5 percent** to fund a charitable endowment for the benefit of their community? That's less than sales tax! But what a world of good that 5 percent could do.

Consider: 5 percent of \$193 billion could create an endowment worth \$9.7 billion. And if that endowment gave back just 5 percent each year to support charitable community projects, that would mean \$483 million in new

money for the good of Kentucky—every *single year*—for generations to come.

Think locally and consider your community as one of your heirs. Make plans to give to one of the Community Foundation's community-based endowment funds.

- **Community Endowment Funds** provide geographically restricted support for each of the following communities: Boyle, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Harrison, Magoffin, Morgan, Madison, Rowan and Woodford counties. Each fund is overseen by a local advisory board.
- **The Fund for Greater Lexington** provides perpetual support for civic and charitable endeavors in Lexington.

- **The Fund for Civic Leadership** provides support for BGCF.
- **The Fund for Appalachia KY** provides support for Appalachia communities under the guidance of local residents.

Gifts to these funds are eligible for Endow Kentucky Tax Credits.



Learn more about BGCF's Community Funds at bgcf.org/communityfunds.



For information on investing in your community, contact Jane Higgins, program officer of rural and Appalachia initiatives, at 859.225.3343 or jhiggins@bgcf.org.



Money Doesn't Grow On Trees. It Grows In Endowments.

Nonprofit Endowment Funds help nonprofits safeguard charitable dollars for the future of their mission. Donations to any of the funds listed here are eligible for the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit.

African American Forum
Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center of the Bluegrass
Ashland Terrace Retirement Home
Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate
Baby Health Services
Battle of Richmond (KY)
BGCF365 Endowment
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass
Blessing Hands
Bluegrass Care Navigators
Bluegrass Greensource
Bluegrass Land Conservancy
BUILD (Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action)
Camp Horsin' Around
Carnegie Center
CASA of Lexington
CASA of the Bluegrass
Cave Run Symphony Orchestra
Central Kentucky Audubon Society
Child Development Centers of the Bluegrass
Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass
Chrysalis House
Clark County Community Services
Clark County Homeless Coalition
Community Action Council – RSVP
Community Action Council
Curious Forever
The Elizabeth Rosenberg Fund
Ellen and Herb Moelis Industry Service Award
Faith Feeds of Kentucky
Flight 5191 Memorial Preservation
The Franklin County Humane Society
Friedell Committee for Health Transformation
Friends of McConnell Springs
Friends of the Kentucky Theatre
Friends of the Lexington Senior Center

First United Methodist Church of Cynthiana
Gateway Regional Arts Center
The Georgetown & Scott County Museum Foundation
God's Pantry Food Bank Hunger Relief
GreenHouse17, Inc.
Growing Together Preschool
Harrison Memorial Hospital
Headley-Whitney Museum
Historic Christ Church Preservation
Hope's Wings
Hospice Care Plus
Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass
Josephine Sculpture Park
Just Fund Education Project
Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter SWCS
Kentucky Center for Performance Excellence
Kentucky Equal Justice Center
Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) Kentucky
Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation
Kentucky Refugee Ministries
Kentucky Resources Foundation
Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc.
LCHS Tuition Assistance
Leeds Center for the Arts
LexArts Inc.
Lexington Community Radio
Lexington Fairness
Lexington History Museum
Lexington Humane Society
Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation
Lexington Rescue Mission
Living Arts & Science Center
Lower Howard's Creek Heritage Park
Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association

Migrant Network Coalition
Mission Lexington
The Montessori High School
Morehead Optimist Club
The Nest Center for Women, Children & Families
New Opportunity School For Women
Newton's Attic
NoLi CDC
Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency
Ohavay Synagogue
Opera Lex
Paris Animal Welfare Society
Paris-Bourbon County YMCA
The Plantory
Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
Providence Montessori
Radio Eye
Richmond Area Arts Council
Rose Mary C. Brooks Place, Inc.
ROWAN365 Endowment
Save The Grand Theatre, Inc.,
Saykaly Garbulinska Philharmonic Foundation
Composer-In-Residence
Seton Catholic School
Shoulder to Shoulder Global
St. Agatha Academy
Step by Step
Surgery on Sunday
Sweet Blessings
Temple Adath Israel Blue Grass
Thoroughbred Charities of America
The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.
Volunteer Kentucky! Inc.
Wilderness Trace Child Development Center
Woodford County Rural Land Board
Zantker for PJ Library Bluegrass

PLAN YOUR GIVING:

