Kentucky Nonprofit Community Letter to Congress
Letter to Kentucky’s Congressional Delegation on Behalf of Kentucky’s Nonprofits: Include Nonprofits in COVID-19 Economic Relief

April 20, 2020

Senator Mitch McConnell  
Senator Rand Paul  
Congressman Andy Barr  
Congressman James Comer  
Congressman Brett Guthrie  
Congressman Thomas Massie  
Congressman Hal Rogers  
Congressman John Yarmuth

Senators McConnell, Paul and Representatives Barr, Comer, Guthrie, Massie, Rogers, Yarmuth:

On behalf of the undersigned Kentucky nonprofit organizations, thank you for all you are doing to sustain our communities through the COVID-19 pandemic. Kentucky’s nonprofit sector is the Commonwealth’s fourth largest private sector employer, employing 10% of Kentucky’s workforce and contributing $7.5 billion in annual wages. Like most other parts of our economy, Kentucky’s nonprofit sector continues to struggle in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic – organizations have experienced severe financial losses and layoffs due to COVID-19.

The swift action Congress took to pass the Families First Coronavirus Act and the CARES Act will help our communities and organizations provide sick and family leave, prevent further layoffs and offset revenue lost due to COVID by including nonprofits in the emergency loan programs, extending unemployment benefits to many nonprofit employees and providing a small tax incentive for charitable giving. Nonprofits are appreciative of this relief and grateful for your leadership on behalf of the Commonwealth.

During the past two weeks, Kentucky Nonprofit Network (KNN) and our partners at the national level have heard from nonprofits about several modifications to provisions in the CARES Act that would help organizations recover from the economic challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic. A unified group of major national organizations has put together a set of recommendations (attached) for modifications to the CARES Act that will help preserve nonprofits’ ability to provide essential services at this time of greatest need.

KNN and the undersigned nonprofits fully support these recommendations, and we seek your assistance in ensuring that they are included in the fourth COVID-19 stimulus bill that Congress passes. Specifically, we request the following as the next phase of the CARES Act is negotiated:
1. **Expand nonprofits’ access to credit** to provide for immediate financial relief by expanding nonprofit eligibility for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and by establishing a dedicated funding stream for PPP loans to nonprofit organizations.

2. **Strengthen temporary above-the-line charitable deductions** from the CARES Act by allowing taxpayers to use it on the 2019 taxes, significantly increasing the $300 per person cap, and extending it beyond 2020.

3. **Hold harmless self-insured nonprofits by providing funding to cover 100% of the costs of these organizations’ unemployment claims.** Without this change, many nonprofits that provide health care, food assistance, affordable housing, childcare and other critical services will be financially devastated – meaning they would have to end or curtail services later this year.

4. **Increase emergency funding** so that nonprofits can work with state and local governments to provide essential services to vulnerable families and frontline responders to the COVID-19 crisis.

Again, thank you for your continued leadership during this crisis. The Families First Coronavirus Act and the CARES Act were important first steps in helping nonprofits recover from the COVID-19 crisis. We hope you and your colleagues in Congress can make these important modifications to help nonprofits continue to provide essential services in our communities.

Please reach out to danielle@kynonprofits.org with questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,

A Caring Place  
ACE Mentor Louisville, Inc.  
Adelante Hispanic Achievers, Inc.  
Adult & Teen Challenge of Kentucky  
Advocacy Action Network  
Allegro Dance Project  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association in Kentucky  
American Printing House for the Blind  
Americana Community Center, Inc.  
Ampersand Sexual Violence Resource Center of the Bluegrass  
Anderson Humane Society, Inc.  
Appalachian Children’s Home  
Appalachian Hospice Care, Inc.  
Arbor Youth Services  
Art Center of the Bluegrass  

