

Where Local Good Grows



# Hendricks County Community Foundation

Hi Friends,

Some of our Board members came together last week at a local watering hole for some purely social time. It was so wonderful to see each other, to share stories and fellowship, enjoy some snacks, and just be together. There is a real hunger to reconnect in authentic ways, and we ended up staying much longer than we'd planned. Our Board members try to have these social gatherings three or four times a year to get to know each other better, outside of the boardroom.

HCCF is reconnecting with many of the plans we'd made in 2019 and early 2020 as well. Work on our Community Unity grant is starting up again. The grant is focused on increased civic engagement, improved efficiency of services, and increased county pride and branding. You'll be hearing more - and receiving some invitations to public events and meetings - later in the year.

We'll be restarting our Community Impact grantmaking next month as well. Our all-volunteer grants committee has developed a responsive grants program that the Board will be considering on June 24. Without showing too many cards, next month nonprofits working in Hendricks County will have an opportunity to apply for grants to support their work. Stay tuned for more information!

I hope you're reconnecting - with friends, family, passions, and the other things that make your life rich.



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



## Community Unity Grant Applications are Live!

As a direct result of the Hendricks County Community Needs Assessment, HCCF is committed to pursuing greater community unity in our county. This Community Unity Grant Program aligns with our GIFT VII

Implementation Grant Program with the same focus. The following program acknowledges that there may be additional projects and programs that encourage community unity that are not part of our Implementation Plan.

This program is open to projects and programs that meet these priorities:

- Increased civic engagement

- o Inclusivity, diversity, equity & accessibility
- o Voter education and engagement
- o Volunteerism including public and nonprofit Board service
- Stronger sense of County pride/brand

. Read more and apply for a grant [here](#).

## Celebrating our 25th Anniversary!

In honor of our [25th anniversary](#), HCCF is awarding \$25,000 in grants to organizations all across Hendricks County, 13 of which represent grant recipients receiving inaugural grants in 1996. We are excited to tell you about two of our anniversary grantees.

The [Hendricks County Humane Society](#) (HCHS) has been working for over 50 years to promote animal welfare by being a voice for the animals, ending pet overpopulation, furthering the animal-people bond, and educating the community on the humane care of animals.

The [Hendricks County Alliance for Diversity](#) (HCAD) envisions a county where all people will be fully accepted members of the community, where all people are welcome and encouraged to participate in the life and growth of the community.

The Alliance for Diversity's recent initiatives include education on racism and anti-racism, raising black voices, and growing community-police accountability. Check out their "Raising Black Voices" video series [here](#).

Thank you HCHS and HCAD for serving the people and pets of Hendricks County!

Help us celebrate our anniversary by giving to the [HCCF Operating Fund](#). Your gift will ensure that we can continue to do good in our county for the next 25 years!



Top: Representatives from the Humane Society;  
Bottom: Becky Reich, HCAD

## Get Involved



## Get Involved is Back!

Join the Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds and Conference Center for **Get Involved 2021**, presented by the Hendricks County Community Foundation. Get Involved, a volunteer job fair, is an opportunity for local nonprofits to engage community members who are looking for ways to get involved in Hendricks County - recruiting potential Board members, volunteers and partners.

Get Involved 2021 will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, July 20-21st (the week of the County Fair) from 1:00 - 9:00 pm in the Hendricks Power Exposition Hall at the 4H Fairgrounds & Conference Center.

As we work towards greater community unity, civic engagement and volunteerism play a critical role. Come learn about volunteer opportunities with local organizations who are serving Hendricks County and find your place to give back!

This event is not a fundraiser. For more information, visit the 4H Fairgrounds & Conference Center [website](#).

Do you receive the HCCF print newsletter? Stay up to date with us and all that is happening in our community by signing up [here](#)!

## A Board to Brag About

Brad Riley, an attorney with the Hendricks County Department of Child Services, joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2020 and also serves on the Governance Committee. Read what Brad has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.

**"The Community Foundation cultivates  
the best of what we have to offer  
one another as a community.**

It helps amplify and organize  
the goodwill of individuals  
into a more impactful,  
unified resource.

I love contributing to  
that vision and impact."

-Bradley Riley



Click [here](#) to see a full listing of the HCCF Board of Directors and what they love about serving at HCCF!

Memorial and honorary gifts are a special way to keep your loved one's memory alive or honor a special person. Check out the listings updated quarterly on our website of all those who gave memorial and honorary gifts to HCCF.

## Community Connections



Raising Black Voices: Al Geans

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.

Meet Al Geans, the Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Brownsburg. Typically the only minority in board rooms, Al says Hendricks County leaders need to be more purposeful in their recruiting, because "diverse work places work better!" Take a couple of minutes to listen to Al's story. The more we listen, the more we learn.

Did you know that the [Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration](#) is hosting a free concert at Lucas Oil Raceway on Friday, July 16th? Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

## Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

As the weather gets warmer, we are loving getting outside and enjoying activities going on in the county! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



Produce at a Farmer's Market

**#1:** Nothing says summer better than local farmers' markets! Six communities in Hendricks County are currently running weekly farmer's markets: Avon, Brownsburg, Danville, North Salem, Pittsboro and Plainfield. See listing of days and hours for each market [here](#).



Caleb and Kaden with a Plainfield K9 Officer

**#2:** The [Plainfield Police Department](#) granted a wish to twin 10-year old boys, Caleb and Kaden, who are fighting cystic fibrosis. The boys' dream of training K9 dogs came true as the Plainfield police planned a special day for the boys with their K9's. Read more [here](#). Did you know that we have a local nonprofit, the [Central Indiana K9 Association](#), that provides funds for K9's medical needs and officer training?



Pride Picnic participant

**#3:** Celebrate Pride with our community!

The [Hendricks County Alliance For Diversity](#) is hosting the Hendricks County Pride Picnic at [Williams Park](#) in Brownsburg on Sunday, June 27 from noon- 5:00 pm. For more information, visit the event page [here](#).



Hendricks County Rib Fest Balloons

**#4:** Rib Fest is almost here! Rib-Fest, June 26th at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds, features live entertainment, games for kids, lots of food, and fireworks! Local restaurants compete for "best ribs" & "best sauce" bragging rights as judged by the local tasters.

Check out the event page [here](#) for more info.



Movie Night in Brownsburg

**#5:** [Brownsburg Parks](#) are hosting Summer Movie nights! The movies are free, and will be held on July 9th at William Park, and August 20th at Arbuckle Acres Park. See more information [here](#).

[Pittsboro Parks](#) are also hosting a free movie night on August 4 at Scamahorn Park. Click [here](#) for more information.

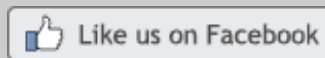
your vaccine!

Did you know that Kroger Community Rewards Program allows customers to select a charity of their choice to receive a percentage of all their purchases? You would be surprised at how those dollars can add up! Visit the [Kroger Community Reward website](#) and select the Hendricks County Community Foundation (Org. # JY399) as your nonprofit of choice and support HCCF every time you buy groceries!



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