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Nancy Grayson:

As a client of Barnes Dennig, our partnership through Horizon Community Foundation of Northern Kentucky has been critical and extremely important, and I would rate that partnership as an A plus. Because they are like an extension to our team, they're always willing to answer questions that we might have.

There was a big question about a donation, a larger donation that we had coming in. That was a fairly complex gift for us, and this was a very time-sensitive donation. So we reached out to the Barnes Dennig team, and one of their partners was actually on vacation and took our call because they understood the time-sensitive nature of that gift. And talked with me about the different issues that were being presented and the questions that I had. So they made sure that I felt confident from their perspective that we were moving forward with that donor in the most appropriate and legal way.

Barnes Dennig has helped us to prepare for the future by thinking about different upcoming policy changes that might be happening, IRS regulations. As a public charity, as a young community foundation, we have to be very informed of these because we are very transparent with the public in terms of the funds that we manage as a fiduciary.

Community foundations are very nichey. There are a lot of different facets and ways that we engage with our donors and making sure that when they're engaging with our team, that if we have specific questions, especially for those new team members. They feel like they're partners in our work, and really are delivering on that level of excellence that is expected by the community.

I would wholeheartedly recommend Barnes Dennig because they really are like an extension of our own team. And even more importantly, they have the strong culture of giving back, which is the core of why we exist as a community foundation.