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A PROFILE IN GIVING:

DOUG + NANCY HINDMAN

A GROWING LEGACY ROOTED IN BEREA

Doug and Nancy Hindman led a life of service in Madison County, where their work, volunteerism and generosity are still felt today. Thanks to funds established at Blue Grass Community Foundation, that legacy is firmly planted in the community they loved while continuing to grow for generations to come.

Education, community, environmental stewardship and opportunity shaped Doug's and Nancy's lives. Those values guided how they spent their time, how they served others and how they chose to give.

Doug taught psychology at Eastern Kentucky University for 30 years. Nancy directed a student support services program, helping thousands of first-generation college students stay on the path to a degree. After retirement, they moved to Berea, where they remained active through volunteer work and nonprofit leadership.

When Doug and Nancy connected with BGCF and its local geographic component fund, the Madison County Community Fund (MCCF), they found a meaningful way to turn their values into long-lasting action. Nancy served on MCCF's founding board of advisors and helped launch this permanent source of local support. Together, she and Doug also opened the Stewart-Hindman Donor Advised Fund to support the causes they cared about most.

Their generosity also reflected Nancy's deep connection to family and education. In 2002, she established the Robert Marion and Ethel Keolker Stewart Scholarship Fund in honor of her parents, both 1935 graduates of Salem High School in Salem, Illinois. The scholarship fund supports graduating seniors from Salem Community High School who plan to attend an accredited college. To date, the scholarship has awarded $85,000 to 22 students.

Doug and Nancy also planned carefully for the future of their philanthropy. Through a legacy fund agreement, their donor advised fund would become an endowed field-of-interest fund focused on two priorities: addressing poverty in Appalachian Kentucky and supporting environmental causes across the state.

Nancy passed in 2020, and Doug followed in 2023. But because they planned for the future, their generosity continues to meet real needs today. A $40,000 grant went to Sustainable Berea, an organization they supported for years. When SNAP benefits expired in November 2025, BGCF activated the Stewart-Hindman Fund as part of a $187,000 response supporting food pantries and hunger-relief programs across its 16-county region, including God's Food Pantry.

The charitable legacy they planted in Madison County continues to flourish in the students who receive support, the organizations they believed in and the communities they helped strengthen. Their generosity is still growing—and it will for generations to come.

You can do the same. An endowed fund at BGCF can turn your values into a permanent force for good in your community and beyond. Whether you care about education, the environment, hunger relief or something else meaningful to your own story, we can help you build a legacy that lasts.

"We like the flexibility of a donor advised fund," Doug said in BGCF's 2006 Annual Report. "It allows us to recommend grants to a variety of local community groups. And the Foundation reduces the hassle factor tremendously. Now we're able to concentrate on giving without worrying about administrative details."

"The Community Foundation has made it possible for us to support the many charities and causes we care about," Nancy agreed. "It's been the perfect choice for us."

Contact Halee Cunningham, BGCF's general counsel + director of planned giving, at halee@bgcf.org to start the conversation.

To learn more about the Madison County Community Fund, contact Jane Higgins, director of community advancement, at jhiggins@bgcf.org.

Press Forward Blue Grass

A NEW STORY FOR LOCAL NEWS

A YEAR OF BUILDING:

PRESS FORWARD BLUE GRASS IN ACTION

Over the past year, Press Forward Blue Grass, an initiative of BGCF, has been laying the groundwork for a stronger, more sustainable local news ecosystem in Kentucky.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Melissa Newman, Ed.D., the organization has focused on building trust, strengthening partnerships and creating long-term infrastructure for local journalism.

