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Community Foundation awards over \$223K in grants

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Over \$223,000 in grants were awarded to area nonprofits on Tuesday during a ceremony held by the Community Foundation of Southcentral Kentucky at the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce.

The top recipient at the ceremony was LifeWorks at Western Kentucky University, which was awarded \$35,632.

Kellye McIntyre, director of vocational services for Lifeworks, said the money will go to fund the transitional program that teaches independent living skills to young adults with autism.

"This will be a huge support going into what our program is and supporting those costs," McIntyre said.

Jennifer Wethington, executive director of CFSCKY, said the foundation was able to give over \$1.6 million last year back to the region, and expects to give around that amount again this year.

"Without our directors and our volunteers and our community, we wouldn't have one of the best communities in Kentucky," Wethington said.

Other nonprofits that received awards are:

- Arts for all Kentucky (Arts for all Workshops for Adults with Disabilities), \$4,500
- Arts of Southern Kentucky Inc. (general support, education program, Reflecting on a Century: The Legacy of the Floyd Collins Historic Event), \$15,505
- Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center (clinical therapy for victims of child sexual abuse), \$5,000
- Bowling Green/Warren County Humane Society (2024 Pitty/Kitty Special), \$1,500
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Bowling Green, KY-War Memorial Unit, Inc. (annual distribution from Jerry Baker Foundation Fund), \$9,903
- Concerned Citizens of Logan County (Opening Doors in 2024 program), \$5,000
- Down Syndrome of Southcentral Kentucky (Club 21: annual programming), \$5,000
- Family enrichment Center (parent education support), \$5,000
- Friends of Mammoth Cave (Bowling Green Junior High School/Bristow Elementary School Mammoth Cave Experience), \$4,600
- Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana (community outreach program), \$5,000
- Glean Kentucky (Nourishing the Commonwealth - Southcentral), \$2,500
- Hospice of Southern Kentucky (will fund "the good work Hospice is doing"), \$1,505
- HOTEL, Inc. (Reflecting on a Century: The Legacy of the Floyd Collins Historic Event), \$5,000
- Junior Achievement of Southcentral Kentucky (Junior Achievement: Getting our Students Career Ready), \$5,000
- Med Center Health Foundation (designated support of the Community Free Clinic), \$9,903
- New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding (equine assisted activities), \$5,000

- New Path Recovery Home (helping ladies find a new path), \$2,000
- Refuge Bowling Green (soccer field for international youth), \$2,500
- SEF Life Literacy (juvenile workforce training and financial education), \$5,000
- Simpson County Literacy Center (adult high school equivalency), \$2,500
- Simpson County Historical Society, Inc. (Look and Listen), \$2,936
- SOKY Patriots, Inc. (specialty food bag program), \$5,000
- Southcentral Kentucky Kids on the Block (Kids on the Block programs in Warren County), \$5,000
- Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College Foundation (SKYCTC Student Safety Net), \$5,000
- Spay Neuter Allen County (Fixing Felines program), \$3,500
- St. Joseph School (updated signage and landscape), \$5,000
- The CORE of Scottsville (Project 330 - Southcentral Kentucky Community Recreational Center), \$5,000
- The HIVE, Inc. (the Parachute Project), \$5,000
- The Public Theatre of Kentucky (Phoenix Theatre, Inc.) (general support, Inclusive Educational Outreach - Arts Education for All), \$14,903
- United Way of Southern Kentucky, Inc. (Southern Kentucky 211), \$5,000
- Uspiritus (furnishing seven traditional living apartments in Bowling Green), \$5,000
- Warren County Public Library (annual distribution of the John B. Gaines Fund), \$6,521
- WKU College heights Foundation (annual Hubert Craddock scholarships, annual grant from the Jerry Baker Fund for Symphony at WKU), \$17,703

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