

A PROFILE IN GIVING

GERI POLVINO: A CAREER OF GIVING, CONTINUED

“Geri Polvino has always been a trailblazer.”

That was the opening line of a profile BGCF released in the Fall 2019 issue of the BGCFyi Newsletter. Since that time, Geri and her generosity continue to bloom as her scholarship, the Dr. Geri Polvino, Russell, Josephine & Mary Family Scholarship, was recently awarded to a graduating Madison Central student, NancyAnna Webb.

When asked why it was important for her to establish this opportunity for young women in Fayette, Jessamine and Madison counties, Geri said, “Education saved me. I was an at-risk kid in New York, but I very much liked school. My parents gave my sister and me a choice: they could pay for a wedding or pay for college, but they couldn’t afford to do both. When I saw many of my friends were going to college, I chose that path and it changed me forever through the people I met, the choices I made and the opportunities I got to experience.”

Geri recognizes that times have changed since her journey through higher education. “I lived on campus with a meal plan and my tuition was only about \$400 a semester! Which may not seem like a hardship (especially considering the price of school now), but it was a hardship for my parents.”

Once she received her degree (the first of many), she was determined to pay her parents back for their investment in her future. However, before she could do so, both of her parents and her sister passed away.

“I regret not being able to pay them back, but that was the inspiration to start this scholarship — to honor all three of them and pay their sacrifices forward to young women who need the same help I needed at one time,” said Geri.

Originally, the scholarship was going to be a legacy gift: a scholarship that would be put into place after Geri’s lifetime as a part of her estate plan. But with a little convincing and a lot of curiosity, Geri decided to take a more hands-on approach by reviewing the scholarship applications.

While rewarding, the process was bittersweet for Geri. “There were two things that caught me off guard. The first was the sadness in reviewing the students’ applications and realizing what they had gone through



and the things they had accomplished despite those hardships,” said Geri. “The second was the fact that there are so little funds available to award in comparison to the sheer need of these young people and their families.”

While Geri felt the weight of the unmet needs facing these students, she also found inspiration in their resilience and dreams for the future. NancyAnna is a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University studying agribusiness. Though she is certain her love for animals will continue to guide her career path, receiving this scholarship has also granted her the peace of mind to explore other animal-related careers. Significantly, the scholarship award has given NancyAnna a new goal.

“I know Geri worked so hard for everything she has and I’m inspired by her story,” said NancyAnna. “I want to work hard too, so I can pay it forward and help future generations realize their dreams.”

Geri returned the sentiment by crediting NancyAnna with the inspiration for her new idea in relation to the scholarship. “NancyAnna said she wanted to be an entrepreneur, but often young people leaving college need help starting those businesses. My goal is to fund a \$3 million scholarship, and then I hope we’ll have another \$1 million for grants to young women who want to start their own business.”

Geri, a long-time financial advisor, has a word of wisdom to those who want to help the next generation of collegians:

“I encourage everyone who can to start a scholarship and fund a young person’s passion. The feeling you get from giving someone an opportunity to realize a dream...there is simply nothing like it.”