Since Melissa stepped into the role full-time in November, Press Forward Blue Grass has:

- Invested $100,000 to support news media and civic engagement internships
- Secured $125,000 in policy funding to strengthen statewide infrastructure for local news
- Submitted 11 funding proposals totaling more than $1 million, with nearly half already awarded
- Launched the Press Forward Local News Fund, a $100,000 funding opportunity for local news organizations in BGCF's 16-county core service area

Among the most ambitious efforts now underway is the three-year, $180,000 "Grow Our Own Journalists" pilot in partnership with Report for America, MediaLEX, CivicLex and The Woodford Sun. The initiative is built on a clear idea: while reporting skills can be taught, trust and community embeddedness must be cultivated locally. Instead of recruiting journalists from outside a community, the pilot identifies trusted local people and helps prepare them for newsroom roles through training, support and professional development.

That progress points to a broader shift in how local journalism is being supported across the state. Eight Kentucky newsrooms, both nonprofit and for-profit, have stepped into philanthropy for the first time, signaling a new approach to sustaining community-rooted reporting.

Press Forward Blue Grass is building toward a future where local journalism is more trusted, more sustainable and more deeply connected to the communities it serves. That work includes investing in local talent, strengthening newsrooms and supporting new ideas that help community-centered reporting endure.

For a closer look at the Report for America pilot, listen to the DoGood Radio Hour podcast.

Sign up for the Press Forward Blue Grass newsletter to stay informed about what comes next.

AN EVENING WITH CHARLES M. BLOW

In February, Press Forward Blue Grass welcomed journalist and author Charles M. Blow to the Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center for a community conversation about the future of local news and the impact strong local news has on community life.

In conversation with Melissa Newman, Blow made a compelling case for why local news still matters. He spoke about the trust that grows when local reporters keep showing up, telling the stories that reflect daily life and asking the questions that hold institutions accountable. He reminded the audience that when local news disappears, communities lose more than coverage—they lose connection, context and a shared understanding of who they are.

That is why this work matters. Local journalism helps communities stay informed, engaged and connected. It helps people see one another more clearly.

Watch the full event to hear Blow's inspiring message on why supporting local news is more important than ever.

Join us in supporting Press Forward Blue Grass and its work to build a stronger local news ecosystem for our region. **Knight Foundation will match every dollar donated to Press Forward Blue Grass, up to $450,000. Every gift has double the impact!**

An Evening with Charles M. Blow

Learn more and donate at pressforwardbg.org.

Caption here.

SPOTLIGHT ON FUNDS

HAPPY TO HELP. HAPPY TO GIVE.

VALVOLINE INC. OPENS A NEW FUND AT BGCF TO SUPPORT LOCAL YOUTH

Valvoline Inc. has called Lexington home for 40 years. The company built its world headquarters here, employs thousands of Kentuckians and has grown into a dedicated corporate citizen of our community. Now, it's investing in the young people who call this city home, too.

Valvoline recently launched the Happy to Help Fund, a new corporate advised fund held at Blue Grass Community Foundation. The fund focuses on the mental and physical well-being of children and youth in Lexington, and it serves as the company's primary vehicle for local charitable giving.

"As a company proudly headquartered in Lexington, we care deeply about the well-being of our community," said Valvoline Inc. President and CEO Lori Flees. "This fund reflects our commitment to investing in the future of Lexington and standing beside the families and organizations in our community."

Valvoline has a track record of putting its values into action. In 2024, the company created the Valvoline Instant Oil Change Employee Assistance Fund at BGCF, providing emergency grants to employees facing unexpected hardship. The Happy to Help Fund extends that commitment to the broader Lexington community.

To kick things off, the fund launched its first round of competitive grants, making $150,000 available to local nonprofits serving children and youth from birth to age 18. This year's grantees are: Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass, Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky, Fayette County Public Schools, KVC Behavioral Healthcare Kentucky, Lexington Children's Theatre, Living Arts & Science Center and The Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families.

"Valvoline's support helps create opportunities for children and youth to thrive, especially those facing the toughest challenges," said Lisa Adkins, President + CEO of Blue Grass Community Foundation.

Valvoline's example is one worth following. Is your business ready to put its values into action? Opening a fund at BGCF is easy. Contact Scott Fitzpatrick at sfitzpatrick@bgcf.org to get started.

