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Delafield Co-op Market Opens

Interview with Patty Lowery

What is your role with the Delafield Co-op Market?

“My name is Patty Lowery and I help run the market every day. This includes letting the customers know about produce, products, and any specials we might be offering. I also work on keeping the market cleaned and stocked. I enjoy getting to know the customers, especially now that some of them are becoming regulars, and serving them while they shop in the market.”

What have been your favorite moments since opening the market?

“I really enjoy seeing everyone’s expression when they first enter the market. Many people will comment on how ‘good everything looks’ or ‘how pretty it is.’ I especially enjoy seeing how excited neighbors from Delafield are when they come into the market and comment on how now ‘they can buy things here instead of having to go to a store further away.’ I have also appreciated being able to share my own personal story of poverty and hardships with many of our neighbors which has resulted in them opening up about their own lives. I feel like these moments have helped to form some good relationships with customers coming into the market.”

What has been your biggest surprise since opening the market?

“I wasn’t sure how busy the market would be when we first opened. I did not know how eager the neighbors would be about the large selection of produce and healthier food options, and I was afraid the feedback might be that people wanted more junk food. Still, it has been great to see how busy the market has been and everyone has been so excited about the ability to buy fresh produce and products from local farmers. It has been a wonderful experience.”



Patty Lowery

What would you like to share with someone who might be interested in seeing what the market has to offer?

“Come visit and let us know what you like and what you might like to see offered at the market. The co-op model allows us to gather feedback from the members to make sure that the market is offering what they want. So don’t just look around and leave to try to find something somewhere else. Instead, provide us with your thoughts and talk about what you would like the market to carry in the future.”

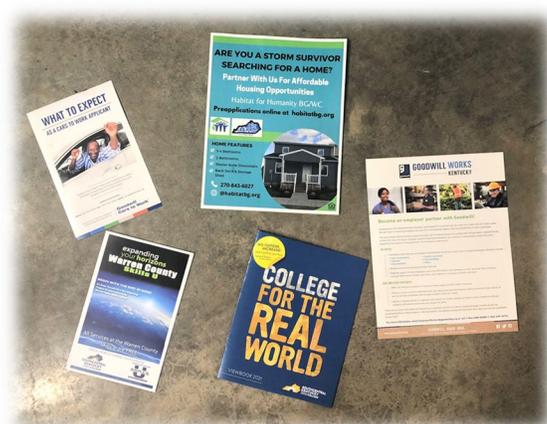


Growing Partnerships

by Rebecca Troxell, Navigator

Exciting things are happening at HOTEL INC! We are so thrilled to share the news about the work we are doing with other organizations to help not only our individual partners but our community as a whole.

First of all, we are working with Habitat for Humanity to identify people who might qualify for affordable homeownership due to the tornado. Next, we have begun a great partnership with TRIO, a federally funded program, that assists individuals who would like to obtain their GED or even a college degree. Lastly, we are working more closely with Goodwill Industries to assist partners in obtaining both new job skills and reliable transportation. As we continue to work to build and strengthen relationships with both new and existing partners we will be better able to assist those within the community on their journey to a more stable future.



Neighborhood Engagement

by Beth Carroll, Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator



Beth and Shelley have been meeting with a small group of neighbors who came together in 2021, with a shared interest in seeing Delafield flourish. Their focus has been on aesthetics, safety, and access to nutritious and reasonably priced food. This small group of homeowners and renters have continued to gather, share feedback, and discuss topics of importance to them. The gathering has also served as a time where recently introduced neighbors have been able to cultivate these new relationships.

In the first quarter of 2022, topics of interest have included how to keep neighbors up-to-date on voting (registration, elections, candidates, and issues), as well as, safety and aesthetics in the neighborhood. Our working theory has been that the majority of solutions are present in the community but that some external expertise may be

needed to jumpstart flourishing, similar to adding fertilizer to the soil. One of our neighbors, Joyce, expressed a personal interest in getting her neighbors to vote. We were privileged to help connect her with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth who gave her topics for discussion with other neighbors wanting to tackle issues through voting. Another neighbor, Luis, expressed an interest in being more involved with the Delafield Co-op Market so that he can give back and connect more with his neighbors. His gift of being bilingual in both English and Spanish, as well as his passion for the market, has allowed him to lead conversations with other Spanish speaking neighbors. Shelley recently shared Luis' excitement and joy as he walked the streets of Delafield with her spreading news about the co-op.

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We believe Delafield neighbors possess the ability to advocate for themselves but may have lacked opportunity or access to a seat at the table. Our role has been to facilitate contact with, and conversations between, Delafield neighbors and community resources. It has been exciting to see our neighbors standing for Delafield in the first quarter of 2022 as they have formed new partnerships with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and the City of Bowling Green Neighborhood & Community Services (Neighborhood Watch and Code Compliance).

As the weather warms up and people spend more time outdoors, we hope those with a passion for neighborhood improvement can meet others with that same passion. Providing space for conversations and advocacy allows our neighbor's gifts and talents to flourish, while making sure their concerns are heard and deeper relationships are developed.

Celebrating 2021 Volunteers

by Beth Carroll, Neighborhood Engagement Coordinator

We enjoyed a lovely lunch celebrating volunteers that served in 2021. While we collectively recognized all our 2021 volunteers for giving their time and talent we also had an opportunity to honor a community partner and some individuals.

Our Community Partner of the year was First Christian Church. FCC is transforming their food pantry through implementing key elements of Seeking Shalom and they are committed to working alongside people we support.