Qualified Charitable Distributions

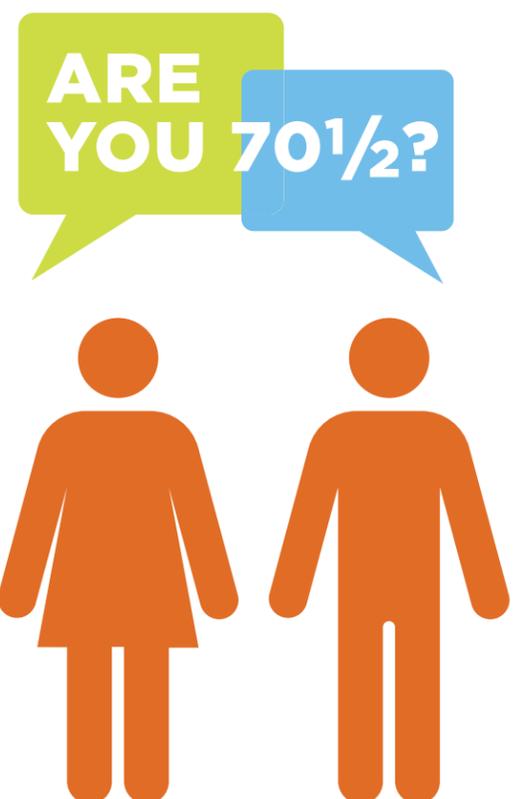
If you're 70½ years or older, now is the time to begin thinking about your IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). The IRS has made the IRA Charitable Rollover permanent. That means donors can direct up to \$100,000 a year of RMD's to charitable organizations without having to include that as income for tax purposes. This contribution, known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), cannot be made to a donor advised fund, but BGCF can assist you in designating your contribution to the causes and nonprofits you care about.

BGCF's attorneys, CPAs and charitable giving professionals can assist you with all of your current and estate giving plans. To date, we

have assisted donors and fund holders with more than \$80 million in charitable planned gifts.

 **To learn more about establishing a legacy fund or including a charitable fund in your estate plans, contact Vice President of Advancement Scott Fitzpatrick (sfitzpatrick@bgcf.org) or Gift Planning Officer Halee Cunningham (halee@bgcf.org).**

If you've already included a gift to BGCF in your estate plans, please let us know, and thank you!



Blue Grass Community Foundation creates more generous, vibrant and engaged communities, growing charitable giving throughout the Bluegrass and Appalachia Kentucky.



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Endow Kentucky Tax Credit

\$1 million in state tax credits is available beginning July 1. Your donation to any endowment fund at BGCF may be eligible for a 20 percent state tax credit. We can help! **Contact Scott Fitzpatrick, vice president of advancement, at 859.225.3343 or sfitzpatrick@bgcf.org**

Nonprofits! Time to Register for the 2019 GoodGiving Challenge.

The 2018 GoodGiving Challenge raised \$1.5 million for 110 local nonprofits. In 2019, our online giving campaign will run for one week, from Tuesday, December 3 to Monday, December 9. Once again, BGCF and our generous supporters will offer hundreds of thousands of dollars in endowment prizes and match challenges. **To be part of this year's GoodGiving Challenge, contact Laurie Preston, director of community engagement, at laurie@bgcf.org or 859.225.3343 and register by June 17.**

Upcoming BGCF Grant Opportunities

- **Hudson Ellis.** Grants for the good of Boyle County. Deadline to apply: mid-July 2019.
- **Literacy and Early Childhood Education grants.** Deadline to apply: August 15
- **Teacher Mini Grants.** For innovative projects in Fayette County public schools. Deadline to apply: October 2019

Get all the details at bgcf.org/learn/grantopportunities. Questions? Contact Kristen Tidwell, director of grants and scholarships, at kristen@bgcf.org or 859.225.3343.



GRANT SPOTLIGHT

The Fund for Greater Lexington

The Fund for Greater Lexington's inaugural grant of \$10,000 was awarded to Breaking the Bronze Ceiling, an initiative to build a monument to celebrate the history of women in Lexington. The monument, to be dedicated in downtown Lexington in 2020, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote. The Fund for Greater Lexington is a

public endowment—a permanent, ever-growing, charitable resource that provides funding to address Lexington's most critical needs and compelling opportunities.

To learn more about the Fund for Greater Lexington, or any of our 10 community endowments, go to bgcf.org/give/communityfunds or contact President/CEO Lisa Adkins at ladkins@bgcf.org.

Online newsletter: bgcf.org/BGCFyi

THE POWER OF GIVING

From grants recommended by Community Foundation donors from their funds during calendar year 2018.

Top Five Grants by Dollar Amount

1	Dynamic Catholic Institute	\$ 250,000
2	Lexington Children's Theatre	\$ 116,112
3	Rowland Arts Center	\$ 110,000
4	The Clay Center	\$ 80,000
5	Christ the King Cathedral	\$ 50,000

Nonprofits That Received the Most Grants

1	God's Pantry Food Bank	34
2	University of Kentucky	32
3	Lexington Humane Society	25
4	LexArts	24
5	Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass	22
5	Ohavay Zion Synagogue	22

Top Five Funded Missions

- 1 Education & Scholarships
- 2 Human Services
- 3 Religion
- 4 Arts, Culture & Humanities
- 5 Community Improvement