In April last year, CKCF hosted a new event, Celebrating Community Philanthropy. It was new to us, it was new to the community. We highlighted the role generosity and philanthropy plays in making our community a great place to live and work.

What we learned is: philanthropy matters to you. And seeing that role in action in our community is important.

SAVE THE DATE!

This year Celebrating Community Philanthropy will be on Thursday, September 18th at 11:30 am at Grace Heartland Church. It is an important event for us, but more importantly, it is an important event for our community. We hope you will join us as we look at the impact philanthropy makes in our community today and how that role continues to change.

Christy Brown will be our inspirational philanthropist. The Brown family business, BrownForman, is based in Louisville. She has always been deeply committed to social responsibility and community service. She has a message I believe you will take something from -- for you as an individual and for our community. I am looking forward to seeing you, hearing Christy speak again and honored that she believes in the mission of CKCF.

A Note from Davette

72 scholarships awarded to local students

Taylor Cobb and Normaline Skees helped each other fulfill a dream. Cobb was considering getting a third job before starting college. When she was awarded the Lanny Skees Memorial Scholarship to attend Western Kentucky University her dream of a college education became more real and less burdensome. At the same time, Mrs. Skees dream of honoring her husband’s memory was realized through the first awarding of the scholarship.

“I’m going to be able to focus more on being a student now rather than working,” Cobb said.

This award and many others would not have been possible without a scholarship fund through CKCF.

CKCF personalizes scholarships, such as the Lanny Skees Memorial Scholarship so donors can help students have the opportunity to pursue a college degree.

Various organizations and individuals throughout the community establish scholarship funds with us. CKCF helps donors launch their scholarship through an online portal, Scholarship Central.

“We can’t do what we do without donors,” Swiney said. “Our community gives so generously to scholarships because of what they can do in a student’s life and ultimately our community.”

This year, 56 students from 10 schools received 72 scholarships totaling $100,000 from CKCF.
Community Foundations Celebrate 100 years

The first community foundation in the United States of America was established in 1914 in Cleveland, Ohio. Central Kentucky Community Foundation is proud to be one of over 700 community foundations celebrating the impact of the first century of community philanthropy and looking ahead to the next 100 years. The Centennial offers a unique opportunity to reflect on a proud history, look forward to the next 100 years, and broaden the understanding of what community foundations are and do. The Centennial is about the issues and the work that community foundations address - their unique role in improving communities.

Dow Corning made a $25,000 gift through their CKCF Donor Advised Fund to establish Project Lead the Way at John Hardin High School. Pictured above: Nannette Johnston, Hardin County Schools Superintendent, Lynne Gibson, John Hardin High School Principal, Pam Bowling, Dow Corning, and Davette Swiney, CKCF President/CEO.

Get Ready! 2014

A third great year ....

By the numbers:

4 locations
508 children
307 adults
2892 total participation

By the comments:

“This is an amazing program and I can’t believe it is free. I wish more schools would do it! Thank you guys so much for all the fun and learning.”

“Thank you for teaching kids and parents at the same time!”

Central Kentucky Community Foundation’s program specially designed for children birth – 5 years old and their families