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 - ◆ Strengthen their voice
 - ◆ Enhance leadership development
 - ◆ Broaden members' horizons
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 - ◆ Emergency preparedness
 - ◆ Diabetes
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 - ◆ Alzheimer's disease
 - ◆ Food safety
 - ◆ Nutrition
 - ◆ Historic preservation
 - ◆ Recycling and waste reduction
 - ◆ Indoor air quality
 - ◆ Literacy
 - ◆ Estate planning
 - ◆ Home safety
- Members annually report 400,000 - 450,000 volunteer hours with a value of more than \$6 million dollars to the Commonwealth.
- Donations through KEHA to the University of Kentucky Ovarian Cancer Research Fund now average more than \$40,000 annually and totaled \$901,000 in 2007.
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- KEHA continues to work cooperatively with the University of Kentucky School of Human Environmental Sciences and Family and Consumer Sciences Extension to improve the quality of life for Kentucky families.



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