



Across the Board



Blue Grass Farms Charities

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The Season to Fundraise for the Farm Worker

Casino Night 2019 Thanks Our Sponsors and Supporters

Casino Night at the Livery successfully netted more than \$76,000, allowing the charity to continue providing health and human services to Thoroughbred workers and their families. Eight live auction items, 168 silent auction items and a John Deere Gator raffle provided attendees with plenty to bid on. Mr. Tom Gallo of New York, raffle winner, was thrilled with his lucky draw and now has a new ride for the grandkids on the farm.



Julie Berry (left) welcomes Frank and Donna Barton Brothers along with their guests Sheilagh and Tom Hammond, Kenny Rice and Nancy Cox to Casino Night.

Guest of honor Donna Barton Brothers, husband Frank, and guests Sheilagh and Tom Hammond, Nancy Cox and Kenny Rice, all exemplary horsemen and broadcasters in the industry made for an exceptional evening along with the other 160 attendees.

BGFC thanks its Board of Directors for their time, effort and monetary giving for the evening. Again, thank you to all that attended, and most of all, supported the charity.



Please mark your calendars for October 30 for BGFC's Monster Bash at the Fayette Courthouse's Limestone Hall. It will be a ghoulish time!



Festival of Christmas 2019 was FUN!

BGFC hosted 34 farms at The Thoroughbred Training Center on December 10th with more than 520 employees with their families, and again on the 11th with 346 Keeneland and Training Center employees and their families. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner provided by Selma's Catering served by our volunteers. Toys were given to all the children and drawings were held with the chance to win one of 12 bikes. Santa was there for photo ops and everyone enjoyed music and magic by Dave Cottrell.



An added treat was the opportunity for the workers to win a pair of The Muck Boot Company ® Chore midcalf boots provided by The Jockey Club Safety Net. Fifty pairs of boots were given out to farm workers and training/track facilities. It was a wonderful added present for the workers who are always in need of new work boots that are warm and safe. Tractor Supply of Georgetown will supply boots. Thank you, Jockey Club Safety Net for this Safety Initiative for the workers!

2019 Year In Review



BGFC is honored to be the recipient of the following 2020 grants:

The Lexington Junior League - \$2,500 for Backpack Program

Charles R. Jelm Foundation - \$6,000 for Backpack Program

Snowy Owl Foundation - \$2,500 for Vision and Eyewear



2019 Year in Review



Grateful to our Partners

Total pounds of food distributed in 2019: 16,614. As we continue our partnership with God's Pantry and GleanKY supplying food to various farms throughout Central Kentucky, we stop and thank those who are the conduits for such distribution. Our volunteers who have made the pickups and deliveries have been a valuable asset. If you would like to be a part of food distribution volunteers, please contact info@bgfcky.org or go online to www.bgfcky.org.

We also want to thank those who have helped fill our shelves for the office food pantry. BGFC has seen an increase in need this summer and fall from the Backstretch & training center. We are so grateful for your assistance.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact info@bgfcky.org or go to the website and print out a volunteer form at <https://www.bgfcky.org/volunteer-and-internships.html>, scan and send to above email address.

Thank you to the following:

Blue Grass Hospitality
Thanksgiving Day Luncheon

Danville Christian Academy

Delta Dental of Kentucky

Hagyard Pharmacy

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Lane's End Farm Staff

Nicholson Insurance Company

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A Bountiful Summer/Fall

BGFC has been pounding the pavement getting food distributed, ESL classes established and distributing backpacks to the farms' kindergarten through 5th graders throughout the area. All these services cost money. This past year, Bluegrass Community Foundation and the Jelm Foundation grants were awarded to the charity covering 90% of the cost involved in making these programs work. Labor, overhead, mileage and miscellaneous office expenses are paid with various donations to the charity. That's why your contribution is appreciated, and why it means so much - it keeps these vital programs and services going. Please consider making a new year donation to Blue Grass Farms Charities. *Thank you!*

Benevolence By The Numbers

Visits to Farms,	
Track, Equine Medical Facilities	36
Number of Families Served	749
Pounds of Food delivered	
through God's Pantry	16,264
through Glean KY	350
Bags of Food from Office Pantry	209
Program and Services Mileage	1,910

Housing Assistance	\$3,464.83
Utilities Assistance	\$761.47
Medical Assistance	\$3,522.31
Miscellaneous	\$700.00
Financial Assistance	
Food Cost (Overhead)	\$624.59
2019 Total:	\$9,073.20

We Are Moving!



New Year, new location for our office. Our doors will be open at 2339 Sandersville Road on February 1st! We are looking forward to continuing our programs and services providing the same level of care and concern for the people we serve in a friendlier, more convenient space.



Julie Berry with children attending the Festival of Christmas

Note from the Executive Director New Board Members Elected for 2020

The general election of officers took place at the December Board of Directors meeting. The new president and treasurer for 2020-2022 are Jesse Ullery and Tom Thornbury. New Board members are: Emily Alberti, Paulick Report; Sharon Bradley, Central Bank; Julie Cauthen, Four Star Sales; Gemma Freeman, Stonestreet Farms; Bryan Lyster, Ashview Farm; Gonzalo Maluenda, Lane's End Farm; and Adrian Wallace, Coolmore/Ashford Stud. A great start for 2020!

Thank you FRIENDS

sales are over, we've had a chance to relax and enjoy family. Here at Blue Grass Farms Charities we are thankful for the partnerships we have made this year. We are looking forward to working with our friends in 2020. My message is short but to the point...there are so many to thank and we sure are trying! Please know we appreciate YOU! Happy Holidays and may the New Year be bright, full of love and happiness from all of us at BGFC.

This is a time to be grateful . . . 2019 racing and

*Julie Berry
Executive Director*