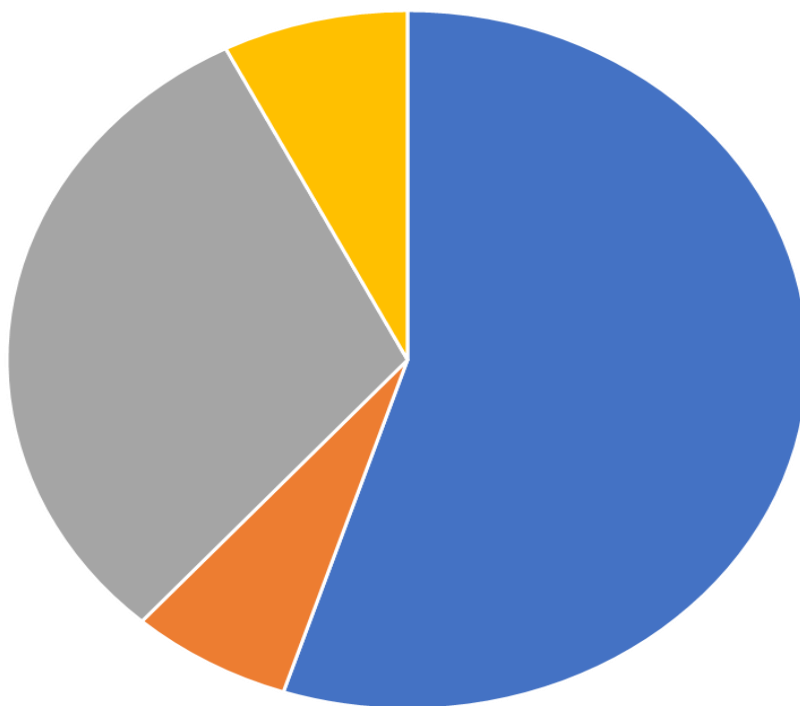




## ANNUAL REPORT 2021

We envision a vibrant, progressive community where everyone belongs and everyone thrives.

### 2021 Grants



■ Sustainable Arts ■ Leadership Development ■ Family Support Systems ■ Community Grants

*50 Grants invested in our community totaling \$653,834*



## Our Guiding Principles:

Excellence \* Partnerships \* Accountability \* Integrity

### ***Reflections from our Board Chair***

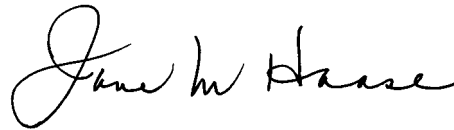
We have weathered two difficult years of challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid pandemic. Our community nonprofits have been pushed to their limits in the mission to provide assistance where most needed during this crisis. We are truly inspired by their resolve and compassion as they have worked steadfastly through the obstacles this health crisis has presented. It's not over yet.

Our Foundation is expanding our collaboration with other foundations and local government, exploring additional innovative ways to adapt to the situation we all face. Mindful always of the spirit and intention of Marilyn and William Young when establishing this Foundation, as board members we are inspired to go forward and carry out the mission with which we have been entrusted.

“It is under the greatest adversity that there exists the greatest potential for doing good, both for oneself and others” —Dalai Lama



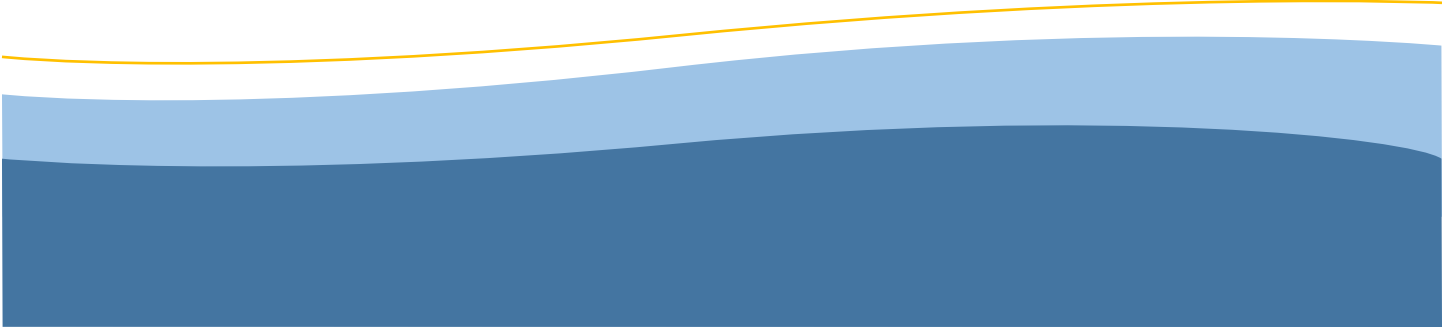
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane M Haase".

