We are pleased to share our 2019 Annual Report and we invite you to explore how we are making a difference here in our Northern Kentucky region. The continued growth of Horizon Community Funds is a visible sign of our many valued partnerships with donors, nonprofit organizations, local businesses, and community leaders. You will notice some familiar faces in the pages of this report as you read our impact stories that connect to our many diverse communities across Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties. We are proud of our deep Northern Kentucky roots and we strive to raise the quality of life for all people in our community every day.

I hope you will be inspired by what you read in this report. We are uncommon advocates for Northern Kentucky, and we work for the common good of our common wealth. Join us!

Nancy Grayson

"My wife Maida and I believe our ability to have a positive impact on others through how we live and give is important. Charitable giving through Horizon’s Community Impact Fund provides an opportunity to impact others in Northern Kentucky today and collectively with other charitable donors for generations to come."
—Chuck Session, Council of Trustees Member and Vice President of Government & Community Affairs at Duke Energy.

"It is great being on the Council of Trustees with Horizon Community Funds. The diverse nature of the Board reflects the diverse needs of our community, and the many needs that our grants have supported shows we are on the right path."
—Mike Schlotman, Council of Trustees Member and Retired Executive Vice President & Chief Financial officer at The Kroger Co.

our mission is to unite resources to raise the quality of life for all individuals in the northern Kentucky community.
The Community Impact Fund at Horizon Community Funds addresses the needs of our Northern Kentucky community, both now and in the future. Learn how our 2019 Community Impact Fund grants are creating common good for our neighbors in need.

Nearly 10,000 children are currently living in out-of-home care in Kentucky—more than 1,300 in the Northern Bluegrass Region alone.

DCCH Center for Children and Families used their $10,000 grant to start proactive Targeted Case Management services in Northern Kentucky. The goal of this program is to provide care coordination and early intervention to avoid admission to, as well as to provide support after discharge from, an out-of-home placement like a group home or foster care. These interventions include behavioral health treatment, medical interventions, educational interventions, social development activities, and other support services. Guardians receive services as part of the child’s treatment plan, such as substance use assistance and in-home parenting skills training.

Your gift to our Community Impact Fund is keeping families together.
It takes an hourly wage of $16.25 to afford a 2-bedroom apartment in Northern Kentucky.

Legal Aid of the Bluegrass is using their $15,000 grant to assist Northern Kentuckians facing eviction and other housing issues. Their Project HOPE (Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere) helps residents with housing-related civil legal issues, which could otherwise result in losing their stability or their home. Using community survey findings, Legal Aid is using geographic information systems (GIS) mapping to capture and analyze data across Northern Kentucky related to homelessness rates, evictions and foreclosures, average cost of rent, and mortgage rates. Additionally, a new, comprehensive database of self-help documents for housing-related legal issues, generated in partnership with Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law, will help users find legal help related to their housing situation.

Your gift to our Community Impact Fund keeps our Northern Kentucky neighbors in safe, stable housing.

Computer science research jobs will grow 19% by 2026 in the United States. Although the computer science course offerings have increased in K-12 education, black and Hispanic students are less likely to have access to those resources and the number of women studying computer science is falling.

Kenton County Public Library’s Ready to Code program promotes computer science and computational thinking among youth. Each school year, the program provides over 1,600 instructional sessions to more than 300 youth through weekly after-school computer science classes. Ready to Code seeks out college students with a technical background who reflect the economic and racial demographics of the Covington students they serve, and/or are women pursuing computer science and technology degrees. As a result, students are able to create and test programs in an inclusive computing culture that fosters collaboration, communication, and creativity skills. Our Community Impact Fund grant of $13,400 directly funded these student teachers’ incomes.

Your gift to our Community Impact Fund is preparing more young Northern Kentuckians for careers in computer science and technology.
Hispanics have the highest uninsured rates of any racial or ethnic group within the United States. Less than 35% of Central Americans have coverage, compared to more than 75% of non-Hispanic whites.

Rose Garden Center for Hope and Healing, a Covington-based nonprofit, has seen a dramatic increase in the percentage of Latino/Hispanic patients they have served from 15% in 2017 to 38% in 2019. Our $9,000 grant helped them provide basic medical services and testing to 117 Latino/Hispanic patients—51% more than their original goal of 75. Approximately 75% of the visits resulted in the issue being resolved, with the others being chronic conditions requiring ongoing oversight and treatment.

