Dear Members of AFP Bluegrass:

Thank you.

You've stayed with us through, undoubtedly, the most challenging two years of our careers and lives:
- Chapter meetings by Zoom.
- Virtual National Philanthropy Day recognitions.
- The absence of irreplaceable face-to-face conversations with colleagues and friends.

The challenges of 2019 and 2020 caused us all to be adaptable and flexible in ways we never anticipated, and we are grateful that you remained flexible along with us.

In 2022 our plan is to return to an AFP Bluegrass experience we've relied upon for years. It’s difficult to say whether things will be fully “normal” in our immediate future, but we are committed to bring back the element of our chapter that we all value the most: direct, in-person networking, learning, and interaction with our peers.

In this newsletter you'll find information about our return to in-person chapter meetings, a recap of our National Philanthropy Week, and requests to give back to our profession through the AFP annual campaign and service to our chapter.

I wish all of you the best during this holiday (and hectic year-end giving!) season.

Scott Fitzpatrick
President
AFP Bluegrass Chapter

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Return to In-Person Meetings in 2022!

We are excited to see everyone at our chapter meetings in 2022! We are still working on securing a regular location for our meetings (if you have suggestions, please let us know!), so there’s a chance we may be virtual in January. Mark your calendars and make your plans based on the information below:

- We will meet the 2nd Friday of each month, except for July, November and December.
- We will likely continue to have around two meetings per year via Zoom. We see this as a way to engage some of our members who have further travel, and involve higher-profile speakers at a lower cost.
- We will provide boxed lunches
- We will encourage masks to be worn by anyone unvaccinated
- Also…mark your calendar for the AFP State Conference on Friday, July 22, to be
National Philanthropy “Week” in the Bluegrass!

Barring unforeseen circumstances, we will return to an in-person National Philanthropy Day event in 2022! This year, we celebrated philanthropy through sharing video messages from some of their most cherished donors on our Facebook page. Thank you to the following nonprofits who submitted videos, and will receive priority seating at our 2022 event:

JAG KY
Glean Kentucky
Hope Center
Bluegrass Care Navigators
Mission Health Lexington
Kentucky Red Cross
One Parent Scholar House
UK Markey Cancer Center Foundation
Blue Grass Community Foundation
Christian Appalachian Project

Congratulations to Mission Health Lexington, who garnered the most “likes” of their video with 86! They will receive a $500 prize from Blue Grass Community Foundation.

Support Our Profession

Be the Cause is the annual campaign for the AFP Foundation. Your support helps provide fellow professionals with scholarships, education, and valuable industry research. Plus, a percentage of all gifts to Be the Cause come back to support our local chapter!

- We are currently around $1,900 shy of our goal this year. You can give today online at https://afp.personifycloud.com/PersonifyEbusiness/OneClick, or contact Carrie Thayer Cardwell (carriethayercardwell@gmail.com) for more information.

Support Our Chapter

AFP Bluegrass is seeking members who are interested in playing a larger role in our chapter. If you are interested in serving on the local board, or assisting in one of the major initiatives of our chapter (programming, membership recruitment, National Philanthropy Day, etc…), please contact Ashley Hammond (hammondashleya@gmail.com) or Scott Fitzpatrick (sfitzpatrick@bgcf.org) to learn more about opportunities for service.
In addition, do you know of a colleague who could benefit through membership in AFP? Our VPs for membership, Lynne Washbish (lynne.washbish@redcross.org) and Tina Pugel (tinaslaughter100@gmail.com) would be happy to talk with them about joining our chapter!