



## *The Shelby County Community Foundation Announces Grant Awards*

2021 is the most generous year in the history of the Shelby County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Louisville. Local nonprofits are receiving \$200,000 of support through the Foundation's Partnership Grants program.

This year's grant awardees include 16 organizations, representing a wide variety of causes.

The Foundation is able to support the well-being of children and families through nonprofits like CASA, Butterfly House, Dorman Preschool, Visually Impaired Preschool Services, and A Loving Choice.

Grants to organizations like the American Red Cross and Seven Counties Services will improve the health and mental health of Shelby County citizens.

The Foundation is helping address residents' practical needs through grants to A Place to Sleep, Awake Ministries, Hazel Joyce Wiley Career and Financial Literacy Institute, Multi-Purpose Community Action Agency, and Operation Care.

This year's grants also benefit organizations with a track record of helping Shelby County veterans, including The Veteran's Club and Horsesensing.

The Foundation is also pleased to support organizations that improve the overall quality of life in our community, such as Shelby County Parks and Recreation Foundation and Shelby Regional Arts Council.

In addition to the partnership grants program, the Shelby County Community Foundation contributed \$10,000 of matching funds to local nonprofits who participated in Give for Good Louisville on September 17.

Give for Good Louisville is a day of online giving organized by the Community Foundation of Louisville (CFL). In preparation for Give for Good Louisville, CFL spotlights nonprofits and raises matching funds from businesses and other funders.

Fourteen Shelby County nonprofits participated in Give for Good Louisville and raised a total of \$38,983 for their causes. Five hundred donors supported these organizations. These figures are significant increases from last year's Give for Good Louisville.

This Spring, eight college scholarships totaling \$11,500 were awarded from the 6 Scholarship Funds under the Shelby County Community Foundation.

Since the inception, the Foundation has provided more than 426 grants to over 110 different organizations in Shelby County totaling over \$2,000,000.

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Eligible grantees include 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, and ecumenical religious organizations representing two or more religious dominations. Organizations are encouraged to monitor our website (<https://www.shelbyccf.org>) for information about the 2022 grant cycle.

The ability of our foundation to provide grants comes from the generosity of the community.

The Shelby County Partnership Grants Fund is a permanent endowment started by a gift from the estate of Moses Ruben. The Fund has since received numerous gifts of all sizes from thoughtful donors during their lifetime and through estate gifts after their passing. This year's grant funding substantially increased because of anonymous contributions of almost \$1.4 million to the Foundation's Partnership Grants Fund.

If any individual, family, or business is interested in learning more about how they may create a legacy of generosity through the Shelby County Community Foundation, please contact Dr. J. Howard Griffith, Chair of the Foundation at 633-2763 or Kate Biagi-Rickert, Director of Stewardship at the Community Foundation of Louisville at 502-855-6942 or [katebr@cflouisville.org](mailto:katebr@cflouisville.org).

Dr. J. Howard Griffith is the chair of the Shelby County Community Foundation.