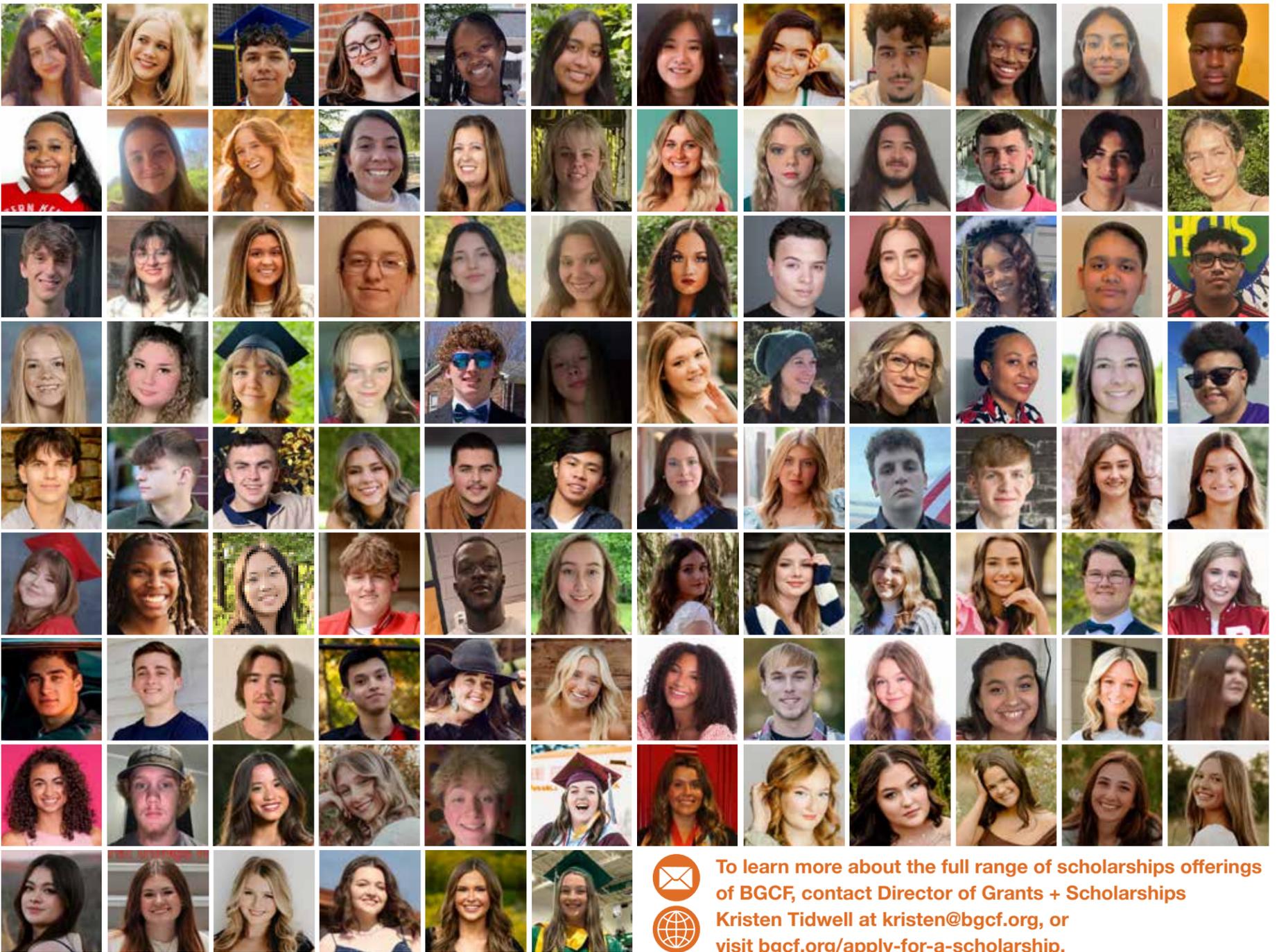
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Scan the QR code to read the 2019 profile on Geri.



2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



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Perle Fayida, Lexington, KY
Chloe Howard, Lexington, KY
Truc Nguyen, Lexington, KY
Ayla Pourghasemi, Lexington, KY
Puja Adhikari, Lexington, KY
Hector Lopez Ramirez, Lexington, KY
Katarina Salisbury, Lexington, KY

Baird Scholarship

Emma Young, Danville, KY

Castle & Key Diversity in Kentucky

Distilling Scholarship

Antonio Ezra Blackman, Lexington, KY

CLARK Scholars Scholarship

Leigh Nishimwe, Lexington, KY
Jataza Pinkney, Lexington, KY
Melany Garcia Valle, Louisville, KY
Wood Pierre, Lexington, KY

