Common Good

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Making an impact one family at a time.



Learning City Skills This Summer

Common Good took on the big city of Lexington this summer! Our curriculum focused on teaching students what resources they can access right here in our community.

At a Seedleaf community garden we learned about harvesting and planting our favorite vegetables (like tomatoes and spinach!) and how to build our own bouquets with freshly picked flowers. We visited Foodchain's nearby Neighborhood Green Grocery, bought some local produce, and then turned that into toppings for homemade pizza.

One of our favorite experiences was when Lextran came to visit! We practiced using a bus pass to ride to the library, where we learned about borrowing books. We also visited our favorite parks downtown and cooled off playing in an artificial stream at Gatton Park.

We had such an incredible summer learning about all we can do in our city. We love you, Lexington!

Thriving children.
Strong families.
Flourishing neighborhoods.



Senior Spotlight

Meet Vanesa, age 17, who joined Common Good in 2015.

What are your hobbies?
I like to take my dog out, hang out with my friends, and listen to music.

What are your college plans?
I plan to attend a good college where I'm able to explore my interests and prepare for a career I can enjoy.

What is one thing you have learned in the college process?
That it's okay to not have everything figured out and to explore different options that best fit your interests. And it's important to be patient and responsible.

What is your favorite thing about Common Good?
My favorite thing is how much help they provide to help you become successful. I like how I get to spend time with friends outside of school and how it feels like a second home where everyone supports you.



Welcome Ben Fulkerson

Ben, our Lead Mentor for our 2nd/3rd Classroom, joined the staff in May of 2026. Ben brings humor and positivity to the classroom every day, helping students unlock their curiosity, master new skills, and feel truly seen and heard. He has particularly enjoyed his class experiencing the new games and play areas in their remodeled classroom. He's really excited about starting his first school year as the lead mentor for 2nd/3rd!

In his free time, Ben really enjoys playing piano, baking, and meditation.

Please join us for Common Good's 15th Annual

Fundraising Breakfast

Thursday, October 22nd from 7:30-9 AM

Our Annual Fundraising Breakfast will be held on Thursday, October 22nd from 7:30-9 AM at the Foundry at Centenary Church. It will also be available virtually! The Breakfast is the best opportunity for community members, business leaders, and partners to learn about Common Good and to hear meaningful stories directly from our students, parents, and graduates.

RSVP or donate at www.commongoodlex.org/breakfast

Fall Mentors Needed!

We are looking for mentors to help in our After-School Program this fall. This is a weekly commitment and our program runs Monday–Thursday from 2:30-6 PM at Embrace Church. Register at commongoodlex.org/volunteer or contact Noranne Hendricks with any questions at noranne@commongoodlex.org.

Bluegrass Gives

The Bluegrass Gives Challenge is coming soon—this year it will be on Tuesday, December 1.

Stay tuned for an announcement on what our campaign is for this year. And be sure to share our posts on socials during the event!

What's your favorite free time game?



Gio, Age 10

I love playing basketball and soccer during free time! Basketball is my favorite. Sometimes I win and sometimes I lose.



Alaya, Age 6

I love spending time with my friends at Common Good. I really like cooking in the play kitchen in my classroom.

Please consider supporting students like Gio and Alaya by **making a gift today!** Your donation directly impacts children in Common Good's After-School Program, ensuring they have a safe space, a meal, homework help, and an opportunity to form bonds with friends and mentors.





Updated Elementary Classrooms

We believe in the power of the physical beauty of the places we spend our lives. It's not just about a room being nice for the sake of beauty alone—it's about making it a welcoming space. We see this as a way to honor the people who spend time here. We want every person who walks into the doors of Common Good to feel at home. We want them to feel like they belong.

For Bluegrass Gives in 2025, we raised over $30,000 to give our Elementary Program spaces a much needed remodel. We wanted them to reflect the bright, joyful personalities of our students and be spaces our students were proud to be in. Thanks to all of our generous donors and an interior designer who donated her services, we were able to completely update our classrooms, including new dress up costumes and a play kitchen for K/1st, a nature-themed reading corner for 2nd/3rd, vibrant neon lights for 4th/5th, and fresh paint on every wall. Our students have loved their new spaces.



Celebrating Recent Promotions





We've had two recent promotions here at Common Good! Nicolas Scott, formerly our Business and Development Manager, is now our Marketing and Communications Manager. He brings warmth, thoughtfulness, and creativity to this new role.

Jacqui Johns-Patrick was also promoted in August to Fundraising Manager. Jacqui split her time over the last year between working in development and leading one of our elementary classroom. She is now fully on the development side, and we're so excited to have her attention to detail, diligence, and passion on our team!

OUR MISSION

Common Good is an inclusive community in North Lexington dedicated to whole families. We create a safe space for our community to know love.

OUR VISION

We want to see thriving students, strong families, and flourishing neighborhoods live into their God-given potential.

Support Common Good

GIVING OPTIONS:

☐ I will sponsor____student(s) for the After-School Program
($300 per semester/$600 for the entire 2026-27 school year)

☐ I would like to become a monthly supporter and give
$_____each month
(Recurring donations can be made online or by check)

☐ I would like to give a one-time donation of $ _____

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www.commongoodlex.org/donate

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Our 8 seniors preparing for their next steps

Our 2026–27 school year

Our Social Enterprise, Matchstick Goods

Our Path Program

Our families

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