

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



I'm just back from a lovely family vacation and feel reenergized for the new year. Your Community Foundation is likewise coming off a great year in 2022 and looking forward to expanding our service to Hendricks County in 2023. You've read about 2022's highlights: partnering with our elected officials to distribute [American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) grants](#) to nonprofits, our [Community Behavioral Health Plan](#), the refreshed [Needs Assessment](#), and engaging our community in new ways.

2023 brings more exciting opportunities as we kick off our new 2023-2025 strategic plan with a four-fold focus on intentional action, engaged leaders, expanded resources, and broadened awareness. Our strategic plan vision states that "HCCF is a **trusted partner and leader in proactively and inclusively meeting the needs of Hendricks County today and tomorrow**," which dovetails perfectly with our new mission and vision statements. We're looking forward to being a trusted community partner, collaborating to align resources, and helping people realize their goals for addressing today's priorities and create lasting impact together.

We're excited about the fresh start a new year brings. Won't you join us in our important work to make Hendricks County a place where everyone has the opportunity to have a fulfilling life and the tools they need to build a stronger future together? Thank you!



Yours in Philanthropy,
[William Rhodehamel](#)
President & CEO



The 2022 Needs Assessment Results are In

We are excited to share the results of the 2022 Needs Assessment Survey, an abbreviated version of the 2019 Survey designed to update the data resourced by people across the community. The survey reached 3,600 individuals that live, work, and play in Hendricks County, which provided data that is 99% accurate (with a 2% margin of error).

Please take a few moments to read through the report and learn what issues our community is currently facing. View the report [here](#) or check out all the details on our [website](#).

New Board Members and New Roles

We are excited to announce new Board Members and new roles for our current members. Jessica Ledford is new to the HCCF Board this year, and current Board member Brad Riley is transitioning to Board Chair, and Joanna Kennedy is transitioning to Secretary.

Jessica Ledford is the West District Vice President at the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA and has worked in Hendricks County for the last 11 years. She loves her community, as well as binge watching action drama series. She is always looking for recommendations!

Brad Riley, a lifelong Hendricks County resident, has served on the HCCF Board since 2020 and this year is serving as Board Chair. Brad and his wife, Laura, had their first child in January 2022 and have loved adding a stroller to their regular walks through local parks.

Joanna Kennedy, is the Human Resource Officer for North Salem State Bank. Joanna and her husband Lance, have been married for 30 years. They love supporting their community through nonprofit board service as well as in many other areas. Read more [here](#).



Left to right: Brad Riley, Jessica Ledford, Joanna Kennedy

Thank You to Our 2022 Corporate Partners!



We could not be effective in this community without the support of our corporate partners - local businesses that are committed to giving back tangibly to their community through investing in HCCF.

Thank you to our Platinum Corporate Partners [State Bank](#) (listen to their HCCF Story [here](#)!) and [Hendricks Regional Health](#), and to [all our partners](#) for your support of the Community Foundation! We appreciate you!

Scholarship Review



Each year HCCF administers the [Lilly Endowment Community Scholars Program](#) (LECSP) in Hendricks County. The LECSP is a statewide program that offers recipients a full-tuition scholarship to any accredited college or university in Indiana, along with a \$900 stipend for required books and supplies.

Lilly Endowment allows each community foundation to determine how it selects recipients, including the process and criteria. HCCF is evaluating its current process and is using a [survey](#) to get input from the community.

Please share your thoughts with us and take [this short survey!](#)

New Events for a New Year



What new and exciting community events are you planning this year? Add them to our [Hendricks Community Calendar!](#) This calendar is designed to highlight local events and encourage people to explore all the exciting things to do in Hendricks County.

To add an event, click [here](#) to read the calendar guidelines and submit your event. Our team will review it and if approved, it will be added to the calendar!

My HCCF Story - Brad Riley, Harrington Law

We are excited to continue our series of stories shared by our generous donors, supporters, grantees and volunteers who make our good work in this community possible! Click the link below to hear Brad Riley of Harrington Law share his story as HCCF's Board Chair and donor.



Community Connections

HCCF is committed to building community unity and creating a welcoming community for all our residents. Every month we are spotlighting community leaders who help make Hendricks County a great place to live, work and play.



This month we are highlighting **Staci Hovermale**, Director of the [Plainfield Youth Assistance Program](#).

What is your favorite movie? Dead Poets Society

Favorite Hendricks County restaurant? Oasis Diner

What book are you reading right now or have recently read? Elijah: Faith and Fire- Bible Study, Priscilla Shirer

If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be? My Grandfather

What piece of advice would you give your younger self? God's timing is perfect! Keep trusting and be patient

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve?

The town of Plainfield has tried to incorporate more adequate affordable housing in multiple financial structures. This will always be an issue, but I do believe that Plainfield has made improvements in this area.

I would like to see more assistance for unhealthy addictions and habits of drugs, alcohol, and vaping in Plainfield, especially for our youth.

Why do you do what you do? I worked in a residential facility for 21 years. I believe in the Youth Assistance Program and the power of early intervention. My hope is to help children/youth in Hendricks County so they don't get involved in the juvenile system and they never see the inside of a residential facility.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

The winter blues may be here, but there are still lots of things to celebrate in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



Fave Five #1: Julie Randall and Kim Baver Honored as Community Leaders

At the Leadership Hendricks County Annual meeting last week, Julie Randall, Executive Director of [Family Promise of Hendricks County](#), was honored at the 2023 LHC Leader of the Year.

Kim Baver of [Citizens Bank](#) and former HCCF Board Member was also honored as the winner of the Suzanne Whicker Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations Julie and Kim!

Fave Five #2: Tim Whicker is inducted into Hall of Fame



Congratulations to Hendricks County 4-H Volunteer and HCCF Board of Directors member Tim Whicker for being inducted into the Indiana Association of Fairs and Festivals Hall of Fame this month!



Fave Five #3: Top 23 Events in 2023

A new year brings new events! Visit Hendricks County compiled a list of the top 23 events of 2023 happening in Hendricks County. Check it out [here](#)!



Fave Five #4: Housing Crisis Seminar

Join us for a presentation and conversation with the MIBOR Realtor® Association as we discuss Hendricks County's increasing population, the need for attainable housing for all income earners, connecting housing to workforce recruitment and retention strategies and growing the placemaking and quality of life amenities of our county. Register [here](#).



Fave Five #5: Municipal Voting Year

2023 is a Municipal Voting year in Hendricks County. Click [here](#) for a list of the Primary Candidates and be prepared to vote!

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