Dorothy T. Givens Scholarship

Za'Niyah Strode, Winchester, KY

Dr. Geri Polvino, Russell, Josephine

& Mary Foundation Scholarship

NancyAnna Webb, Berea, KY

Dr. S.O. Sublette Scholarship

Emily Melcher, Versailles, KY

Dr. W.C. McCauley Scholarship

Shelby Kifer, Versailles, KY

Edith Schwab Memorial Scholarship

Twyla Crain, Cecilia, KY
Aleyna Heyman, Cold Spring, KY

Edwin Paul Lyon III

Memorial Scholarship

Laney Bledsoe, Salyersville, KY
Dakota Wagers, Salyersville, KY

EKU Gabbard-Hylton Scholarship

Dalton Judd, Berea, KY
Tanner Martin, Richmond, KY
Kenlee Matney, Richmond, KY
Jentzen Mayo, Richmond, KY

Emma E. Buckley Scholarship

Madison Ramirez, Versailles, KY
Leo Ueda, Lexington, KY

George F. Johnson, Jr. Scholarship

Jonah Adkins, Sidney, KY
Madison Adkins, Shelbyana, KY

Gill-Elliott Scholarship

Owen Borden, Fort Thomas, KY
Sophia Scherrer, Fort Thomas, KY

Howard Edelstein Scholarship

Joshua Siegwald, Louisville, KY

Hudson-Ellis Scholarship

Emma Acey, Danville, KY
Shonda Barker, Richmond, KY
Carmindy Phillips, Danville, KY
Tori Whisenant, Danville, KY

Jane Allen Newman Scholarship

Truc Nguyen, Lexington, KY
Lydia Phillips, Cynthiana, KY
Hector Lopez Ramirez, Lexington, KY

Jared E. Banta Legacy Scholarship

Elizabeth Judy, Frankfort, KY

Jean H. Johnson Scholarship

Alexis Thacker, Elkhorn City, KY
Dakota Warren, Belfry, KY

Jennifer Leigh Soper Scholarship

Cael Schneider, Smithfield, RI
Michael Woody, Mt. Pleasant, SC

Joann McEvoy Frazer

Vocal Achievement Award

Abigayle Stokes, Lexington, KY

John and Maggie Price Scholarship

Dayssia Jones, Lexington, KY

John G. Heber Scholarship

Uriel Arenas, Lexington, KY
Arshvir Kaur, Lexington, KY

John T. and Willie Hedges

Education Scholarship

Briley Cline, Paris, KY
Katelyn Pfeifer, Paris, KY

Kathryn Owen Veterinary Scholarship

Hailey Case, Winchester, KY

King-Barton Scholarship

Alissa Beam, Cynthiana, KY

Lewis Sexton Scholarship

Andrew Allen, Shepherdsville, KY

Logan Thomas Family

Memorial Scholarship

Kelly Capps, Beattyville, KY
Madison Gentry, Beattyville, KY

Loren Richards Elder Care Scholarship

Kayla Hayes, Louisville, KY
Chelsea Green, Vanceburg, KY
Catherine Gripshover, Independence, KY

Lt. Richard Caswell Saufley/

George E. Saufley II Scholarship
Kalyn Peek, Kings Mountain, KY

MacLellan Education Scholarship

Diana Calderon, Bloomington, IL
Nyleigh Hawthorne, Hazel Park, MI

Magoffin County Scholarship

Eli Allen, Salyersville, KY
Connor Blanton, Salyersville, KY
Finn Bui, Staffordsville, KY
Isabella Dunn, Salyersville, KY
Travis Jenkins, Salyersville, KY
Kayleigh Lemaster, Salyersville, KY
Caleb Parsons, Salyersville, KY
Daylin Patrick, Salyersville, KY
Coltin Vallandingham, Salyersville, KY
Zane Whitaker, Salyersville, KY

Margaret Hall Alumnae

Association Scholarship

Emery Cottingham, Versailles, KY
Emma Motley, Carlisle, OH

Monica Combs Memorial Scholarship

Maya Gudger, Versailles, KY

Murry Foundation Scholarship

Chloe Howard, Lexington, KY
Hannah Ya, Lancaster, PA

R.L. Brown Foundation Scholarship

Joseph Manley, Sharpsburg, KY

Robert Henry Hughes Scholarship

Chloe Howard, Lexington, KY
Hector Lopez-Ramirez, Lexington, KY
Shammah Mozengio, Lexington, KY

