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Higher Education Learning Partners for Students
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Dear Pickaway County Community Member,

Pickaway HELPS is a collaborative higher education initiative established in 2007 by the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners with the award of a Governor's College Access start-up grant.

Pickaway County currently has the lowest college attainment rate in central Ohio – with only 11.4% with a bachelor's degree or higher. A forecast that 90% of new jobs will require education beyond high school makes the Pickaway HELPS initiative critical.

Our mission is to assist Pickaway County residents with accessing education opportunities beyond high school. Pickaway HELPS provides hands-on assistance to take the mystery out of the higher education process by providing resources for career and college choices, including financial aid.

As the New Year kicks off, Pickaway HELPS is launching the "WE CAN HELP" campaign to raise funds to expand these valuable services and reach more students. Enclosed is a brochure that highlights the activities and services we have been able to provide in our first full year of operation.

As you consider the many worthy causes to devote resources to, we are asking for your "HELP" to continue our work in promoting the education of Pickaway County residents.

Should you have any questions about the HELPS program or if you would like more information, feel free to contact us directly at (740) 474-5383. We also invite you to visit our website at www.pickawayhelps.org.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

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