Jane Miller Haase, Board Chair 2021-2022

### **Our Mission:**

We are a capacity-building resource:  
opening minds, supporting the development of new skills,  
and linking efforts to ensure economic opportunity,  
well being, and prosperity for our citizens.





## ***Our Grantee Partners:***

American Red Cross—Western KY Chapter  
Association of Fundraising Professionals  
Boulware Mission  
CASA  
Catholic Charities  
The Center  
Center for Nonprofit Excellence  
Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club  
City of Owensboro (public art purchase)  
Civic Engagement Institute  
Community Dental Clinic  
Daniel Pitino Shelter  
Encore Musicals  
Family Y  
Fresh Start for Women  
Friends of Sinners  
Girls Inc.  
Goodfellows Club  
Grantmakers of Kentucky  
Green River Area Community Foundation  
Green River Area Down Syndrome Assoc.  
Habitat for Humanity  
The Help Office  
H.L. Neblett Center  
Hospice  
International Center of Owensboro  
Junior Achievement

Kentucky Nonprofit Network  
Kentucky Wesleyan College  
Leadership Kentucky Foundation  
Leadership Owensboro  
Lighthouse Recovery  
Mary Kendall Home  
OASIS  
Owensboro Dance Theatre  
Owensboro Public Schools—  
Foundation for Excellence  
Owensboro Regional Recovery  
Owensboro Symphony Orchestra  
Puzzle Pieces  
RiverPark Center  
Salvation Army  
Senior Community Center  
Southeastern Council of Foundations  
St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter  
St. Joseph's Peace Mission  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Theatre Workshop of Owensboro  
United Way of the Ohio Valley  
Wendell Foster Center  
Wendell H. Ford Government  
Education Center  
Western Kentucky Botanical Garden



The bronze statue "Lincoln" by Mark Lundeen was permanently acquired for the city's Municipal Art Collection in 2021.



A \$250,000 grant was awarded to Kentucky Wesleyan College to name the auditorium of the Jack T. Wells Activity Center.

With theatre-style seating for up to 500 guests, a new state-of-the-art audiovisual system and flexibility to host in-the-round theatre, concert productions, or events, this space will be an asset to the college and the Owensboro community.



St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter was given a grant to remodel their kitchen and laundry facilities.



A grant was awarded to Friends of Sinners to assist with the remodel of their new 16,000 square foot facility on Jackson Street.

## ***Gratitude Grant Project***

In March 2021, which marked one year since the beginning of the Covid 19 Pandemic, our Foundation partnered with six other foundations in an effort to express our gratitude and support for local nonprofits. This group collectively contributed \$19,000 to a grant fund designated for organizations that reach the most vulnerable in our community. These “Gratitude Grants” were awarded to 27 groups who were able to persist during the Pandemic to continue making direct and powerful impacts for our citizens.

Many of the grants enabled celebrations of the staff’s dedication, acts of gratitude towards staff, or they furthered community service.

The Young Foundation and our partners greatly appreciate the efforts of our many local organizations and feel honored to support their work.



The staff of the H.L. Neblett Center enjoyed lunch together with Blizzards afterwards.



Wendell Foster Center employees were treated to a Fiesta complete with a sundae bar.

Board Member, Dr. Roger Humphrey enthusiastically served the staff that day!