Robert Marion and Ethel Keolker

Stewart Scholarship

Faith Smith, Salem, IL

Rosalind Scoggan Pittenger

Scholarship
Michelle Townsend, Paris, KY
Elizabeth Underwood, Paris, KY

Stephen L. Keller Scholarship

Chloe Schwenke, Harlan, KY

Steven G. Todd Scholarship

Lauren Anderson, Winchester, KY

Stewart Family Scholarship

Shelby Blevins, Louisa, KY
Ella Crum, Catlettsburg, KY
Isabella DiCenzo, Berea, KY
Sydney Dillon, Ironton, OH
Olivia Duncan, Ashland, KY
Ella Ferris, Georgetown, KY
Nikita Hampton, Ashland, KY

Isabel Hensley, Ashland, KY

Joanne Hernandez, Ashland, KY

Alexander Hogston, Webbville, KY

Kaeli Huff, Ironton, OH

Xander Knore, Ashland, KY

Owen Marcum, Ashland, KY

Jaci Mathis, Vanceburg, KY

Blake Maynard, Louisa, KY

Reagan Parker, Flatwoods, KY

Benjamin Sloan, Ironton, OH

Joseph Skyler Smith, Ashland, KY

Isabella Sorbilli, Ironton, OH

Jewelann Stanley, Russell, KY

Layne Stanley, Ashland, KY

Baylee Stephens, Greenup, KY

Eduardo Torres, Portsmouth, OH

Collin Wilburn, Grayson, KY

Emma Wiley, Catlettsburg, KY

Garrett Wilson, Cynthiana, KY

Sydney Mullins Scholarship

Grace Mullins, McDowell, KY

Thomas B. Bright, Jr. Scholarship

Kaylee Fluhr, Shepherdsville, KY

Hannah Hall, Irvine, KY

Katiebeth Kelly, Williamsburg, KY

Thomas D. Urmston Scholarship

Lydia Phillips, Cynthiana, KY

Tony Turner Memorial

Broadcast Scholarship

Rebekah McAuley, Whitesburg, KY

Hannah Piedad, Paintsville, KY

Mackena Sutherland, Middlesboro, KY

Savannah Young, Roswell, GA

Vengu Family Memorial Scholarship

Sydney Shaffer, Georgetown, KY

Viola Phillips Scholarship

Sarah Parker, Whitesburg, KY

W.O. Davis Memorial Scholarship

Madison Ramirez, Versailles, KY

Wilma Pigg Poynter Scholarship

for EKU

Allyson Lunsford, London, KY

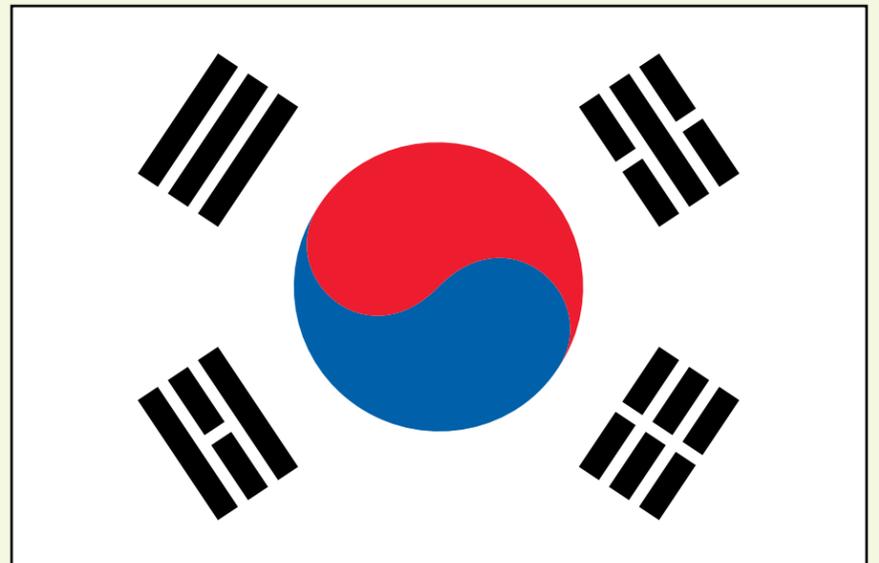
Marlie McDaniel, London, KY

McKenzie McIntyre, London, KY

The Korean Cultural Center: A DREAM BLOSSOMING IN LEXINGTON



Cooking class at the Lexington Korean School



In the heart of Central Kentucky, a new cultural gem that promises to enrich the community for generations is taking shape. As Lexington continues to grow as a vibrant hub for multiculturalism, the Korean American community has long been a fixture of the city's cultural fabric. And now, thanks to the vision and generosity of the late Dr. Bann Yun, a new Korean Cultural Center is set to become a beacon of cultural celebration and exchange.

Dr. Bann's dream was to create a space that would cultivate and share Korean culture with the Lexington community. To make this vision a reality, she established a legacy fund at Blue Grass Community Foundation, laying the financial groundwork for this meaningful endeavor.

The Korean Cultural Center will be located at the Lexington Korean Presbyterian Church & Lexington Korean School, marking a key milestone in Dr. Bann's vision. This dynamic center will offer a variety of experiences, from lectures and performances to hands-on workshops, all designed to immerse visitors in the rich traditions of Korean culture. In addition, plans are underway to incorporate a state-of-the-art recreation facility and an art gallery, creating a compelling space for cultural exchange.

