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McCracken County Community Career Endowment, Inc. Statement on the death of Ms. Peggy Paxton

The McCracken County Community Career Endowment, Inc. is deeply saddened by the recent death of Ms. Peggy Paxton. Ms. Paxton, and her late husband Mr. Fred Paxton, announced the donation of one million dollars to the Community Foundation of West Kentucky in December 2005 to support and assist the African American community in Paducah and McCracken County. The MCCCE receives a dividend annually from the Community Foundation of West Kentucky from the endowed donation.

As a result of their shared vision and donation, the McCracken County Community Career Endowment, Inc. was established and incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) organization operating in the State of Kentucky on January 31, 2006.

Approximately 450 students have received educational assistance scholarships since 2006. Over \$60,000.00 was awarded to 37 students for the 2024-25 school year. The MCCCE is currently accepting applications for Class XV of the PaxtonScholars Program. The PaxtonScholars Program selects six high school Juniors annually. This will make 90 students that have been selected as PaxtonScholars. These students receive a college-ready laptop computer and earn funds during their Junior and Senior years of high school and during their first two semesters of college. The Fred and Peggy Paxton Non-Endowed Fund has recently donated additional funds to help support this program.

We currently partner with nine (9) area organizations and grant funds to them as they mentor and tutor students in the Paducah/McCracken County community.

We have many more programs that assist in our efforts to fulfill the vision of Mr. Fred and Ms. Peggy Paxton and they will continue the legacy of the Paxton's forever.

Ms. Paxton has recently attended our annual Scholarship Programs and was able to meet with many of the scholarship awardees and hear about their educational endeavors. On June 2, 2024, she expressed that they were helping to make their vision in 2005 a reality and was delighted to see the vision being lived out by the students as they strive to make their lives the best they can be.

A sincere heartfelt "Thank You" goes to Mr. Fred and Ms. Peggy. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go to the entire Paxton family in this difficult time. Their legacy will continue to make a huge difference in our community.

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