In 2017, our founders sparked a movement in Northern Kentucky. This movement calls on all of us as Northern Kentuckians to come together for the benefit of our neighbors and our community. It asks us to work together in support of a common vision where we will create sustained, positive momentum in Northern Kentucky. This movement is grounded in philanthropy, but not in a traditional sense—we are joining together because we can do more and be more when we draw from our unique roots as a region while embracing change.

Since our launch, Horizon Community Funds has already made a significant impact in Northern Kentucky. In a single year, over $2 million was granted through our funds, thanks to the generosity of donors in both small and large amounts. Each friend and donor has made a difference in our community, amplified by the many others who have answered the call to support our Northern Kentucky home.

The movement is growing. We are passionate about seeding innovation, accelerating solutions to community needs, and leveraging resources to create even greater impact. We are committed to seeing our region succeed. We believe in Northern Kentucky. Join us.

Sincerely,

Nancy Grayson, President
Since launching in 2017, Horizon Community Funds has maintained a passionate commitment to accelerating change for all Northern Kentuckians. By pooling our resources, large and small, we are already making an impact in Northern Kentucky.

In 2018 alone, we increased our assets under management by **157 percent**, and our contributions grew by **62 percent**!

We granted more than **$2 MILLION** during our first full year!

**GRANTS BY IMPACT AREA**

- **Arts & Culture**: $1,525
- **Health**: $539,100
- **Religion Related**: $176,410
- **Economic Development**: $245,500
- **Education**: $945,652
- **Reducing Poverty**: $122,733

**ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT**

- 2017: $7,653,830.57
- 2018: $19,674,970.74

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

- 2017: $7,831,740.70
- 2018: $12,716,390.28

Nearly **$20 MILLION** in assets

More than **$12 MILLION** raised in contributions
Horizon Community Funds united with St. Elizabeth Healthcare in 2018 to support the health system’s new cancer center in Edgewood through a designated fund. The Center, which will be the largest comprehensive cancer center in Greater Cincinnati, will accelerate St. Elizabeth's efforts in prevention, genetic screening, precision medicine, clinical research, and treatment options. Recent research has shown that Kentucky has the highest incidence rate and death rate for cancer in the United States, with Northern Kentucky’s counties ranking among the top 10 in the state for highest rate of annual cancer diagnosis. When we strategically work together, we are able to make an even bigger impact in the lives of Northern Kentuckians.

“We are extremely proud of our partnership with Horizon Community Funds. As we come together to combat our region’s high cancer rates, we help residents live longer, healthier lives. By uniting resources, St. Elizabeth and Horizon Community Funds will be able to raise the quality of life for all people in Northern Kentucky.”

- Garren Colvin, President and CEO at St. Elizabeth Healthcare
Launched in April 2018, the Horizon Community Accelerator is a grassroots initiative to connect, inform, and engage Northern Kentuckians around opportunities that exist uniquely in the region. The steering committee, a group of more than 40 passionate Northern Kentucky leaders representing a wide array of sectors and perspectives, selected four key areas to focus on for its inaugural year: homelessness, volunteerism, intentionally engaging all communities, and Northern Kentucky’s regional identity.

Horizon Community Funds is committed to offering innovative opportunities for Northern Kentuckians to engage in community issues as philanthropists and problem solvers.

“Philanthropy can be intimidating when you are just starting to donate to causes. There is a perception that it has to be money and it has to be a lot of it. Being involved with the Accelerator has taught me otherwise—giving really starts by engaging with others in the region to identify our most critical needs and then pooling our resources, for some it is their time and for others it is money, to address those needs.”

- Sharmili Reddy, City Administrator at the City of Fort Mitchell and Horizon Community Accelerator Co-Chair
Northern Kentucky industry leaders partnered with Horizon Community Funds to provide financial resources for the Ignite Institute at Roebling Innovation Center, Northern Kentucky’s new innovative high school that is already gaining national attention. Through project-based learning experiences, the Ignite Institute cultivates skills in the STEAM disciplines of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics in students from across the region. This enterprising approach to education addresses specific gaps in Northern Kentucky’s workforce and introduces career-focused interactions that will equip students for next generation careers. The designated fund established at Horizon Community Funds will continue to spark community financial support for Ignite Institute and its innovative curriculum for years to come.

