



December 2021

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Highlights

The BCB Holiday Party Was So Much Fun!

The BCB Holiday Party was an afternoon of carols, holiday trivia, good food, festive wear, Sam-ta and the best company! Enjoy these happy faces and if you'd like to see more, [click here for the album on our Facebook page!](#)



We (Almost) Did It!

With the help of 35 donors, BCB raised more than \$5,000 in direct donations during the Good Giving Challenge! Many of the donations through the challenge qualified for additional matching gifts, making contributions go even further to provide life-changing services for people who are visually impaired in Kentucky. Thank you!

While the Good Giving Challenge may be over, we're still short of our year-end fundraising goal. Will you help us meet that goal? [Click here to make a year-end donation](#) to help push us to our goal! We are so close!

Thank you to our 2021 Good Giving Challenge Supporters!

Arthur Abshire
Ahava Center for Spiritual Living
Pete Alberti
Don Ament
Len Cox
Jenne Culbertson
Tracy Curtis
Michelle Dunn
Joe and Debbie Graviss
Grover Mollineaux Financial Services
David Hadland in honor of Rebecca Parmley
Hernandez Family
Al Isaac in honor of Terry Isaac
Susan McDaniel
Carol Morgan
Jane Peters
Tim Philpot
Judy Potter
Cassie Studler
Theresa Thomas
Vranicar Family
Rita Whitnel
Anonymous in honor of Theresa
Anonymous in honor of Rick Sawyer
Anonymous in honor of Vicki Ritchie
Anonymous in honor of Valerie
Anonymous in honor of Judy Potter

BCB Holiday Hours and Schedule

The BCB office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 22, through Friday, Dec. 24, for Christmas and Monday, Jan. 3. There will be no Lunch & Learn this month due to the holidays and food distribution will be delivery only on December 16. Wishing you all safe and happy holidays!

Calendar

December Events

BCB Focus Group

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021

Time: 7 PM to 8 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

If you have received any BCB service since July 1 and did not participate in the Nov. 17 focus group, you are invited to participate! BCB is eager to hear your feedback on our services to help us with grant reporting and evaluating programs.

Registration: Call the office at 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org to register.

December BCB Food Distribution Home Delivery

Date: Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021

Time: Between 3 PM and 6 PM EST

December BCB Mentoring Small Groups

Date: Monday, Dec. 20, 2021

Time: 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM EST

Location: Zoom meeting

Join us for a more personal way of sharing and learning. These groups are confidential, and participants are expected to be mindful and respectful of one another's privacy when personal information is shared. New group members are welcome! To participate, contact Theresa Thomas at info@bcbky.org or 859-259-1834 for access information.

January 2022 Events

Happy New Year!

As long as it is safe and CDC Guidelines allow it, we plan to return to in-person meetings in the new year.

January BCB Mentoring Small Groups

Share and learn tips and techniques for living and coping with a vision impairment in these small group settings. Do you have questions and just don't know where to find the answers? Are you trying to deal with

challenges due to your vision and wondering how others manage? Join us for a more personal way of sharing and learning. These groups are confidential, and participants are expected to be mindful and respectful of one another's privacy when personal information is shared. New group members are welcome! We offer two dates for the mentoring small groups: an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting.

Afternoon Mentoring

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022

Time: 1 PM to 2 PM EST

Location: BCB Headquarters (1093 S. Broadway, Ste 1214, Lexington, KY 40503)

To participate, contact Susan Ament at susana@bcbky.org or 859-259-1834.

Evening Mentoring

Date: Monday, Jan. 17, 2022

Time: 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM EST

Location: Zoom meeting

To participate, contact Susan Ament at susana@bcbky.org or 859-259-1834.

January BCB Assistive Technology Group Seminar

Date: Thursday, January 13, 2022

Time: 1 PM to 2 PM

Location: BCB Headquarters (1093 S. Broadway, Ste. 1214, Lexington, KY 40503)

Topic: How to easily change the voice on your iPhone or iPad
Does Siri or VoiceOver on your iPhone or iPad sound like a robot? Well, did you know there are other voices available? These voices are much more natural sounding and won't make you feel like you're in an episode of "Lost In Space"! Join Sam for this month's A-T group seminar, where he'll show you how easy it is to get a natural and much more lifelike sounding voice for your Apple device. Bring your apple devices along with you and your questions on IOS settings and join us in person or by Zoom. This will be offered as a hybrid event, and registration is required for either.

This meeting is in person at the BCB office! Participants who are not comfortable or able to join in person can still call in or join us by video conference using the Zoom Link.

Registration: Call the office at 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org to register or request Zoom access info. Remember, you can use a landline telephone as well as a cell phone, computer or tablet to access a zoom meeting. Carrier rates may apply.

January BCB Lunch & Learn/Food Distribution Pick-up

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022

Time: Noon to 2 PM

Location: BCB Headquarters (1093 S. Broadway, Ste. 1214, Lexington, KY 40504)

Topic: BCB Programs and Services for 2022

Exciting new services are in the works and we want to let you know all about them! The BCB staff will present new services and cover some basic info on how to access services from BCB and many other services available to people with vision impairments in our community. This will be the beginning of our BCB 101 Series and will be offered as a hybrid meeting, both in person at the BCB office, and available via Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person.

Please register at least two days prior to the meeting. Lunch will be served from noon – 1 PM and the presentation will be from 1 PM– 2 PM. If joining by zoom, please join at 1 PM.

Supplemental food will be distributed after the program.

This meeting is in person at the BCB office! Registration is required at least two days prior, so register by noon on Monday, January 24! Participants who are not comfortable or able to join in person can still call in or join us by video conference using the Zoom Link.

Registration: Call the office at 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org to register or request Zoom access info. Remember, you can use a landline telephone as well as a cell phone, computer or tablet to access a zoom meeting. Carrier rates may apply.

January BCB Food Distribution Home Delivery

Date: Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022

Time: Between 3 PM and 6 PM EST

If you are blind or visually impaired and in need of food due to financial difficulties or barriers to shopping, BCB can help. We offer a pre-determined variety of grocery items each month that you can pick up at our monthly Lunch & Learn meetings, which occur on the fourth Wednesday of each month. If you cannot attend the Lunch & Learn meetings and live in Fayette County, we can deliver your items to your home the day after the monthly Lunch & Learn. Any person attending the Lunch & Learn meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month and who is visually impaired is eligible to participate in the food distribution, regardless of what county they reside in. Distribution is subject to availability.

Registration: To register for food delivery, call 859-259-1834 and press 1 to leave your name, street address and phone number, and state that you would like food delivered. If you are unsure of your availability, please only call once you are certain of your arrangements to avoid confusion. If you have questions, please call the BCB office during normal office hours and

press zero to talk with a staff member. If you do leave a message but then need to change your request, you must talk with a staff member to make the change. Changes will NOT be accepted through the voicemail system.