Arts-Louisville  
Ashland Terrace  
Ashland/Henry Clay Memorial Foundation  
Association of State Dam Safety Officials, Inc.  
Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities  
Barefoot Republic Camp & Retreat Center  
Barren County Family YMCA Inc.  
Barren Heights  
Barren River Area Child Advocacy Center  
Behringer-Crawford Museum  
Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum  
Berea Arts Council, Inc.  
Berea Home Village  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass  
Blue Grass Community Foundation  
Boys & Girls Club of Bowling Green  
Boys & Girls Club of Franklin Simpson
Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana
Boys & Girls Haven, Inc.
Boys and Girls Clubs of Hopkinsville-Christian County
BRASS, Inc.
Buckhorn Children & Family Services
Build Inclusion
Buy Local Louisville Foundation
Cabbage Patch Settlement House
Camberwell Grief Sanctuary
Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning
CASA of Lexington
CASA of Ohio Valley
Catholic Education Foundation
Cedar Lake
Center for Accessible Living, Inc.
Center for Nonprofit Excellence
Central Kentucky Community Foundation
Central Kentucky YMCA
Challenger Learning Center of Kentucky
Children’s Alliance
Children’s Law Center, Inc.
CivicLex
Commonwealth Theatre Center
Community Dental Clinic
Community Foundation of Louisville
Community Health Clinic, Inc.
Community OutReach Inc
Community Ventures
Confrontation Point Ministries, DBA
AdventureServe Ministries
Conrad-Caldwell House Museum
Covington Business Council
Creasey Mahan Nature Preserve
Cumberland Valley Domestic Violence Services
Dancing Well: The Soldier Project
Daniel Pitino Shelter
DCCH Center for Children & Families
Designing Classrooms
Diocesan Catholic Children’s Home
Diocese of Owensboro
Doves of Gateway
Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky
Down Syndrome of Louisville, Inc.
Embroiderers' Guild of America
Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, Inc
Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana, Inc.
Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
Erin's Hope for Friends - Kentucky Chapter
Explorium of Lexington
Faith Community Pharmacy, Inc
Family & Children's Place
Family Enrichment Center, Inc.
Fayette Eating, Education and Delivery (FEED)
First Generation Women Achievers of the Bluegrass
Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky
Frankfort Sunshine Center
Franklin County Humane Society
Frazier History Museum
Fuel 4 Poetry Corporation
Fund for the Arts
Gateway Homeless Coalition, Inc.
Gateway Regional Arts Center
Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road
Girls Inc. of Owensboro Daviess County
Good Shepherd Day School
Goodwill Industries of Kentucky
Great Kids Inc
GreenHouse17, Inc.
Growing Together Preschool
Habitat for Humanity of Bowling Green/Warren County
Harbor House of Louisville
Healing Reins Therapeutic Riding Inc.
Henderson Area Arts Alliance
Henry Clay Memorial Foundation
Historic Locust Grove
Home of the Innocents
Homeless & Housing Coalition of Kentucky
Hope Harbor, Inc.
Hope2All, Inc
Hopkinsville YMCA
HOTEL INC
Hugh Edward Sandefur Training Center
human being society
I Would Rather Be Reading
International Book Project, Inc
International Inbound Travel Association
Isaiah House Inc
ITNBluegrass
James Graham Brown Foundation
Jewish Community of Louisville, INC
Jewish Family & Career Services of Louisville
Jewish Federation of Louisville
Kentuckiana Stroke Association
Kentucky Academy of Science
Kentucky Alliance of YMCAs
Kentucky Association for Academic Competition
Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs
Kentucky CancerLink
Kentucky Center for African American Heritage
Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Kentucky Easter Seal Society Inc
Kentucky Equal Justice Center
Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
Kentucky Natural Lands Trust
Kentucky Nonprofit Network
Kentucky Pharmacists Association
Kentucky Railway Museum Inc.
Kentucky Society of CPAs
Kentucky State Parks Foundation
Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children
Kentucky Vision Project
Kentucky Voices for Health
Kentucky Waterways Alliance
Kids Cancer Alliance
KY Lions Camp Crescendo
KY YMCA Youth Association
Ky. Native American Heritage Museum
KY/TN Section of American Water Works Association
Leadership Louisville Center
Learning Grove
LexArts
Lexington Children's Theatre
Lexington Community Land Trust
Lexington Habitat for Humanity
Lexington Philharmonic
Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass
Life Learning Center
Life's Transitions
Lighthouse Recovery Services Inc.
Lincoln County Senior Citizens Center, Inc.
Lion District 43 K
Louisville Ballet
Louisville Bar Association
Louisville Girls Leadership
Louisville Parks Foundation
Louisville Youth Choir
Maker's Mark Secretariat Center
Making a Difference Now
Market House Theatre
Markey Cancer Foundation
Mary E Wharton Nature Sanctuary
Maryhurst
Master Provisions
Matthew 25 AIDS Services
Mental Health America of Kentucky
Mentors & Meals
Metro United Way
Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc.
Muhlenberg County Opportunity Center
Museum of the American Printing House for the Blind
NAMI Kentucky
NAMI Lexington
Natalie's Sisters
Nativity Academy at St. Boniface
New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding
New Beginnings Center for Children and Families, Inc.
New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services
New Directions Housing Corporation
New Opportunity School for Women
New Vista of the Bluegrass, Inc.
Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission
Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass, Inc.
OASIS, Inc
Old Friends
OneWest
Options for Individuals Inc.
Orphan Care Alliance
Outdoor Writers Association of America
Owensboro Dance Theatre
Owensboro Family YMCA
Paducah Cooperative Ministry
Pandora Productions, Inc.
Parkinson's International Foundation
Partners In Education of Clark County
People's Clinic Foundation, Inc.
Phoenix Rising
Potter Children’s Home
Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
Pride Community Services Organization
Puzzle Pieces
Radio Eye
Ray & Kay Eckstein Charitable Trust
Red Bird Clinic, Inc
Red Bird Mission, Inc
Redwood School & Rehabilitation Center
Ret. Pray. Love. Foundation
Retired Racehorse Project
Revive Ministries Inc.
River City Housing, Inc.
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Kentuckiana
Ronald McDonald House of the Bluegrass
Safe Harbor of NE KY
Sanctuary
Sayre Christian Village
SCORE Lexington, Inc.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Council of NKY
Special Olympics Kentucky
Speed Art Museum
SpringHaven Inc Domestic Violence Program
Squallis Puppeteers
St. George's Scholar Institute
StageOne Family Theatre
Supporting Heroes Inc
The Bluegrass Council of the Blind, Inc.
The Caring Place, Inc
The Council on Developmental Disabilities
The Earhart Club
The Gilbert Foundation
The Greater Clark Foundation
The Hearing & Speech Center
The HIV