“Our partnership with Horizon Community Funds creates a seamless experience for donors who want to connect with our program and support our work in unlocking minds to the adventures and wonders of science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and the arts. In essence, this is an investment into the future of our communities.”

- Dave Fleischer, Executive Director of Strategic Partnerships at Ignite Institute
In 2018, Horizon Community Funds led the charge to create NKY Funders’ Grants, an ongoing program that convenes foundations and funders around mini-grant competitions for nonprofits that serve Northern Kentucky.

The competition process included a workshop, where nonprofits learned more about what makes a compelling story, and how to craft that compelling story to tell in just three minutes.

After the workshop and semifinal round of pitches, finalists gathered with the community and funders for the final pitch. The November 20 event was a tremendous success, and all finalists left the room with additional funding. In total, the funders awarded $50,000 to the participating nonprofits.

We look forward to continuing this annual program and bringing additional funders to the table. When we leverage partnerships and resources, we more effectively support the nonprofits that serve Northern Kentucky.
Northern Kentucky Tri-County Economic Development Corporation’s Entrepreneurship Council launched in summer 2018 as a way of leveraging partnerships across sectors to advance entrepreneurship and innovation throughout the NKY region. The initiative has attracted $2.8 million through the Commonwealth’s RISE grant and the federal i6 Challenge grant. The RISE grant, in partnership with a regional collaboration of organizations and Northern Kentucky University, will focus on informatics, health innovation and logistics innovation – centers of excellence for the region. Horizon Community Funds, with the support of our generous donors, provided matching funds for the RISE grant with other community partners for a total benefit of $1.5 million. Additionally, the i6 Challenge grant, in partnership with the NKU Institute of Health Innovation and St. Elizabeth Healthcare, will create jobs and attract companies and talent in the health innovation sector to the eight-county NKY region. The true spirit of collaboration that drives Northern Kentucky forward is evident in this new initiative.

"Innovation drives NKY’s future growth. Through the commitment and vision of Tri-ED’s Entrepreneurship Council, partners, and communities, we will continue to identify and develop new opportunities for the Commonwealth and the region."

- Karen Finan, Interim President & CEO, Northern Kentucky Tri-ED
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WAYS TO GIVE

Cash
Retirement Plan Assets
Business Interests
Real Estate
IRA Rollover
Charitable Gift Annuity
Personal Property
Life Insurance
Securities

DID YOU KNOW?

67 percent of our donations in 2018 were $100 or less!

Every gift makes an impact.

FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Program Services 89.26%
Fund Development 7.35%
Administrative 3.39%

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“Barb and I were excited to learn of the establishment of Horizon Community Funds. We have always been committed to giving back to our community and Horizon Community Funds has given us a vehicle to create a fund that will allow our children to provide legacy gifts. In addition, the tax law changes gave tax advantages to aggregation of our gifts in one year to be distributed over future years. A win for our community and a win for us.”

- James Dressman III, Partner at DBL Law and Donor

“Horizon Community Funds gives us the ability to use OUR resources to address OUR needs. Keeping the administration in Kentucky provides tax advantages as well. As an individual, I’m not able to tackle big projects alone. In collaboration with other Northern Kentuckians making gifts big and small, I can help make lasting changes in a growing community to benefit future generations.”

- Kit Andrews, Communications Specialist at Division Maintenance Group, Donor, and Council of Trustees Member
“Horizon Community Funds allows Northern Kentucky people to contribute to many causes in a way that is truly focused on the overall development of the Northern Kentucky community. The impact that will be made by everyone who is involved with Horizon Community Funds – donors, volunteers, and recipients – will shape the future of our community and truly benefit the lives of others.”

- Kimberly Halbauer, Senior Vice President and Investment Advisors Executive at Fifth Third Bank, Donor, and Council of Trustees Member