As plans for the center continue to evolve, the possibilities for engagement and connection grow. The goal is to create a space that not only celebrates Korean heritage but also fosters interactive experiences. The team behind the project is hopeful that construction will begin within the next year, with architects

already selected to bring this vision to life. Donna Kwon, a member of the Korean Cultural Center board, shares her excitement for what's to come:

"We're looking forward to offering music and dance classes, a K-pop rehearsal studio, cooking classes on Korean culinary specialties like kimchi and pickles, and even a small café for tea and ceramics."

This center is poised to fill a significant cultural need in Central Kentucky, offering a welcoming space for people of all backgrounds to connect with Korean traditions. As the dream of Dr. Bann takes shape, the Korean Cultural Center will undoubtedly become a vital part of Lexington's diverse community, bringing people together through the beauty of Korean arts, food and heritage.

2024 GRASSROOTS BLACK LEADERSHIP AWARDS

HONORING LEXINGTON TRAILBLAZERS

TRIO OF LEXINGTON LEADERS HONORED FOR EFFORTS INSPIRING POSITIVE CHANGE

The Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative, a community-advised committee of Blue Grass Community Foundation, recently recognized Black community leaders driving positive change with the 2024 Grassroots Black Leadership Awards.

Launched in 2021, this award honors and supports individuals at the forefront of addressing racial equity, disparities in the Black community, and social justice throughout Lexington. Recipients of the award received an unrestricted stipend of \$5,000 in acknowledgment of their grassroots efforts to create meaningful change in our community.

“The Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative is honored to recognize these grassroots leaders who are at the forefront of making positive community change,” said Dr. Tiffany Daniels, D.C., LPBI advisory board co-chair.

To learn more about LBPI and the 2024 Grassroots Black Leadership Award Winners, visit bgcf.org/LBPI.



DR. ROSZALYN M. AKINS

Dr. Roszaly M. Akins, a Lexington native and Transylvania University graduate, has made impactful contributions to education and social justice. In 2005, she founded the Black Male Working

(BMW) Academy, serving over 400 students to close the academic gap for African American males. She also established the Black Boys and Men in Medicine (BBAMM) program and helped launch two all-male college prep schools. Roszaly is the Executive Director of BMW Academy and Dean of Students at Carter G. Woodson Academy.



FATHER NORMAN FISCHER

Fr. Norman Fischer, raised in Perryville, was ordained in 2000 after earning degrees from Centre College and the University of Saint Mary of the Lake. As chaplain at Lexington Catholic High School for over 18 years,

he promoted diversity and inclusion. He also founded the Conquest Boys & Girls Club and led St. Peter Claver Church. Fr. Norman was an artist, retreat leader, and served on numerous boards, including as president of the National Black Clergy Caucus, ministering widely and globally.