Service awards were given to two of our Street Medicine program providers, Helen Karrick & Eve Main. Helen served for nine years and has now retired and Eve was honored for her 10 years of service. These two women went on rounds at 5:30 am to meet people in their cars and in their encampments to assess, provide basic medical care and referral. We are so blessed to have had Helen's service for nine years and we look forward to Eve's continuing service.

Our Board Member of the Year award was given to Evelyn Thrasher. Evelyn's gifts have been countless hours of mining and presenting us with data that we have used to drive our strategic plan. We appreciate Evelyn's contributions to our vision.

The past two years have been full of adjustments and readjustments within our organization. As our services have shifted from crisis to recovery and development, with a focus on building deeper relationships, our volunteer roles have shifted. Partnership has led to opportunities for participants to volunteer. Focusing on advocacy and development has led to different work for our existing volunteers. The successes we have seen have humbled our hearts and strengthened our resolve to continue doing the work God has given us.



Eve Main and Rhondell Miller



Evelyn Thrasher



Community Partner Award



Amy, on the porch of the transitional house

So far this year, our partners have had many successes.

We had our first graduation of the year for **Foundations** in March, and our 2nd cohort is underway with 18 participants. One of those current participants, Amy, recently moved into the **Transitional Housing** program with her family. There they are working one-on-one with a navigator while also attending the 8-week *Foundations* classes. They also found out they will be receiving an EHV (Emergency Housing Voucher) through HUD to obtain affordable housing. While in the transitional housing program, their family has the space and comfort to relax while also working diligently on their goals. Even the little things, such as being able to cook for her family and having the ability to spend quality time together has made a big impact as they search for a home of their own.

Since moving into the transitional house, Amy said, “Thank you for restoring our mental health, giving us hope, and providing us protection and a safe place to stay. It is great to be all together in the house and have a space as a family.”

Another partner, Jacquelyn, has also had some big changes in the last couple months. Jacquelyn and Tommy participated in **Foundations** last year and have continued working with their navigator since then. They had been staying at a motel for the last couple of years which is a tough cycle to escape financially. With no realistic way to save money for moving costs, they persevered by working on other goals such as health, family development, and transportation issues. Finally, thanks to the many community partnerships with landlords and financial assistance for moving costs like security deposit, utility deposit, and even furniture vouchers, they were able to move into their own home. Now they are getting settled in their own space with room to have visitors and a yard for their dog, Charlie, to run and play. While reflecting on their experiences Jacquelyn shared, “I had just about given up on finding a place with our financial situation and background history. I didn’t realize there is as much help out there as there is, and I’m grateful for everything that HOTEL INC has done for us. We just want to let everyone know that there is help out there. Don’t give up, be patient, and work for what you want.”



Charlie, Jacquelyn and Tommy’s dog, enjoying their yard.



Thank you for making **A Night of Art** a success.

The evening raised over \$14,000 for our operations!

Thank you to the artists, vendors, the Not Brothers, and sponsors Anthem, WBKO, and Humana. Each of you made the evening special.

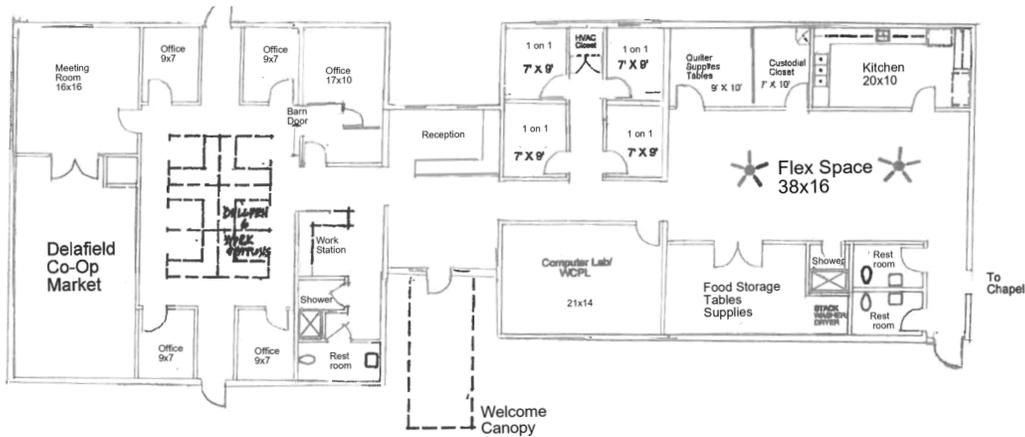
2022 Capital Campaign

We have been blessed by receiving a challenge matching gift of \$100,000.00 from the Berta Family Foundation toward our Capital Campaign.

Will you help us maximize this gift? If we can raise the matching funds this will bring us to 76% of our goal for our new building and remodel! The project has started with demo underway!

Thank you to the Berta Family Foundation for making this gift possible. You can designate your gift online at www.hotelincbg.com or contact Rhondell Miller, 270-782-1263 to discuss pledge options.

GOAL: \$441,964 Capital Campaign



The Coffee Talks

June 8th, 8:30am



Join us @ 1005 Boatlanding Road



Topic: Delafield Co-Op Market

Register at info@hotelincbg.com or call 270-782-1263

Foundations

by Harold Bucy, Navigator

Louis is a past graduate of our **Foundations** program previously known as the *Preferred Tennant Program*. He has been on his job over a year and transportation has been an issue for him. He recently completed the Goodwill Cars to Work program and will have his own vehicle within a few weeks.

Louis is also in the process of finalizing his application to apply for a loan to purchase a home with Habitat for Humanity. In a relatively short period of time Louis has gone from unstable housing without transportation to getting his own vehicle and working on his long term goal of home ownership.



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