LEARNING IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

KENTUCKY STATE PARKS FOUNDATION EDUCATION FUND

Ask almost anyone about school, and they can tell you about a field trip that stuck with them. Those days stood out for a reason. They sparked curiosity, broke up the routine and made learning feel real.

The Kentucky State Parks Foundation Education Fund at Blue Grass Community Foundation brings more of those experiences to students across the commonwealth. Opened in 2025, the fund supports the Inside Out Education Field Trip Program, which connects classroom lessons with hands-on activities in Kentucky's state parks. K-12 schools can access grants to help cover the cost of these trips.

Over the past year, students from Fayette, Bracken, Russell, Pulaski, Bourbon, Scott and Lawrence counties have taken part in these learning excursions. They visited Old Fort Harrod State Park, Fort Boonesborough State Park, Carter Caves State Park, E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park, Kincaid Lake State Park, Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park and Cumberland Falls State Resort Park.

Each trip gives students a chance to explore Kentucky's natural and historic treasures while strengthening what they learn in school. It is one more example of how philanthropy opens doors to learning, curiosity and opportunity across the commonwealth.

Ready to open a fund and turn your generosity into lasting good? Contact Scott Fitzpatrick at 859.225.3343 today.

ENDOWMENTS: GROWING GOOD IN OUR COMMUNITIES

You support nonprofits because you believe in what they make possible. With steady support, a food pantry can nourish neighbors, an arts program can spark creativity and a community fund can respond to local needs as they emerge. An endowment provides that steady support, year after year.

WHAT IS AN ENDOWMENT?

An endowment is a permanent source of charitable support. Your gift is invested, and each year a portion of the earnings is used to support the fund's purpose. The original gift stays intact and grows, allowing the impact to build forever.

THE ENDOW KENTUCKY TAX CREDIT

The Endow Kentucky Tax Credit makes that giving go further. When you give to a qualifying endowed fund at an accredited community foundation like BGCF, you may receive a Kentucky income tax credit worth 20% of your gift, up to $10,000 per taxpayer each year. Unlike a deduction, a tax credit reduces what you owe dollar for dollar.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: JULY 1

This year, Kentucky has doubled the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit pool from $1 million to $2 million. Credits become available July 1, and applications submitted between July 1 and July 7 receive a guaranteed prorated share. After that, credits are awarded first-come, first-served.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

Apply for preliminary approval through the Kentucky Department of Revenue or send your application to BGCF and we will deliver it for you. Once approved, make your gift to an endowment fund at BGCF within 30 days. You'll receive a final approval letter to include when you file your state taxes.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Give to any of BGCF's 175 endowed nonprofit funds or create your own. A named endowment fund is a meaningful way to honor a person, a legacy or a cause you have spent years supporting.

Visit bgcf.org/endowky to download our Endow Kentucky Tax Credit Toolkit, which includes a list of endowed funds at BGCF and the 2026 application.

VULCAN MATERIALS:

BUILDING LOCAL IMPACT THROUGH SMART CORPORATE GIVING

For 75 years, Vulcan Materials Company has played a foundational role in shaping the Bluegrass region. Through roads, bridges and other essential infrastructure, the company has been part of the region's growth from the ground up.

Today, Vulcan is also helping build something else: long-term community investment.

In 2025, Vulcan gave more than $32,000 to the Fund for Greater Lexington at BGCF through the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit program. The Fund for Greater Lexington is an endowed fund that supports community priorities across Fayette County, with grants directed by an advisory committee of local leaders. The gift reflects a strategic approach to corporate philanthropy, one that pairs tax advantages with lasting local impact.

"Once we recognized the significant impact this fund could have on the community, Vulcan committed the maximum allowable amount that a corporation can give for our tax liability to the Fund for Greater Lexington," said Carol Landrum, manager of community relations at Vulcan. "Getting involved with the Fund for Greater Lexington is a natural fit that complements our commitment to the communities we serve. By partnering with the Fund for Greater Lexington, we can amplify our efforts far beyond what we could ever achieve by ourselves."