LETONIA A. JONES

LeTonia A. Jones, MSW, is a Paducah native and University of Kentucky graduate with a background in psychology, social work and empowerment coaching. She runs a criminal defense business, served in academia, and led clemency efforts for

incarcerated, battered women that resulted in 12 pardons. Known for her activism, she founded the SwallowTale Project for incarcerated women and made history as an openly Black queer woman running for office in Lexington. Her mission is to ensure everyone is valued and can explore their intrinsic worth.

IN MEMORIAM

FATHER NORMAN FISCHER

With great sadness, we honor the memory of Father Norman Fischer, a beloved spiritual leader and community advocate, who passed away unexpectedly on July 15, just 10 days after receiving the Grassroots Black Leadership Award.

Father Fischer was a pillar of strength, compassion and unity for so many in Lexington and beyond. His outreach extended far beyond the church walls, impacting youth, families, and those in need of hope and encouragement.

The Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative and Blue Grass Community Foundation are deeply grateful for Father Norman’s leadership, passion and the love he shared with so many. His passing is an immense loss, but his legacy lives on through the lives he touched and the example he set.

May we carry forward his spirit of compassion and justice in our own lives, ensuring his impact endures through our actions and the lives we touch. Father Norman’s legacy remains a guiding light, reminding us of the power of faith and the importance of serving others.

LEXINGTON BLACK PHILANTHROPY WEEK:



A NEW TRADITION OF GENEROSITY AND IMPACT

The inaugural Lexington Black Philanthropy Week, hosted by the Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative (LBPI), marked a significant milestone in our community's philanthropic landscape. LBPI drew inspiration from the success of the Black Philanthropy Month global movement to launch this week-long online giving campaign, designed to inspire generosity and galvanize support for Black-led and Black-serving organizations in Lexington.



Running from Monday, August 19 through Friday, August 23, the campaign exceeded all expectations, raising an incredible \$120,230 for 26 local nonprofits, through 638 total gifts. This means each organization raised an average of \$4,470 – a testament to the community's commitment to fostering equity and opportunity for all.

Beyond the online campaign, LBPI also hosted a reception that brought together participating nonprofits with local philanthropists and civic leaders. This event wasn't just a celebration of the funds raised, but a recognition of the impact of Black philanthropy and the crucial work that Black-led nonprofits do every day.

The success of Lexington Black Philanthropy Week is rooted in a larger tradition of giving within the Black community. With a spirit of generosity deeply embedded in faith, family and community, Black Americans consistently give a larger share of their wealth to charity than any other racial group in the United States. According to a 2012 report by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, nearly two-thirds of African American households donate to charitable organizations and causes, contributing \$11 billion annually.

However, despite this culture of giving, Black-led and Black-serving organizations continue to face a significant funding gap. Of the \$557.16 billion donated to charitable causes each year, less than 4% is directed to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) organizations. This discrepancy is stark: Black-led nonprofits operate with revenues 24% lower than their white-led counterparts. The median revenue for Black-led nonprofits is \$47,400 below that of white-led nonprofits – a gap that translates to a \$20 million funding disparity.



Lexington Black Philanthropy Week was more than just a fundraising event; it was a celebration of the incredible work being done by Black-led and Black-serving organizations in our community, and further proof that when we come together, we can create powerful change. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this amazing week of giving and support!

Together, we are building a more generous, vibrant and equitable community.

Participating Organizations

- A Sense of Place
- African American Ballet Troupe
- American Spiritual Ensemble
- Believing in Forever Inc.
- Black Male Working Academy, Inc.
- Black Yarn, Inc.
- Bridge the Gap Lexington
- Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, Inc.
- Marafiki Center
- Master-Pieced, Inc.
- McDonald Hope Ministries
- MLK Celebration Day
- Northside Common Market
- Operation Be You, Inc.
- Operation Making A Change, Inc.
- Pearls of Service Foundation
- Phoenix Rising of Lexington, Inc.
- Project Ricochet
- Seedleaf, Inc.
- Sisters Road to Freedom, Inc.
- Step By Step, Inc.
- TAR Syndrome Association
- The Black Soil Charitable Fund, Inc.
- The Heroes Among Us Foundation, Incorporated
- Uniting Voices Lexington
- West End Community Empowerment Project of Lexington, Inc.

