At our Celebrating Community Philanthropy event last year, we showcased some examples of how people take an idea and create ways for many people to join them in their endeavor to better our community – they help people help others.

After the luncheon, Carol Jones contacted me about expanding an idea she had recently launched. During Lent last year, Carol decided to host a frugal meal in her home. A frugal meal is patterned after the Lenten tradition of having a meager meal and donating money to a charitable organization. Carol had a representative from her chosen organization, St. Vincent de Paul Society at her frugal meal to share about their work and the people they serve.

“This initiative encouraged people to prepare a simple meal and invite their guests to donate what they would have spent on a more sumptuous meal to a charity,” Carol noted.

Carol was thrilled with the response from people who attended her frugal meal and thought maybe other people would enjoy hosting a similar experience. With Carol’s passion and determination, in partnership with United Way of Central Kentucky, we were thrilled to work with 16 hosts to engage their guests with the mission of 13 organizations serving our community.

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“I enjoy hearing ideas like Carol’s for our community. What ideas do you have for our community? Our door is always open to hear ideas and explore possibilities.

A statewide prize pool and a regional prize pool is available to incentivize donors and organizations.

KY’s Do Some Good Today
A new program, “Let’s Do Some Good Today” on HCEC- TV informs the community about the work of Central Kentucky Community Foundation. The program will be shown on HCEC-TV each month and will also be available at ckcf4people.org. The first episode aired in March to promote Inspire Women 2016, a women’s conference sponsored by Heels Together.

Each month, Let’s Do Some Good Today will feature the great works of those in the community who are coming together through Central Kentucky Community Foundation to make a lasting impact on our region now, and in the future.

Thanks to all of our scholarship reviewers for the generous gift of their time and expertise. We look forward to awarding scholarships to many local students to further their educational goals.
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Get Ready! Camp 2016

June 6- July 1
9:00 am- 11:00 am
Panther Academy in Elizabethtown
North Park Elementary in Radcliff

11:30 am-1:30 pm
North Park Elementary in Radcliff
G.C. Burkhead in Elizabethtown

Get Ready! is a free community program for families with children from birth to age 5. It focuses on the importance of incorporating learning into everyday life and encourages play-based learning. Families are welcome to come as many days as their summer schedule permits. There is no registration required.

Certified early childhood educators will lead Get Ready! Come play and learn with us this summer.

Grant applications available

Heels Together, an initiative of CKCF, is accepting grant applications for proposals to enrich the lives of women and girls in our community. To learn more about the objectives of this funding opportunity, please visit our website ckcf4people.org or call 270-737-8393.

Deadline for submitting interest in this year’s grant: July 1, 2016 and final applications are due August 1, 2016.