**Lawrence and Augusta Hager  
Educational Foundation**



**John M. and Kathy R.  
Wright Family  
Charitable Foundation**





***Esther Jansing  
Memorial Fund for  
Leadership Owensboro***



Esther Puram Jansing, 1937-2021

In memoriam to the Young Foundation's first leader, Esther Jansing, the current board decided to partner with the Green River Area Community Foundation to establish an endowment fund in her name. Esther served as Executive Director of the Community Foundation while leading the Young Foundation. She was also instrumental in initiating the Leadership Owensboro program, serving as their Executive Director for many years. In collaboration, the foundations established this scholarship fund specifically directed towards nonprofit leaders. These scholarships will increase access to the program and enable a greater volume of nonprofit staff to participate in Leadership Owensboro.

Our joint effort to empower the employees of charitable organizations through increased access to education and community awareness mirrors Esther's vision and dedication as the leader of both the Young Foundation and the Green River Area Community Foundation.

It is also a vivid representation of her spirit as a community servant and friend.



# THE **BOLD** TRAINING<sup>SM</sup>

## For Nonprofit Boards and Staff

*Creating audacious possibilities for impact*

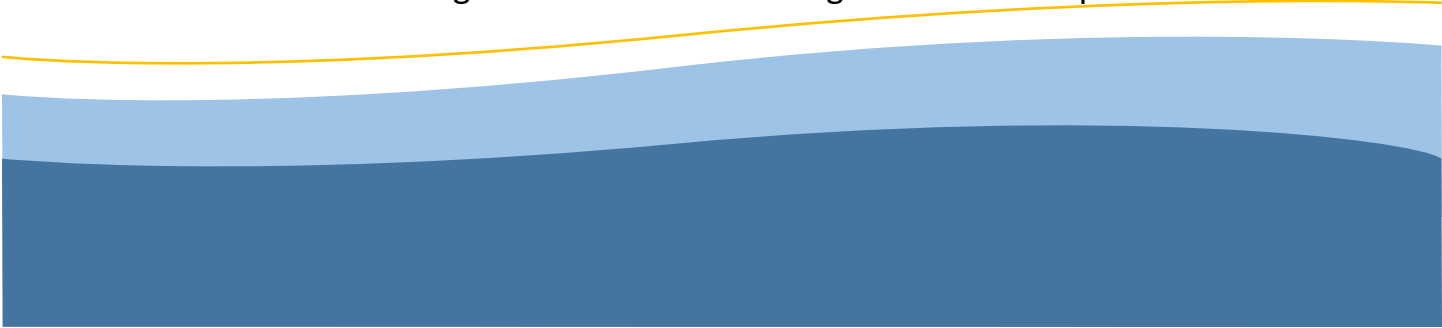
This Spring, the Young Foundation, in partnership with the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, offered this dynamic online training created by Dan Pallotta to nearly 40 community nonprofit board and staff members.

The **BOLD Training** is an “ecosystem training” program that is designed to guide nonprofit boards and staff through an awakening of their creativity and realization of their dreams. Throughout the training, he empowers learners to act boldly and invest in themselves and their visions to enhance impact. His words disrupt traditional methods of operation and thinking, instead, leading nonprofit ecosystems on a refreshing journey of re-evaluation and renewed hope in the power of nonprofits if they commit to dreaming.

In June, this group of board and staff members alike gathered in small groups for debriefing sessions that helped unpack the material. Our conversations allowed leaders the creative license to collectively envision their futures in the scope of Dan Pallotta’s radical emphasis on bold dreams.

Our current strategic plan recognizes the need to elevate a new generation of skilled public and private sector leaders able to embrace and navigate change, energize and align diverse stakeholders, and make bold decisions serving the area’s long term interests.

In 2022, the Young Foundation intends to offer more learning opportunities such as the BOLD training to meet this need through our Leadership Initiative.





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**Bloom Kentucky** is an initiative supported by several grantmaking organizations from across the Commonwealth who are all invested in ending Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). The Bloom Kentucky initiative is focused on statewide policy change that aims to prevent and mitigate the impact of childhood adversity.

We know that thriving communities launch strong families, strong families launch successful kids, and successful kids launch a prosperous future for Kentucky. Bloom Kentucky addresses the multi-generational challenges of childhood adversity, how communities can help foster opportunities for all kids and families, and the future of Kentucky's workforce and prosperity.

The Young Foundation is proud to partner with our colleagues and the Kentucky Youth Advocates to form this initiative.

To learn more about Bloom Kentucky visit:  
[www.kyyouth.org/bloom](http://www.kyyouth.org/bloom)



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