



85th Anniversary – Kentucky Affiliate

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Please enjoy reading these excerpts from Kentucky's report! With 109 members in this affiliate, they can spread out and get lots done quickly! Cheers to them on coordinating efforts throughout Kentucky to spread the news about NEAFCS.

In Kentucky, each district chose a non-profit organization in which to work. Each district interpreted the work differently, but as a group, we achieved the goal of widespread impact across all 120 counties.

- Green River Area agents worked with a local Salvation Army to stock shelves and organize donations.
- Lake Cumberland Area members supported the Lake Cumberland Children's Advocacy Center during their day of service on July 10th. Our members donated \$85.00 to the Center along with items (in quantities of 85+) to be shared on medical days such as snacks and hygiene products, coloring pages/books and crayons for use in therapy sessions, and paper for creating resource packets for families. Agents met with Center staff to discuss needs and ways that their partnership could be strengthened including additional outreach throughout the year and training for our communities conducted by Advocacy Center staff.
- The Northern Kentucky agents worked at Master Provisions in Florence, Kentucky. Master Provisions is a faith-led organization that collects surplus resources (mainly food and clothing) and distributes to people in need.
- The Purchase Area agents worked with the Merryman House, the regional Domestic Violence Shelter in Paducah, Kentucky. Agents worked to learn more about the shelter as well as ways the two groups might work together in the future to encourage saving, building, and changing lives of survivors of domestic violence.
- The Pennyrile agents visited Sanctuary, the regional Domestic Violence Shelter in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Agents set up a rotating schedule of programming for shelter clients and their children. Participants were able to take classes on relationships, basic sewing, cooking, budgeting and more. While Moms were taking classes, the children were able to take part in Stories, Songs, and Stretches as well as nutrition and germ-busting lessons. The day ended with agents and participants working together to make dinner for those living in the shelter.
- KEAFCS purchased 85+ jars of peanut butter and donated them to the Big Blue Pantry. Big Blue Pantry is a campus base food bank that is open to all University of Kentucky students.
- The Licking River Area Agents met earlier this month and decided to send \$85 to the NEAFCS Endowment fund in honor of Debra Cotterill's years of service to the organization.

How did your affiliate use the NEAFCS history/archives information on our website?
Which resources did you use?

Kentucky made a new addition to our KEAFCS website this year – KEAFCS history! Under it, we now have posted historical documents for many aspects of our association. We also added the [KEAFCS History](#) link to our webpage, for easy access to all members.

We are also finally completing a long-term project of setting up archives of our important KEAFCS records with the library at the University of Kentucky. This archiving project is part of our KEAFCS policies but was never completed until we decided this would be an important achievement to correspond with the NEAFCS 85th celebration.

How did your affiliate implement the **85 Things to-do** list as a group /individually?

- Leaving it up to each area, the 85th Anniversary Committee encouraged agents as individuals and with their local groups such as Homemakers to choose an item from the list and implement it in their community.

Additional comments/feedback regarding our 85th Anniversary celebration.

Inspired us to complete an important historical project for our website and archiving project with the UK Library.

