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Berry, Harper, Kinkade named to state association board

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Kentucky Nonprofit Network (KNN), the state association of nonprofit organizations, has elected three new members to its board of directors: Jessica Berry, Vice President of Mission Advancement, [YMCA of Central Kentucky](#); Russell Harper, Executive Director of State Government Affairs, [CVS Health](#); and Niki Kinkade, Executive Director, [Art Center of the Bluegrass](#).

Berry is a native of Lexington and leads the YMCA of Central Kentucky's advancement and fundraising efforts. She is a member of the board of directors of Bluegrass Tomorrow and Child Care Council of Kentucky. She is also a member of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence and is a respected child and education advocate. Berry holds a BA in Sociology from the University of Kentucky.

Harper, a resident of Oldham County, manages CVS Health's legislative and regulatory affairs along with representing the company with Governors, Attorneys General, and state lawmakers. He has over 15 years of experience in government and is a respected industry leader in the healthcare sector. He previously served as President of the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts and served in the Kentucky House of Representatives leadership offices. He serves as chair of the KNN Public Policy Committee. Harper is a graduate of the University of Kentucky.

Kinkade, of Danville, took the helm of the Art Center of the Bluegrass in 2017 and is leading the organization through an expansion and creation of a national glass museum. She previously served as Executive Director of the internationally recognized Great American Brass Band Festival. In addition to serving as a founding member of KNN's Racial Equity in the Nonprofit Sector Task Force, she currently serves on the Kentuckians for the Arts Advisory Committee, the board of directors of the Danville Creative District, and is an active member of the Danville Rotary Club. She holds a BA in Art History from the University of South Florida and a MA in teaching from Williamette University.

Sarah Jefferson, vice president and director of cash management with [Traditional Bank](#) of Lexington, was elected as KNN's board chair for 2023. Florence Tandy, founder and CEO of [Leadership Bridges](#) of Erlanger, was re-elected as vice-chair. Alan Engel, retired nonprofit executive of Louisville, was elected as secretary. Judy Simpson of Cincinnati, director of finance with [Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra](#), was re-elected as treasurer.

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About Kentucky Nonprofit Network: KNN is the state association of nonprofits, existing to strengthen and advance Kentucky's nonprofit community. Over 900 members strong, the association serves as a unified public policy voice for the nonprofit sector; a resource for nonprofit leaders, board members and other volunteers; and an information center on effective nonprofit management practices. For more information, visit www.kynonprofits.org.

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