# community impact fund YOUR GIFT AT WORK IN NKY

Our Community Impact Fund provides funding to nonprofits that accelerate change, innovate solutions, and leverage partnerships and resources in Northern Kentucky. It allows us to assess our community's needs and support Northern Kentucky's most critical endeavors, both now and in the future. The Community Impact Fund relies on generous donors, business partnerships, and other support to bring grant opportunities to Northern Kentucky. In 2021, we granted a total of \$62,000 from this fund across six nonprofits that serve our community.



### adopt a class

"With your help, we were able to spark passion and explore potential in students accross Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky." - Marie Rusincovitch, COO of Adopt A Class

The \$6,000 grant Adopt A Class received allowed for more than 500 students at Ockerman Elementary in Florence to be mentored by local business and civic groups. Through this grant, Adopt A Class was able to better serve their student population and expose them to a breadth of careers and life experiences.



### catalytic fund

"We very much appreciate Horizon Community Funds' support of our work in creating housing diversity, preserving historic assets, and converting vacant sites and buildings to productive assets that benefit community members." -Jeanne Schroer, Catalytic Fund President/CEO

The Catalytic Fund received a \$10,000 grant, which was used to amplify their work through a matching fund from the US Department of Treasury CDFI Fund. This leveraging of resources creates jobs, quality housing, and new economic activity in Northern Kentucky's River Cities.



#### covington partners

"I can't wait to watch our students learn that they have strengths and that they can use those strengths to be successful in school and in life." - Stacie Strotman, Covington Partners Executive Director

Covington Partners' \$10,000 grant helped fund a pilot program to create Individual Strength Plans (ISP) for 225 students. This goal-setting activity helps students build a plan for individual growth and success based on their top five character strengths, which they can use to be successful in school and in life.



#### gateway community & technical college

"We are grateful to Horizon Community Funds for their very generous support of our River City Promise Scholarship." - Dr. Fernando Figueroa, Gateway President/CEO

Gateway Community & Technical College received \$7,500 to support their River City Promise Scholarship Program, which helps cover the cost of tuition for students with a high degree of financial need who attend River City high schools. For the Spring 2022 semester, Gateway has 53 students enrolled in the River Cities Promise Program with 15 of these students on track to complete their Associate Degree by the end of the year. Compared to Falls of 2018 and 2019, enrollment at Gateway from these six high schools has increased in the 2020 and 2021 Fall semesters by 42 students.



## northern kentucky education council

"Literacy is the great equalizer, especially for children of color and those living with poverty. We are beyond grateful for the investment from Horizon Community Funds and their confidence in our One to One Read programs." - Polly Lusk Page, Northern Kentucky Education Council One to One Director

Northern Kentucky Education Council used their \$13,500 grant to increase the number of coaches, and thereby the numbers of students reached, in their One to One literacy program. One to One provides all members of the community an opportunity to play an integral role in helping struggling students with the support they need to be successful in reading and math.



#### refugeeconnect

"Horizon Community Funds' support enables us to reach more families and develop deeper partnerships with Northern Kentucky schools, organizations and providers." - Kristin Burgoyne, RefugeeConnect Executive Director

With their \$15,000 grant, RefugeeConnect expanded their Community Navigator program, which provides native language support to guide families in accessing resources and services in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. They were also able to assist families facing eviction and support Kentucky Refugee Ministries with intake for Afghan clients.