

*Alone we can do so little...together we can do so much. -Helen Keller*



Kentucky School For The Blind  
Charitable Foundation Inc.

## **| 2018 Annual Report**

**Fiscal Year 2018**

**July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018**

# Vision

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Dear Friends of the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation,

Since 1984 the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation has been fulfilling its mission by making a difference in the education, independence, and quality of life for blind and visually impaired students in Kentucky. The foundation's goal is to assist these students by funding assistive technology, Braille writers, grants, scholarships, and programs.

This is possible with the support of our dedicated Board of Directors and committees along with the many individuals, businesses, and organizations that provide us with generous donations. We thank everyone who has helped us make a difference as the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation continues to grow and serve more blind and visually impaired students throughout the state of Kentucky.

As you review the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation's Annual Report please note how we are assisting students around the state in many different capacities. One of our goals for this year is to create a greater awareness about the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation across the state. Help us get the word out by joining us on social media or attending our events with family and friends.

We look forward to another great year of assisting blind and visually impaired students and hope you can be a part of it.

Sincerely,

Michele Brown  
Executive Director

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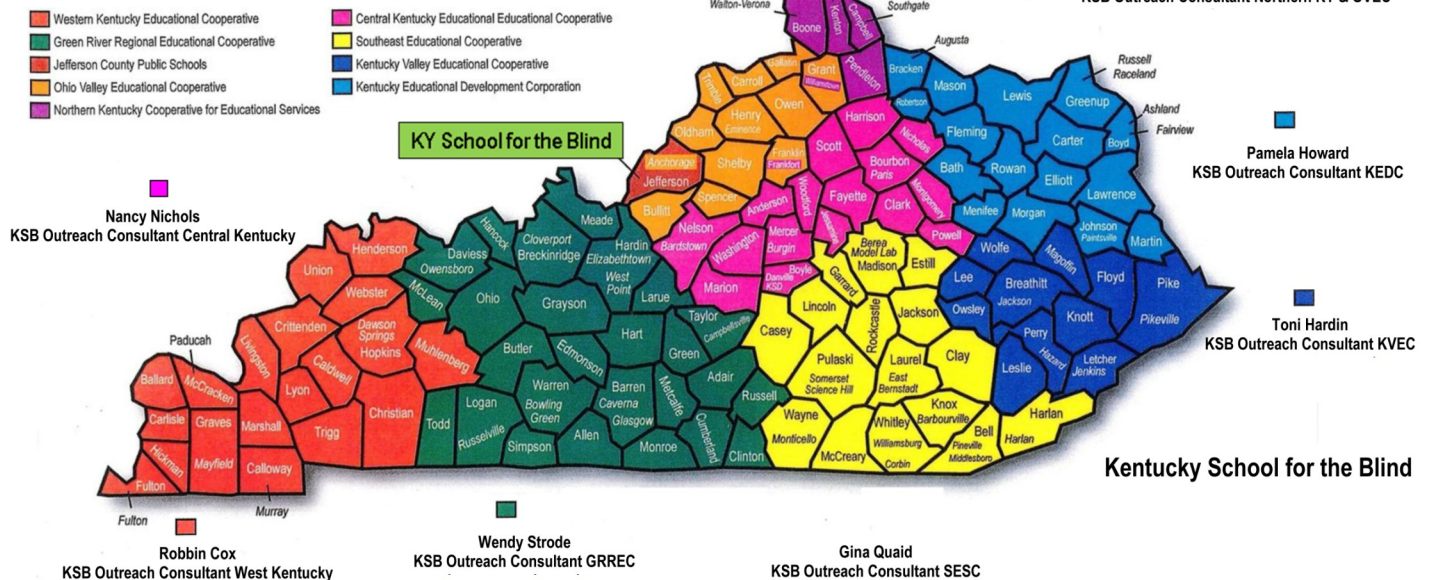
# Overview



Founded in 1984, the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to serving students in Kentucky who are blind or visually impaired. The foundation primarily distributes funds to assist and financially support the Kentucky School for the Blind and its outreach services that serve students and their families statewide. The foundation also makes funding available to agencies and activities that advance issues related to the blind and visually impaired.

*Making a difference in the education, independence and quality of life for blind and visually impaired students in Kentucky*

## KSB Outreach 2017-2018 Special Education Cooperatives



*Kentucky county map depicting the Kentucky School for the Blind's Outreach and Outreach Consultants.*

# Grants

The Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation provides grant funding to blind and visually impaired individuals and groups/organizations who serve those who are blind or visually impaired. Listed below are just a few of the grants the foundation funded in 2018:

- Over \$229,000 grant awarded to the Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) and its’ outreach services
- \$55,500 to Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) outreach program
- \$10,000 to Radio Eye
- Bill Roby Track & Field Games
- Eight Low Vision Clinics across Kentucky
- Conference registration for two, visually impaired students from Henderson County and their parents attending the National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation (NOAH) in Kansas City, Missouri.
- Provided assistive technology to blind and visually impaired students across the state
- Books and supplies for the Green River Regional Educational Cooperative’s (GRREC) lending library in Bowling Green, Kentucky



Abigail (right) and Noah (left) at the NOAH conference.