That investment is already helping advance Kelley's Landing, a new park that gives Fayette County its first public riverfront access to the Kentucky River. The project holds special meaning for Vulcan because of its proximity to the company's Richmond operation.

Benton Nighbert and Jared Curry, Vulcan Materials

Vulcan has since expanded that commitment. Through 2026 Endow Kentucky Tax Credits, the company is pledging at least $25,000 to fund the Kelley's Landing Endowment Fund, a permanent resource dedicated to the maintenance and ongoing support of the park for years to come.

"We believe that through this endowment and through the Fund for Greater Lexington, there will be an impact that will last generations," said Benton Nighbert, sales representative for Vulcan. "We just want to leave Lexington better than we found it."

Vulcan's partnership with the Fund for Greater Lexington shows how businesses can use the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit to strengthen the places where they live and work. By giving through a community fund, companies can respond to local opportunities today while helping build permanent resources for the future.

To learn more about how your business can support your community through the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit, visit bgcf.org/endowky.

To learn more about the Fund for Greater Lexington, visit bgcf.org/FGL.

To hear more from the Vulcan team about their work in Lexington, listen to Episode 123 of the DoGood Radio Hour.

CIVICLEX ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE

THE POWER OF ENDOWMENT

HOW ONE ANONYMOUS COUPLE IS HELPING GROW CIVIC EDUCATION FOR GENERATIONS

What does it look like to invest in a city's future? It looks like giving young people the tools to understand how their city works, how decisions get made and how they can help shape what comes next.

That is the vision behind the new CivicLex Endowment Fund at Blue Grass Community Foundation.

In January, BGCF announced a $1 million challenge match from an anonymous donor couple, longtime BGCF fundholders, to seed a permanent endowment for CivicLex's civic education work. Every contribution to the fund will be matched dollar for dollar, up to $1 million, through December 31, 2029. Once the challenge is met, the result will be a $2 million endowment to support CivicLex's youth civic education programming for generations to come.

THIS IS THE POWER OF ENDOWMENT.

Unlike a one-time gift, an endowment is built for the long term. The money is invested so it grows, and an annual payout supports the nonprofit while the original investment stays intact. In this case, that means a permanent source of support for civic education in Lexington, and a way for today's generosity to keep creating opportunity for future students, voters and leaders.

For the anonymous couple behind this challenge, the gift is rooted in gratitude. One partner is a multigenerational Lexingtonian who taught civics early in their career. The other first came to Kentucky for college and chose to build a life and family here. Together, they believe their success was shaped in part by being informed, engaged and active citizens. They want more young people to have that same foundation.

Their gift is an investment in CivicLex's work, and in Lexington itself.

Since 2023, CivicLex's youth civic education programs have reached thousands of students across Lexington through workshops, projects and hands-on experiences that connect classroom learning to real community issues. These programs help students understand local government, learn how to advocate for change and how to see themselves as people with a role in public life.

At the press conference announcing the campaign, leaders across the political spectrum spoke to the value of that work. CivicLex Executive Director Richard Young noted that two of Kentucky's highest elected officials, from opposing parties, stood together in support of stronger civic education for young people.

Lexington Mayor Linda Gorton said it plainly: "The strength of Lexington is its people." She called for investing in young people so they are engaged with local government, invested in the community and eager to stay in Lexington as adults.

Secretary of State Michael Adams underscored the need. Only about half of Kentucky voters can name the three branches of government, and fewer than half can name a local elected official. Civic education isn't just about memorizing facts. It's a way of life that builds empathy, cooperation and participation.

Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman, a former civics teacher, added that young people need to understand how systems work if they are going to change them and work with others, especially when they disagree.

That's why this campaign matters. A gift to the CivicLex Endowment Fund does more than support a program today. In five years, it can help CivicLex reach all Fayette County schools. In 15 years, it can help shape students into informed local leaders. In 25 years, it can help build a lasting culture of civic pride and participation in Lexington.

