

## **Magnolia Bank celebrates the holidays by giving back to community initiatives**

At Magnolia Bank, we believe the holidays are a time for spreading joy and giving to the community. Whether it's through talent, time or treasure, we believe giving back to the community is an essential part of getting into the holiday spirit. That is why we proudly donated \$5,000 to the Family Scholar House and recently supported the nonprofit's second-annual Thanksgiving Meal Drive for Elizabethtown Community and Technical College (ECTC) students.

Family Scholar House is a vital organization that offers comprehensive support to single moms, dads, and their children, along with foster care alumni who are facing economic hardships. In collaboration with ECTC, they provide invaluable assistance to students who encounter non-academic barriers. Through this partnership, ECTC students, potential students, and other community members receive free holistic services, including aid with applying for welfare benefits, access to food pantries, childcare and transportation support, technology assistance, and career and academic coaching.

Both of these dedicated community partners are actively raising funds for a significant initiative known as the Home for Hope Campaign. The project aims to alleviate the challenges of housing insecurity and transportation faced by ECTC students. It involves constructing a 48-unit housing facility on ECTC's campus, located adjacent to the James S. Owen Humanities Building. Priority will be given to student parents pursuing high-demand careers in healthcare and advanced manufacturing. The campus will offer two and three-bedroom apartments, along with modern technology and connectivity, a playground, and a family services building equipped with essential programmatic space and resources for student-parent families.

With the necessary funding, construction on this transformative project is set to commence later this year and is anticipated to conclude in 2025.

The Family Scholar House Thanksgiving Drive was a heartwarming initiative that provided complete meals for ECTC students and their families in need. Magnolia Bank proudly collected donations for this drive at our locations and facilitated the delivery of these generous contributions. Each meal box was stocked with a large variety of essentials, including stuffing, macaroni and cheese, turkey gravy, cake mix, frosting, instant mashed potatoes, and more.

We also provided our support to a personal hygiene drive hosted by Bluegrass Professional Counseling in Hodgenville. This drive focused on donating items such as body wash, shampoo, deodorant, razors, and new towels to local individuals in need. As with the Thanksgiving Drive, we collected hygiene donations at our locations and delivered them to be distributed to those in need.

At Magnolia Bank, our commitment to empowering opportunity through community investment is a year-round endeavor, but the magic of the holiday season makes it even more special. From our family to yours, we extend warm wishes for a safe and joyful holiday season!