Blue Grass Community Foundation is a reflection of our top-notch volunteers and staff. We have been fortunate to welcome four new board members and one new staff member, and promote three current staffers to new positions.

Welcome to the Board!

We're thrilled to welcome four dynamic new members to Blue Grass Community Foundation Board of Directors. Each of these individuals brings a wealth of experience and passion for philanthropy that will help guide BGCF's continued impact in our community.



JOHN BACKER
Pin Oak Foundation



KRISTEN LARUE BOND
KLB Initiatives



LOUIE KESSINGER
Baird



MICHELLE RAWLINGS
Community Volunteer



To learn more about our board of directors, visit bgcf.org/board-of-directors

An Addition to the Team

Kristen Hoffman, the newest addition to the BGCF team, is stepping into the role of **Associate Director for the Fund for Greater Lexington**. Kristen will play a vital role in managing one of our impactful endowed community funds and we are excited to have her on board as she helps steer our community efforts to even greater heights!



KRISTEN HOFFMAN

Celebrating BGCF Staff Promotions

A big congratulations to three of our dedicated team members who have recently taken on new roles within BGCF:

Tori Calvert steps into the role of **Grants and Accounting Manager**, ensuring the smooth management of grants and financial operations.

Alison Jackson is now serving as the **Associate Director of Board and Community Relations**, enhancing the support for our board and community partnerships.

Courtney Turner has been promoted to **Communications Manager**, where she will continue to elevate our message and connect with our community.



ALISON JACKSON



TORI CALVERT



COURTNEY TURNER

Give Your Team the Boost They Deserve: Set Up an Employee Assistance Fund!

Let's face it — life happens. In Kentucky, we hear that phrase often. Between COVID-19, the tornadoes of 2021 and the floods of 2022, Kentuckians know about surviving hardships. But what happens when life suddenly happens to the people who make your business thrive?

By establishing an Employee Assistance Fund at BGCF, your company can be there for your employees when times get tough. With the ability to cover the incidentals of sudden events like natural disasters, home

catastrophes, serious illness or injury, or other unforeseen personal challenges, Employee Assistance Funds work as an extra emergency savings fund for employees when they need it the most. Think of it as a lifeline for those unexpected bumps in the road, with the bonus of great tax benefits for your business and zero tax worries for your team.

How do Employee Assistance Funds work?

It's easy! You provide the funds, set the guidelines and spread the word to your employees. Blue Grass Community Foundation handles the rest. From creating an easy application process to reviewing requests and delivering the funds for eligible expenses, we've got you covered. Your company can focus on what you do best, while we make sure your employees are taken care of. It's the perfect way to show your team

some love while meeting your philanthropic and corporate goals!

Don't just take it from us — here's what Tempur Sealy International, a long-time Employee Assistance Fundholder at BGCF had to say:

“At the heart of our corporate culture is a commitment to the well-being of our employees, so establishing an Employee Assistance Fund was a top priority for us. And BGCF makes it so easy: Tempur-Sealy makes contributions to the fund, and they take care of everything else. It allows us to support our employees while keeping our focus on the core business.”



Let us help take care of your team! Contact VP / Advancement Scott Fitzpatrick at 859.225.3343 today!



HOMETOWN LEGACY

Blue Grass Community Foundation hosts a network of endowed community funds, each seeking to improve the quality of life in its geography. In partnership with local leaders, these funds work to increase charitable giving and build local charitable resources to impact their community's greatest needs and opportunities.

Contributing to your local community fund is one important way to invest together for community good.

If you live in, or love, Clark, Franklin, Fayette, Harrison, Madison, Magoffin, Rowan or Woodford counties, visit our website to learn more about endowed community funds in these counties: bgcf.org/communityfunds.