Blue Grass Community Foundation is grateful to the anonymous donor couple whose generosity launched this effort. Through the power of endowment, their gift is building a stronger future for Lexington, one informed and engaged young person at a time. Since January, CivicLex has already raised over $200,000 in cash and pledges!

Learn more and donate at civiclex.org/endowment.

Some gifts do more than give back. They keep giving. Start an endowment at Blue Grass Community Foundation or support an existing endowment fund and help build something that lasts.

Learn more at bgcf.org/endowky.

NEW CHARITABLE FUNDS

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

We're celebrating 100 new charitable funds opened in 2025. Join our growing community of givers!

Partnering with Blue Grass Community Foundation brings your philanthropy to life. Let's talk about what your generosity can accomplish, together!

1965 Medical Foundation
Berea Arts Council Endowment Fund
Bill and Doris Settles Endowment Fund
Billy F. Van Pelt, II and Todd R. Cheever, MD Charitable Fund
Bim Group Employee Assistance Fund
Brad and Susan Tanner Charitable Fund
Brewer Family Fund for FARMacy WV
Buck and Lillie May Patrick Scholarship Fund
Build A Bigger Table
Carol Spurlin DeJarnette Knaus Charitable Foundation
Carter-Wolfe Legacy Fund
Christopher Haley Logan Foundation
Citizens for Bourbon County Foundation Fiscal Sponsorship
CivicLex Endowment Fund
Community Pollinator Garden
Courtelis Charitable Fund
Crawford Cemetery Fund
Dahlhus Fund
Damron Charitable Fund
David Gross Family Charitable Fund
Deborah Alexander Charitable Foundation
Deep Gladness Fund
Donna L. Hutton Charitable Fund
Elkington Giving Fund
Erin and David Young Charitable Fund
Ezrine Sanctuary Fund for Ohavay Zion Synagogue
Father Norman Fischer Foundation
Faulkner Morgan Archive Endowment
Fitts Charitable Fund
Four Corners Building Supply Charitable Fund
Frankfort Feeds
Friends of Latrobe's Pope Villa Fund
Gary and Tiffany Bizzack Family Foundation
Gatton Park Conservancy Endowed Fund
Gene and Mary Ann Burch Family Fund
Goetz and McCormac Charitable Fund
Goetz and McCormac Designated Fund
Greely Family Foundation
High Street Neighborhood Center Fund
Hoffman Rose Fund
Holley-Slaughter Charitable Foundation
Jane Schoenfeld Shropshire Legacy Fund
Janice Kuperstein Tzedakah Charitable Fund
Janie (Allen) Holbrook Memorial Fund
John and Margaret Wharton Charitable Fund
Joni Fowler Family Foundation
Josiah Dale Trade School Scholarship
Kelley's Landing Fiscal Sponsorship
Kelley's Landing Fund
Kentucky Educational Television (KET) Endowment Fund
Kentucky Social Welfare Foundation
Kentucky State Parks Foundation Education Fund
Klausing Group 10% for the Community Charitable Fund
KSVT Future Fund
Leeds Center for the Arts Non-Endowed Fund
Lexington Challenger Tennis Charity Inc., Fund
Lexington Public Art Maintenance Fund
Liam and Jane D. Moriarty Fund
Lillian Delaney Educational Fund Through the Pearls of Service Foundation Inc.
Linch Family Trades Fund
Marcie Reynolds Thomason Student-Athlete Memorial Scholarship
Mattress Firm Foundation
Max B. Morris Benevolency Fund
Mike and Jonna Knox Charitable Fund
Mission Health Lexington Reserve Fund
Mong Family Charitable Foundation
Mt. Sterling Montgomery County Community Fund
Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund
Paris Enterprise Endowed Fund
Paris Westside Neighborhood Association Fund
Peter and Debra Hille Family Fund
Robin Gwinn Award for Academic Achievement
Robin Gwinn Tuition Scholarship
Rompf Family Fund
Salmon Family Fund
Schuermer Family Fund
Sharon M. Naas Charitable Fund
Sigma Tau Delta Charitable Fund
Spinoza Society Fund
St. Mary Buchanan Fund
St. Mary School
Susan Margaret Dann Fund
Susan Spires Medical Endowment Fund
Switzer Charitable Fund
The AVOL Endowment Fund
The Ellmers Family Charitable Fund
The Schoenfeld Shropshire Fund
The Sisters Legacy Fund
Thomas W. Hafley Scholarship
Three Cashews Endowment
Tom and Carol Woods Foundation
Tom and Teresa Young Fund for Fundacion Hombro a Hombro
Trellis Fund
Trinity Church of Columbia, KY Property Endowment
Trinity Church of Columbia, KY Youth Endowment
Undermain Fund - America250KY
WinCity Media Fund
You Are Co Programming Fund for Precious Life Foundation for Africa