Your gift to our Community Impact Fund is keeping Northern Kentuckians healthy.

Learn more about our Community Impact Fund at www.horizonfunds.org/community-impact-fund.
giving circles: giving together for the common good

These uncommon advocates also helped to inform our 2019 Community Impact Fund grant process. Our grantmaking committee, always with their finger on the pulse of Northern Kentucky needs, considered the Accelerator an important voice in the decision-making process. The Accelerator’s conversations and work led them to fund Legal Aid of the Bluegrass’ request for Project HOPE, described earlier.

"As a community volunteer and donor with Horizon Community Funds, I believe that if we want our region to thrive, it is important to give of our time and talents to make that happen. The Horizon Accelerator is a group of active community leaders who believe in the mission of philanthropy, and our Emergency Needs Campaign is an example of how we were able to convert conversations and ideas into action to assist neighbors in need—Northern Kentucky working together."

—Julie Geisen Scheper, Horizon Community Accelerator member and donor

Giving circles are a powerful concept with the potential to cultivate the next generation of civic and philanthropic leadership, connect donors to each other and the causes they care about, and sustainably impact the Northern Kentucky community.

Membership is always open. If you’re looking to meet new people and new nonprofits in Northern Kentucky, contact Tess Brown at tbrown@horizonfunds.org.

Give Where You Live NKY

Speed philanthropy for the busy, yet passionate Northern Kentuckian
• 60 members
• Four meetings
• One hour each
• $25,000 awarded to five nonprofits

Help us reach 100 members and beyond in 2020 to create even more impact! www.nkygives.org

The 410

For those who want to dig in a little deeper to support your community
• 32 members
• 19 in-depth applications from nonprofits with a focus on the arts
• $13,000+ awarded to Southbank Partners
• 1 new mural series for City of Newport’s 225th Anniversary

Partner with fellow Northern Kentuckians through a number that brings us all together—The 410!

www.horizonfunds.org/the-410

"You get to a point in your life where you have to stop saying ‘someone should really do something about that’ because you realize that ‘someone’ is you. Horizon Community Funds, specifically The 410, has provided me a way in which to step up to the plate to create real community solutions for Northern Kentucky with community-minded peers. A great opportunity!"

—Sarah Cameron, member of The 410

"It’s been amazing to see what our members, right here in Northern Kentucky, have been able to do over this past year! I’ve loved watching Give Where You Live NKY grow, and I’ve loved learning about so many nonprofits that I didn’t know existed. There is something so powerful about us all coming together."

—Sasha Parker-Cochran, member of Give Where You Live NKY
Designated fund partnerships: helping nonprofits achieve their mission

Designated funds provide a way for nonprofits to partner with Horizon Community Funds to achieve their mission. Fund partnerships help to raise awareness of the critical work of nonprofit organizations, reach new and current supporters alike, as well as provide high quality, cost-efficient administration and fiscal oversight of funds. By forming a designated fund at Horizon Community Funds, nonprofits elevate their work in the broader region with a trusted, knowledgeable community partner.

We are proud to have designated funds active or established in 2019 with the following organizations:

- Boone Conservancy
- Boone County Animal Shelter
- Ignite Institute
- Northern Kentucky University
- Redwood
- St. Elizabeth Healthcare Cancer Care Institute

“Horizon Community Funds is an invaluable asset to the Northern Kentucky Region. As a local organization with deep ties to the community, the leadership of Horizon understands the needs facing our counties, cities and the community as a whole. Boone County has worked to move forward with an innovative public-private partnership to build a new animal shelter and Horizon Community Funds has been there every step of the way, providing the guidance and support necessary to build the resources base for this important initiative. We are fortunate to have this organization that exists to ‘inspire individual actions that add up to a greater common good’ in Northern Kentucky.”

—Gary Moore, Boone County Judge Executive

2019 at a glance

- Assets under management: $21,978,094.49
- Total contributions in 2019: $4,651,285.87
- Total contributions since inception: $25,455,909
- 43% of individual donations made were less than $100
- Total grants made in 2019: $5,481,197.59
- Total grants since inception: $7,512,368.56
- 2019 grants by category:

  - Arts
  - Education
  - Economic Development
  - Health
  - Religion

  2019 functional expenses:

- Fundraising 3.67%
- Operations 1.93%
- Program 94.40%
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