ROWAN COUNTY PARK MAKES STRIDES THANKS TO ROWAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND'S PHILANTHROPIC LEADERSHIP

ROWAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND

Exciting news for Rowan County! The much-anticipated Rowan County Park officially opened in early November, marking the culmination of months of dedicated efforts to create a vibrant public space for outdoor recreation and community gatherings.

As Rowan County experienced significant growth in recent years, the need for diverse recreational opportunities became more pressing. The new park will address this by offering a variety of activities, including sports fields, basketball and racket courts, a paved walking trail, playgrounds, an outdoor amphitheater and picnic pavilions. It also features two existing ponds for youth fishing and a horse barn and riding arena for equestrian enthusiasts.

A key highlight of this project is the generous support of the local business community: Independent Stave Company donated \$200,000

to build basketball, tennis, pickleball and sand volleyball courts, and UK St. Claire donated \$30,000 to fund the park's first picnic shelter.

The Rowan County Community Fund, held at Blue Grass Community

Foundation, has taken a lead role in raising the \$250,000 needed to bring the park vision to life. With public funding limited, private donations are critical to fulfilling the park amenity wish list.

"The Rowan County Community Fund's board of advisors was thrilled to contribute \$10,000 for picnic tables, but we need the community's partnership and active fundraising support to reach our goal," said Rhonda Whelan, chair of the Rowan County Community Fund board of advisors. "Donations of all sizes will make a difference. Together, we can

create a vibrant, welcoming space for all to enjoy and build a cherished community resource for generations to come."

The Rowan County Park is a testament to the essential role of community funds in creating vibrant, lasting spaces that enrich life and connection for all.



Community members who wish to support the Rowan County Park can donate online at bgcf.givingfuel.com/rowancountypark or contact Jane Higgins, Blue Grass Community Foundation's Director of Community Advancement, at janehiggins@bgcf.org or 859.225.3343.



I ❤️ MY COMMUNITY AND WANT TO GIVE TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND:

- Clark Fayette Franklin Harrison Madison Magoffin Rowan Woodford

- Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____
- I commit to give \$ _____ each year for the next five years.
- I would like to make my gift after July 1 to earn Endow Kentucky Tax Credits. (We will contact you with instructions.)
- I would like to learn more about making my gift using stocks and/or other appreciated assets.
- I am interested in making a gift through my estate.

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



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Don't fall behind – mark your calendar for the 14th annual GoodGiving Challenge, kicking off on Giving Tuesday, December 3, at 9 a.m. Together, we've raised nearly \$23 million for local nonprofits, and this year's event

promises more matches, challenges and prizes than ever.



Visit BGGives.org to learn more about the 200 participating nonprofits!

FROM LISA ADKINS

Our President's Letter

As the crisp autumn air rolls in, we're celebrating a season of unbelievable generosity, thanks to you – our fundholders, donors and friends! FY2024 was another record-breaking year for local philanthropy at BGCF. Your generosity harvested over \$25 million in contributions, and nearly \$25.5 million was shared through grants, making a difference in communities across Kentucky. Our charitable assets have grown to an all-time high of \$253.8 million – with over half of that permanently endowed, ensuring that our charitable roots run deep for generations to come.

It's no exaggeration to say that none of this would be possible without you and our community of kindness. BGCF's staff and board are honored to partner with you in philanthropy as we work together to improve the quality of life throughout Central and Appalachia Kentucky.

While we find joy in supporting your giving today, there's something truly special about helping individuals and families sow the seeds of a charitable legacy that will bloom for years to come. On page 3, read about the lasting impact of Dr. Bann Yun, whose dream of creating a Korean cultural center in Lexington is becoming a reality. And on the cover, be inspired by Dr. Geri Polvino's journey of generosity, which began as a legacy scholarship fund, but evolved as she wanted to take an immediate, hands-on approach.



At BGCF, we're always here to help you realize your charitable dreams. Feel free to reach out anytime if I can assist in making your giving goals a reality.

Lisa

Lisa Ashner Adkins, J.D.
President/CEO