

Where Local Good Grows



# Hendricks County Community Foundation

In 2019, your Community Foundation completed our 2019 Needs Assessment at the beginning of our Community Unity work. This large project, encouraged and partially funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., surveyed our community to understand what you and our other neighbors saw as the most important assets and challenges in Hendricks County. The project took six months to complete and included responses from over 3,000 individuals, giving the survey a statistical 99% confidence with a 2% margin of error. That's a high rate of confidence and means the results safely could be applied to our community as a whole.

We planned to repeat the survey over the next decade to see what changes in these issues have occurred. I was surprised at the beginning of this year to realize that 2022 is the year for our first refresh of the survey results. So much has seemed to change in our community, nation and world since we completed the first Needs Assessment. But how have the needs changed? That's why we're doing the survey again!

Make your voice heard! The survey will officially be open August 1 to September 2, but we'd like to offer you the chance to get your response in today! Follow [this link](#) to complete the survey, which will take five or six minutes. Please also share the survey on social media and with your friends and neighbors. We want to hear from as many folks in Hendricks County as possible!

We'll be revealing the survey results before the end of the year, and engaging the community in additional discussions between now and then. But please complete your survey today!



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



## HCCF is Awarding ARPA Funds

HCCF is working with the Hendricks County Commissioners to assist with the distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to nonprofits working in Hendricks County. Working with the county's ARPA Planning Committee, the Community Foundation is designing and conducting a process to distribute up to \$6.6 million.

Noncompetitive grants of approximately \$5 million will be made to community organizations that, along with their clients, were most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Competitive grants will be offered through an annual application for the next three years, with the first application period starting August

1, 2022. Approximately \$1.5 million will be available through the three-year competitive grants, \$500,000 each year. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Hendricks County Auditor Nancy Marsh said, "Hendricks County has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make transformative changes and improvements in the lives of our citizens through ARPA Funds and I am proud of Hendricks County for recognizing the important service these organizations provide." Read more [here](#).

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## My HCCF Story - Angela Falcone, State Bank

We are excited to introduce a 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 from Angela Falcone of State Bank, HCCF's Platinum Corporate Partner and their HCCF Story!



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## HCCF Hosts Nonprofit Learning Sessions

As part of our Community Unity initiatives, HCCF has hired Johnson Grossnickle and Associates to run a three-part nonprofit learning series for local nonprofit staff and volunteers to learn about "Building Better Boards." You won't want to miss this!

See session dates below. The sessions are FREE; however, you must register for all three sessions individually. Register [here](#).

- Thursday, July 28 from 9 -10:00 a.m.
  - Thursday, Sept. 8 from 9 -10:30 a.m.
  - Thursday, Nov. 3 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.
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## Our 2022 Needs Assessment Survey is Open!

We are excited to share with you that our 2022 Needs Assessment Survey is open now, with results coming in November 2022!

Our goal is to re-launch an abbreviated version of the 2019 Survey to update the data resourced by people across our community. Our goal is to reach 4,000 or more individuals that live, work, and play in Hendricks County. This will provide data that is 99% accurate (with a 2% margin of error).

We want to hear your voice! Click [here](#) to take the survey and help us make Hendricks County a better place.



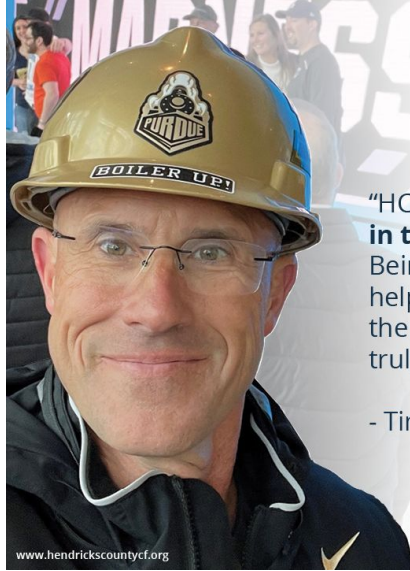
## Thanks for Getting Involved!

Congratulations to [Rock Steady Boxing of Brownsburg](#) and the [Hendricks County Medical Reserve Corps](#) for winning our \$500 nonprofit drawings last week at Get Involved, sponsored by HCCF and hosted by the Hendricks County 4-H Fair Grounds!

Thank you to all the local nonprofits who participated in the volunteer job fair and shared your mission and vision with folks in our community who want a place to give back. Keep on Getting Involved Hendricks County!

## A Board to Brag About

Tim Whicker joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2020 and has served on the Development Committee. Read what Tim has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.



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"HCCF has become an **integral piece in the fabric of Hendricks County.** Being a part of this organization and helping to bring lasting impacts to the citizens of Hendricks County is a truly fulfilling experience."

- Tim Whicker



## 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 **Lael Hill**, Executive Director of [Mental Health America of Hendricks County](#).

**If you could be a superhero for a day, who would you be?** Wasp!

**What is something still on your bucket list?** Doing one pull-up!

**What brings you happiness?** Family and Friends

**What do you love most about our community?** How caring community citizens are. When a tragedy impacts one person, the entire community steps in to help a person or family in need. Its a blessing to us all.

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

Lack of affordable housing: We could create fact sheets and lobby local public policy officials to help them understand the need for approved zoning to help our citizens who have an addiction or are facing homelessness. There are misconceptions about homelessness and addiction and we need to do better at addressing them.

**Why do you do what you do?** I have a strong sense of justice that fuels my passion to help our county's most vulnerable. Because I was once vulnerable too.

## Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

It's summertime and the living is easy and fun with exciting things going on in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

### Fave Five #1: HRH is Partnering with Mayo Clinic

Congratulations to HCCF's Platinum Corporate Partner [Hendricks Regional Health](#) for joining the prestigious Mayo Clinic Care Network! Hendricks Regional Health was chosen as a partner by demonstrating a commitment to the highest quality,

patient-centered care. Learn more [here](#).



Kevin Speer, HRH CEO



Robin Brandgard & Greg Steuerwald

### Fave Five #2: Robin Brandgard receives Sagamore Award

Plainfield Town Council President, Robin Brandgard, was presented the State of Indiana's Sagamore of the Wabash Award by State Representative Greg Steuerwald.

The State of Indiana named Brandgard a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash due to his leadership and commitment to making Plainfield and the Greater Indianapolis region a better place to work, live and play for the last four decades. Congrats Mr. Brandgard!



### Fave Five #3: Hendricks Civic Theatre is performing The Hunchback Of Notre Dame

You have one last chance this weekend, July 29-31, to see the Hendricks Civic Theatre's performances of The Hunchback of Notre Dame at Danville High School! Get your tickets at [hendrickscivic.com](http://hendrickscivic.com) today before they're gone!



Blast Off Park, Brownsburg

### Fave Five #4: It's National Parks & Rec Month

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant and healthy communities through the power of parks and recreation.

We are grateful for the amazing parks we have in Hendricks County! Check them out [here](#).

### Fave Five: July is BIPOC Mental Health



### Awareness Month

July is BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) Mental Health Awareness Month, created to bring awareness to the unique struggles that underrepresented groups face in regard to mental illness in the US. What can you do to support our BIPOC friends and neighbors who face mental health challenges? Learn more [here](#).

## Thank You to Our 2022 Corporate Partners

Thank you to our amazing sponsors! 70% of consumers want to support companies that give back to their communities. If you are one of that 70%, please consider patronizing these local organizations for all they do for HCCF and our community.

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