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**KENTON COUNTY FISCAL COURT RECOGNIZES  
2019 PIONEER AWARD HONOREES RICK AND MARY HULEFELD**

COVINGTON, Ky. (July 1, 2019) – At its Fiscal Court meeting last week, Kenton County recognized two of the 2019 Pioneer Award honorees, Rick and Mary Hulefeld, who were presented a proclamation for their outstanding community service and involvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulefeld are best known for founding Children, Inc. For over 40 years they have supported over 60,000 children and families in Kenton County. The Hulefeld's have opened multiple child care facilities that serve families, regardless of income, and have opened up their own home for individuals who needed extra assistance. They spend one-on-one time with the children, paint classrooms, and weed the gardens at the facilities in their free time.

Providing the best childcare for children and their families is important to them and they strive to continue to make an impact in Kenton County. Mr. and Mrs. Hulefeld are residents of the City of Covington.

Established in 2017, the Kenton County Pioneer Award honors living residents of Kenton County who have a record of outstanding service to the community and exemplify the highest standards of personal integrity. The Pioneer Award honors those who demonstrate servant leadership combined with awareness of the needs of fellow residents.

A committee, composed of the members of the Kenton County Ethics Commission, reviewed the nominations, identified deserving individuals, and forwarded their names to the Kenton County Fiscal Court for consideration and approval. The 2019 Pioneer Award recipients are Jim Claypool, John Salyers and Rick and Mary Hulefeld.

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