



**2025**

**GIVE WHERE**

**YOU LIVE**

**CANDIDATES**

## **BLUEGRASS COUNCIL OF THE BLIND**

The Bluegrass Council of the Blind (BCB) is the only nonprofit exclusively serving the needs of adults who are blind or visually impaired in Central Kentucky. BCB services are free of charge to clients and available to any clients affected by vision loss, including family, friends and professionals working with people with low to no vision. Their mission is to increase independence, security and quality of life for Kentuckians affected by vision loss through peer support, technology, training and additional resources.

## **BLUEGRASS GREEN SOURCE**

Bluegrass Greensource provides environmental education, resources and outreach that inspires, equips and empowers Central Kentuckians with knowledge and tools to help ensure clean, healthy and enjoyable environments for future generations.

## **BROKE SPOKE**

Broke Spoke provides education, empowerment, and access for the local biking community and more. Throughout the year they offer a series of bike mechanic classes that build to provide a culmination of total bike repair knowledge. Broke Spoke's work stations are fully stocked with all the bike specific tools needed to keep your bike up and rolling. You can also earn or purchase a used bike from their library. All bikes require some repair but they are ready and willing to help.

## **CARNEGIE CENTER**

The Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning is a non-profit community learning and literary arts center with local, state, and national awards for programming excellence. The Center offers seasonal classes in writing, publishing, and languages; tutoring for students grades K-12; vibrant youth and family programs and exhibits; outreach programs for children and adults; readings from established authors and local literary icons; and other programs and events designed to encourage people to explore and express their voices through imaginative learning and the literary arts.

## **CASA DE LA CULTURA**

Casa De La Cultura promotes Hispanic culture among younger generations by offering programs, activities, and workshops in which traditions are shared in order to learn Hispanic culture and explore Latin American history. They encourage Latino youth to practice and use the Spanish language. CDLC works to enrich each person's sense of wholeness to better develop each person's self-esteem and pride in their cultural heritage by helping program participants to learn about their roots and the country they come from. Casa De La Cultura works to make sure that Latino culture is recognized as part of Kentucky's cultural heritage.

# CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Since 1994, the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass has worked to coordinate the investigative, legal, advocacy, medical and mental health treatment services under one roof to better serve child victims of sexual abuse. While children once had to navigate a difficult and confusing system with multiple, repetitive interviews and exams, the system can now be brought to the child. The Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass strives to meet the unique needs of every child in order to provide support through compassionate, individualized care. The Center offers comprehensive services to families as a whole to promote healing and prevent future harm.

## DV8

DV8 Kitchen was developed and operates as a second chance employment opportunity for people who are trying to redirect their lives. People in the early stages of substance abuse recovery often find it difficult to find employers willing to take a chance on them. Employees attend weekly workshops, which are designed to pass along basic life-skill knowledge, which will assist them in becoming successfully employed – in any field. The focuses include: interviewing skills, professionalism, personal responsibility, employee performance and profit, conflict resolution, integrity, personal finances, teamwork, guest services and legal resources. In addition, DV8 offers workshops to expose employees to various life-enhancing experiences. These workshops include: yoga, cake decorating, origami, painting, knitting, etc.

## **FLORACLIFF**

Floracliff Nature Sanctuary is a nonprofit nature preserve located along the Kentucky River in Fayette County. Their mission is to promote conservation and appreciation of nature through education, shared experiences, and stewardship of the sanctuary.

## **FOSTER CARE COUNCIL**

The mission of the Foster Care Council is to provide academic, enrichment, clothing, and mentorship opportunities for foster children throughout Kentucky that have been removed from their home due to abuse, abandonment or neglect.

## **FRIENDS OF THE LEX PUB LIBRARY**

In appreciation of the role the Library plays in the quality of life in this area, the Friends of the Lexington Public Library provides financial, advocacy and volunteer support to the Library, and functions consistently with the goals and objectives of the Lexington Public Library and its Board of Trustees.

## **GLEAN KY**

By gleaning (aka, gathering) excess produce from farms, orchards, grocery stores, farmers markets and home gardens, Glean Kentucky reduces local food waste and provides fruits and vegetables for more than 100 feeding programs. Glean Kentucky produce is never sold and is intended only for members of the community facing food insecurity. Since their inception, Glean Kentucky has served as a vital link between local sources of food and dozens of feeding programs. Gleaning happens nearly a thousand times a year and yet they've just scratched the surface of diverting wasted food. As Glean Kentucky's network of food sources and partners continues to grow, they are expanding their reach across Central Kentucky.

## **GOD'S PANTRY**

God's Pantry recognizes food as a basic human need. Through their network of partners, they ensure that everyone in the communities they serve has access to nutritious food. Their mission is to reduce hunger by working together to feed Kentucky communities. The core values of God's Pantry is to advocate, support, collaborate, and act. They advocate for change, support those in need, collaborate with the community, and take proactive steps to address hunger.

## **HOPE SPAY NEUTER**

HOPE Spay Neuter Clinic provides high-quality, low-cost spay and neuter services for companion animals as well as feral cats in Kentucky. Their goal is to reduce overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia. Community education and involvement are essential components of our efforts, and are key to our success.

## **JUBILEE JOBS**

Jubilee Jobs of Lexington specializes in securing quality, long-term jobs for those facing barriers to employment. Founded in 2009, Jubilee Jobs is a non-profit job placement agency at the forefront of connecting Central Kentucky's employers with dedicated job seekers.

## **JUSTIN'S PLACE**

Justin's Place was founded in honor of a young man, Justin King, who lost his life in a car accident. Inspired by Justin's love for children, the staff and volunteers aim to carry out a mission of creating space for extraordinary children to experience peace and joy through horses. Through therapeutic horseback riding and the benefits of animal interaction, Justin's Place helps participants overcome learning blockades, push through developmental barriers and experience significant improvement in their mental health. They believe that every child deserves a chance to thrive and they aim to make it a reality!

# **KY YOUTH LAW PROJECT**

The mission of the Kentucky Youth Law Project, Inc. is to enhance and protect the legal rights and entitlements of Kentucky's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, gender fluid, and gender non-conforming children and youth through free legal representation, education, and public policy advocacy. Their goal is to reduce homelessness and promote equality for LGBTQI+ youth in social welfare agencies, government services, the courts, and schools throughout Kentucky.

# **RED OAKS FORREST SCHOOL**

The idea of Red Oaks Forrest School is to get kids as young as 3 outside everyday, rain or shine. While simple in its premise, free, unstructured playtime in nature has become less and less a part of our lives. Forest School is just one aspect of Red Oaks. Through play, kids are able to release stress from a busy world and schedule, engage their senses, make deep and lasting connections to the natural world, and gain great interpersonal skills with other kids of all ages.

# **TREES LEXINGTON**

Trees Lexington is a non-profit that empowers community members to dig in to the fun and fulfilling work of expanding and maintaining our local tree canopy. Through community tree plantings, tree giveaways, and educational workshops on proper tree care, Trees Lexington increases canopy cover, improves the health of our citizens, and preserves the character of our city.