WHY OPEN A CHARITABLE GIVING FUND AT BGCF?

Opening a fund at Blue Grass Community Foundation makes generosity simple, strategic and lasting. Here's what you get:

- **LESS PAPERWORK, MORE GIVING.** We handle the administrative work, tax reporting and grant distribution, so you can focus on making a difference.
- **SMART TAX BENEFITS.** Your contributions may qualify for immediate tax deductions, plus potential savings on capital gains taxes.
- **LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, REAL IMPACT.** We know Central and Appalachia Kentucky. We help you support the causes that matter most close to home.
- **INVESTED FOR GROWTH.** Your charitable dollars are professionally managed, giving your fund the potential to grow over time.
- **FLEXIBLE AND PERSONALIZED.** Give to multiple charities, support new causes and tailor your giving to match your goals.
- **A LASTING LEGACY.** Endowments and planned giving options ensure your generosity makes an impact for generations to come.
- **GIVE YOUR WAY.** Prefer to give publicly or anonymously? We honor your wishes, every time.

Ready to open your fund? Contact Scott Fitzpatrick, VP/ Advancement, at 859.225.3343 or sfitzpatrick@bgcf.org.

HOMETOWN LEGACY

GROWING LOCAL IMPACT:
COMMUNITY FUNDS SET SIGHTS ON $1 MILLION GOALS

Across the region, three community funds are building momentum toward an ambitious goal with lasting local impact.

Franklin County Community Fund, Harrison County Community Fund and Woodford County Community Fund are each working to grow their endowments to $1 million by June 30, 2027. Reaching that milestone would unlock $50,000 in annual grant funding for each community, creating a permanent source of support for local opportunities, priorities and emerging needs.

Their momentum is already producing results.

Each fund reflects the unique priorities of its community. In Franklin County, the fund has helped support the King's Center and the "Stories from the Balcony" documentary. In Harrison County, grants have helped update refrigeration for Hope's Helping Hands Food Bank and supported the restoration of several downtown murals and park improvements. In Woodford County, grants have supported signage for Huntertown Community Interpretive Park and technology upgrades for Woodford Theatre.

These funds also help communities respond when needs shift. During the recent SNAP food crisis, all three committed resources to support residents. That flexibility is one of the most valuable benefits of an endowed community fund.

When a challenge or opportunity emerges, whether it is a natural disaster, a gap in essential services or an exciting new project, communities with endowments are positioned to act. These funds give local volunteer leaders a way to respond, support hometown organizations and invest in the future with confidence.

Thanks to generous donors and the leadership of dedicated advisory boards, each of these funds is moving closer to its $1 million goal. In Harrison County, a significant gift from the James and Martha Brown Foundation helped launch the current campaign and build early momentum.

There's still work ahead, and there's room for more people to be part of it!

Supporting a community fund is a meaningful way to invest in the place you call home. Every gift helps build a permanent resource that can serve local communities for generations to come.

Franklin County | Harrison County | Woodford County

To support a specific community fund, scan the corresponding QR code.

To learn more about the nine endowed community funds at BGCF, visit bgcf.org/community-funds.

MT. STERLING-MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND KICKS OFF FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

A strong launch for a stronger community.

A group of Montgomery County residents, past and present, decided they wanted to do something lasting for their community. The result is the Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Community Fund, a permanent charitable endowment now open for giving!