# Scholarships

The charitable foundation offers financial support to blind and visually impaired students in Kentucky through its scholarship programs. The **Will Evans Scholarship** provides financial assistance for blind and visually impaired students who want to pursue post-secondary education. In 2018, the charitable foundation awarded two of these scholarships to students pursuing their college degree at the University of Cincinnati and Eastern Kentucky University.

The William Wood Foundation Scholarship provides tuition assistance and laptops with needed software to blind and visually impaired, college-bound seniors who attended two years of the **INSIGHT** post-secondary education program. In 2018, the charitable foundation awarded five of these scholarships to students who are pursuing their college degrees.

The **Joseph Kuczvara Scholarship Award** is given to a Kentucky School for the Blind graduate in recognition of their positive attitude, good citizenry, leadership and services to others. In 2018, this scholarship was awarded to a graduating senior who will be pursuing their college degree at Eastern Kentucky University.

The **Dr. Franklin Jelsma “To See Through Love” Scholarships** is given to two Kentucky School for the Blind graduates. One is award for outstanding achievements in academics and, the other, for outstanding achievements in community service, work ethic, and respect for others. In 2018, the charitable foundation awarded each recipient with a \$500 award.

## 2018 Scholarship Funds Awarded

Will Evans Scholarships (2 awarded)	\$4,000
William Wood Foundation Scholarships (5 awarded)	\$33,976
Joseph Kuczvara Scholarship Award (1 awarded)	\$1,000
Dr. Franklin Jelsma “To See Through Love” Scholarship (2 awarded)	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$39,976</b>



Jacob Hack (left) receiving the Joseph Kuczvara Award from Mr. Joseph Kuczvara (right)



## Braille Writer Loan Program

The Braille Writer Loan Program provides a Braille writer to those in need of one. As of 2018, 595 Braille writers have been loaned to individuals throughout the state. In 2018, the charitable foundation loaned 15 Braille writers to blind and visually impaired people across Kentucky, in counties such as Kenton, Meade, Green, and Hardin.

*(Left) KSB student and KSBCF intern, Corbin Graviil practices typing on a KSBCF Braille writer*



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## Highlights from 2018

Besides grants, scholarships, and the Braille writer loan program, the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation supports a variety of programs and events across Kentucky that support. Listed below are some of many programs and events the charitable foundation supported in 2018:

- KSBCF and AT&T funded the technology and equipment for the KSB Radio Station
- KSBCF and the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) funded the travel for two visually impaired students and a parent to compete in the National Braille Challenge in Los Angeles, California
- KSBCF provided camperships for 25 blind and visually impaired campers at Camp Crescendo
- KSBCF contributed to the INSIGHT Program at Morehead State University with 21 students in attendance
- KSBCF sponsored the Spring Retreat Program for 30 students across Kentucky at KSB
- Outreach programs throughout the state, such as Visionary Day in western Kentucky and Transition Fair in Hazard, Kentucky



*(Above) Jenna Claywell (left) and Carmynn Blakeley (right) at the Braille Challenge; both qualified to compete in the National Braille Challenge in Los Angeles, California.*



*(Left) Students having lunch during Visionary Day in western Kentucky*

# Statements of Financial Position

As of June 30, 2018

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Cash	\$ 70,237	\$ 100,491
Investments	8,240,816	7,368,558
Investments, the use of which is limited	7,172,489	7,062,635
Interest receivable	16,597	13,526
Pledges receivable	1,690	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	3,025	830
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>210</u>	<u>490</u>
 <b>Total assets</b>	 <b><u>\$ 15,505,064</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 14,546,530</u></b>
 <u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Liabilities:		
Grants payable	\$ 67,577	\$ 153,675
Accrued expenses	<u>34,308</u>	<u>17,542</u>
Total liabilities	<u>101,885</u>	<u>171,217</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted:		
Available for operations	8,058,338	7,178,845
Board designated	-	2,119
Invested in Property and equipment, net	<u>210</u>	<u>490</u>
Total unrestricted net assets	<u>8,058,548</u>	<u>7,181,454</u>
Temporarily restricted net assets	608,611	654,034
Permanently restricted net assets	<u>6,736,020</u>	<u>6,539,825</u>
Total net assets	<u>15,403,179</u>	<u>14,375,313</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 15,505,064</u>	<u>\$ 14,546,530</u>

## Our mission...

**To make a difference in the education,  
independence, and quality of life for  
blind and visually impaired students in  
Kentucky.**