

Community Foundation Partners with Founder’s Family to Address Critical Food Needs in Purchase Area

Staff Report

The Community Foundation of West Kentucky (CFWK) is celebrating National Community Foundation week, November 12 – 18, with the establishment of a fund that will provide food assistance to those in need. The Critical Community Needs Fund: Feeding the Hungry was established with a gift from the James and Audelle Biggs Endowment, and additional gifts are now being accepted. The fund will assist nonprofit organizations that provide food to those in need throughout the region.

James and Audelle Biggs, parents of former Paducah Mayor and CFWK founder, the late Geraldine “Gerry” Montgomery, were well-known Paducah grocers with a special interest in sharing food with others. In memory of her parents, Mrs. Montgomery established the James and Audelle Biggs Endowment at the Community Foundation 17 years ago and subsequently

specified the fund’s primary purpose would be to provide food to those in need.

According to CFWK CEO, Lee Emmons, when approached by CFWK staff about the Critical Community Needs Fund with the current focus of feeding the hungry, Dr. Evelyn Montgomery Jones and her siblings were eager to help. “We believe this fund is a perfect fit for what our mother and grandparents would want,” said Dr. Jones, daughter of Gerry and granddaughter of James and Audelle.

“We want the Critical Needs Fund to be adaptable,” Emmons said. Right now, the need is for food, so we want to provide extra help to organizations who are providing food. In the future, a different type of critical need may arise that we will address with this fund,” she said.

The Community Foundation does not disburse funds to individuals; rather, it assists nonprofit organizations providing direct services.

According to Emmons, a simple grant application will soon be made available to established nonprofit organizations providing food to those in need who wish to apply for a Critical Community Needs: Feeding the Hungry grant, and funds will be awarded during the first quarter of 2026. Emmons said Nonprofits in the eight counties of the Purchase area, along with Barren County and Union County will be eligible to apply, and the priority at the present time is to grow the fund.

“We are so grateful to the Montgomery family – first, to Mrs. Gerry Montgomery for establishing the James and Audelle Biggs Endowment, and now to her children for utilizing the fund to help meet the critical need for food we’re seeing throughout the area,” Emmons said. “I can’t think of a better way to honor the founder of the

Community Foundation of West Kentucky than by developing this fund during National Community



Gerry Montgomery, founder of the Community Foundation of West Kentucky with her husband and children

Foundation Week, and I hope other individuals and businesses will join the effort by contributing to the fund,” she added.

Community Foundation Week was established by President George H.W. Bush in 1989 to recognize the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and

nonprofit sectors. Emmons said that is exactly what CFWK hopes the new Critical Community Needs Fund helps accomplish. “We want to maximize the generosity and work of individuals, businesses, and organizations working together to help those in our community who are in critical need of assistance,” she said. Contributions to the

Critical Community Needs: Feeding the Hungry Fund can be made at https://cfwk.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?fund_id=3739. The link to the fund can also be found on Community Foundation of West Kentucky’s Facebook page, and on the organization’s website, <https://cfwestky.org>, by searching for Critical Community Needs Fund.

McCracken County Sheriff’s Office Collects Thousands of Pounds for Annual Pet Food Drive

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

The McCracken County Sheriff’s Office successfully held its annual pet food drive on Saturday, November 8 at Rural King, 4711 Cairo Road in Paducah. The community donated thousands of pounds of pet food and supplies, which will benefit 15 local animal shelters. Monetary donations were also accepted to purchase additional pet food, and contributions were received ahead of the event at the McCracken County Courthouse.

This year’s totals included:

- Food Donations:
- Dog Food: 4,388 lbs.
- Cat Food: 2,717 lbs.
- Treats: 68 lbs.
- Cat Litter: 231 lbs.
- Supplies Donations:
- Collars: 3
- Blankets: 16
- Pet Food Bowls: 5
- Pet Beds: 6
- Pet Toys: 8
- Laundry Detergent: 1

Donation Recipients Include: McCracken County Humane Society, McCracken County Animal Control, Creatures Great and



Small, McGangster’s, Marshall County Humane Society, Marshall County Animal Care Shelter, Project Hope, Cash for Cats, Sheree Senior Pet Rescue, Crittenden County Animal Shelter, Jackson Purchase Forgotten Felines, Ballard County Animal Control, Murray-Calloway County Shelter, Humane Society of Calloway County, and Mayfield-Graves County Animal Shelter.

The annual drive is critical for local animal shelters, which are always in need of food and supplies. With winter approaching, shelters face increased demand for pet food,

warm bedding, and care items. Community support through this event ensures animals stay safe, healthy, and comfortable throughout the colder months.

Fun Animal Fact: Did you know that dogs have about 1,700 taste buds compared to humans’ 9,000? While they don’t taste as much as we do, they sure appreciate a good meal!

The Sheriff’s Office thanks the community for their generosity and contributions, which helped move the drive closer to its goal of 10,000 pounds of pet food.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-CI-00028
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V.

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CROSS-PLAINTIFF

V.

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BLANDVILLE ROAD LAND TRUST, et al

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE: By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale entered on October 3, 2025, in the amount of \$3,124.62 with interest, advancements and charges, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse steps on the West side in Wickliffe, Ballard County, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at public auction on the 24th day of November 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described property located at 0 Mayfield Road, Ballard County, Kentucky, Map ID# 51-25-01:

Being the same property conveyed to Bethany Burnett as Trustee of the Blandville Road Land Trust by Deed dated September 11, 2007, of record in Deed Book 83, Page 587, in the Office of the Ballard County Clerk.

Check the clerk file for more details about the property.

The property will be sold under the following terms and conditions unless otherwise stated in a specific Notice of Sale or announced at the time of sale:

That the real property shall be sold as a whole as above-described to the highest and best bidder or bidders. At the time of sale, the successful bidder(s) shall either pay the purchase price in full by check or make a deposit of at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price, payable by check, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, subject to good and proper surety bond, as approved by the Master Commissioner. If sold on credit, the purchaser shall pay ten percent (10%) down at time of sale and execute a good and proper sale bond, with sufficient surety, **approved by the Master Commissioner prior to the sale**, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from date of sale until paid and fully due and payable in thirty (30) days. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The bond shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain a lien on the real property until the purchase price, plus interest and costs, are fully paid. The property shall be sold free and clear of all taxes and encumbrances, except the purchaser will assume payment of ad valorem taxes due and payable during the year of sale, and all subsequent years following the sale.

The sale may be cancelled, and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. The Master Commissioner does not have access to the inside of any property and does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale. The successful bidder(s) has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions.

Dated the 10th day of November 2025.

/s/ Daniel C. Thomas
Daniel C. Thomas, Master Commissioner

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