It's the newest addition to our growing network of community funds across Central and Appalachia Kentucky. Each fund is rooted in a specific place and led by local advisory boards that know their community's strengths and opportunities firsthand. Together, they support everything from education and healthcare to the arts, economic development, historic preservation and civic engagement.

That local knowledge matters. The Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Community Fund advisory board includes people who grew up in the area and others who chose to put down roots there.

"Whether you grew up in Montgomery County or have only recently come to call it home, you know this is a special place," said Arthur Walker III, founding advisory board member. "The Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Community Fund will serve as a perpetual resource to support the most pressing needs and exciting opportunities in Montgomery County for generations to come."

These funds are built to last. Donations grow an endowment that generates returns, which are granted back into the community year after year, with no expiration date.

"By investing together in our community, the Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Community Fund can create a never-ending source of support for civic and charitable projects for Montgomery County, forever," said Scott Holley, chair of the advisory board.

Blue Grass Community Foundation now administers nine community funds across our 16-county service area.

To learn more or support the Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Community Fund, visit bgcf.org/mt-sterling-montgomery-county.

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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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FOR YOUR CALENDAR

June 20 SoulTeenth Feast, presented by Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative
Gatton Park | soulfeastweek.com
A free, family-friendly SoulFeast Week celebration of culture and cuisine. A major moment this year will be the dedication of an Equal Justice Initiative Community Remembrance Project marker honoring R.C.O. Benjamin, who was murdered in 1900 for registering Black voters.

July 1 Endow Kentucky Tax Credit Pool Opens – Credit doubles from $1M to $2M!
bgcf.org/endowky
A new pool of Endow Kentucky Tax Credits opens July 1. This program helps donors make a lasting gift to an endowed fund at BGCF while receiving a state income tax credit worth 20% of the gift, up to $10,000 per taxpayer each year. Applications submitted July 1 through July 7 receive a guaranteed prorated share.

July 8 Bluegrass Gives Nonprofit Registration Opens
bggives.org
Nonprofit registration opens for Bluegrass Gives 2026, BGCF's annual Giving Tuesday campaign that helps participating nonprofits raise visibility, rally donors and grow year-end support across the region.

August 28 Give 8/28 Lex – Support Black-serving nonprofits
give828lex.org
This one-day giving campaign, powered by Lexington Black Prosperity Initiative at BGCF, celebrates Black generosity during Black Philanthropy Month and supports Black-serving nonprofits in Fayette County. Celebrate and meet the nonprofits from 5-9 p.m. in Gatton Park!

Follow @BGCFKY on Facebook and Instagram to get updates on these events, and more!

FROM LISA ADKINS

Our President's Letter

At Blue Grass Community Foundation, we like to say money doesn't grow on trees. It grows in endowments.

The proof is in the numbers. Of BGCF's $340 million in total assets, more than half is permanently endowed, creating lasting impact across the communities we serve.

In this issue, you will meet the late Doug and Nancy Hindman, two educators from Madison County who spent their careers investing in students and then built an endowed legacy fund at BGCF to support food relief, environmental causes and students across our region. Their story leads this issue, and it is a reminder of what is possible when you give with intention.

On page 5, an anonymous donor couple, longtime BGCF fundholders, has launched a $1 million challenge match to build a permanent asset for CivicLex's youth civic education work. Their generosity is already inspiring others to join them. And on page 7, you will see how three community funds are working toward $1 million endowment goals, and how the Mt. Sterling-Montgomery County Community Fund has launched with a strong local board behind it.

Kentucky makes endowed giving even more rewarding through the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit program. Learn more about the program on page 4, and read how Vulcan Materials is using the Endow Kentucky Tax Credit to help support Kelley's Landing. Applications open July 1, and our team is here to walk you through every step!

Whether you are building a legacy, growing a nonprofit's future or investing in a community you love, we are here to help. Let's talk.

Contact me at 859.225.3343 or ladkins@bgcf.org.

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