

Where Local Good Grows

# Hendricks County Community Foundation



I recently had a lovely meeting with a donor who has a donor advised fund here at HCCF. She is a caring person who is deeply committed to the welfare of our community. She has a number of interests and supports many organizations here in Hendricks County with her time, talent and treasure. The [HCCF donor advised fund](#) is a perfect vehicle to amplify her giving.

A donor advised fund is a flexible fund here at HCCF where the donor can make grant recommendations throughout the year. Grants can be made to any nonprofit organization, either in Hendricks County or elsewhere. HCCF can help provide expertise to help donors find grants that will create real impact for good. And grants can be made anonymously if donors wish.

Donor advised funds can be started at HCCF for \$25,000, and donors can include family members in the decision making process, and can even name children or others as successor advisors. Once a fund is open, effective grantmaking will happen perpetually in partnership with the Community Foundation.

The donor I met with recently chose a donor advised fund here because she wants to give flexibly, but also anonymously, to organizations she cares about. She also wants her fund to be here forever, benefiting Hendricks County and the causes she cares about. Could a donor advised fund fit into your giving plans? [Contact me today!](#)



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



HCCF Staff present grant check to BEF members, school staff, students and the Brownsburg Bulldog mascot

## HCCF Awards Grant to the Brownsburg Education Foundation

We are grateful to have incredible schools in each of our county school districts, and HCCF is showing our support by awarding grants to each schools' education foundation.

Each school received a proportional amount of a \$25,250 grant to be used to support their staff and students.

Our most recent grant presentation was on a fun night of competition - the Brownsburg vs. Avon varsity football game! HCCF staff presented a check for \$7,750 to the [Brownsburg Education](#)



Building Better Boards, Session 1

## 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." There are still two sessions available - you won't want to miss this!

The second session date has changed - see below. The sessions are FREE; however, you must register for all sessions individually. Register [here](#).

- Thursday, Oct. 6 from 8:30 -10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 3 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.

## My HCCF Story - Jessica Ledford

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 Jessica Ledford, Associate Exec. Director of the [HRH YMCA](#), share her HCCF Story about volunteering on the [HCCF DEI Task Force](#).



## A Board to Brag About

Harry Gill, owner of Gill Insurance Advisors, joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2022 and serves on the DEI Task Force and the Program Committee. Read what Harry has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.

"I am glad to be part of such a great organization that brings our community together. They partnered with the Hendricks County International Festival to recognize all the different cultures in our county. HCCF is the best partner and resource for anyone that wants to leave a charitable legacy."

- Harry Gill



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## 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 **Paige Vanzo**, Development Director at [Sheltering Wings](#).

**What is your favorite movie?** Jurassic Park

**What book are you reading right now or have recently read?** Philanthropy Revolution by Lisa Greer

**If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be?** The cast of the Golden Girls

**What is your favorite Hendricks County restaurant?** So many! I'm going with Rise'n Roll because donuts are my Kryptonite.

**What is a piece of advice you would give your younger self?** Pick up the phone and call (good for just about any scenario). Good communication and kindness are like magic.

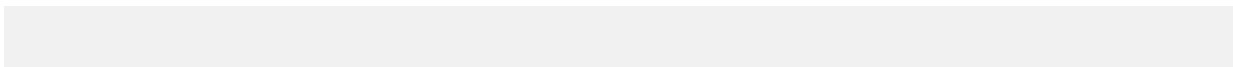
**What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve?**

The lack of affordable housing. I'm happy to see many efforts and partnerships to expand affordable housing options, though there is a long way to go. Expanded public transportation is an area that I'd love to see improve for the good of our entire community.

**Why do you do what you do?** I love connecting with people who are passionate about doing good for others. Philanthropy is my calling for that reason. I get to talk to good people with a heart for a great mission every day of my life. It brings me joy to see others who care so much and are willing to dig in and help. What could be better?

## Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Fall is right around the corner and there are lots of fun fall things going on in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:





## Fave Five #1: Hendricks County International Festival

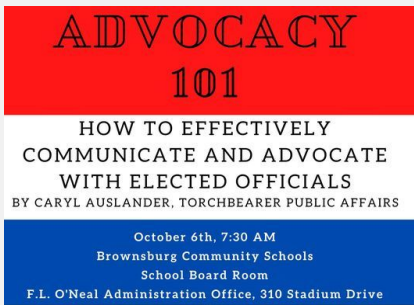
In just 9 days, we'll be basking in the sights, sounds and smells of cultures from all over the world right here in Hendricks County. Don't miss the International Festival this year! Check out [this video](#) by a Leadership Hendricks County Capstone group promoting the Festival. [Click here](#) for more information.



Krista Fay receiving her award

## Fave Five #2: Krista Fay named Indiana Social Worker of the Year!

The Indiana School Social Work Association [awarded Krista Fay](#), an Avon Community School Counselor & Mental Health Coordinator, the 2022 Indiana School Social Worker of the Year. Congratulations Krista!



## Fave Five #3: Advocacy 101 Training

Join the Hendricks County Chambers as they present an Advocacy 101 program on October 6th sponsored by [Duke Energy](#) and HCCF. This will be a great opportunity to learn effective ways to advocate with your elected officials. [Sign up today!](#)



## Fave Five #4: Top Fall Fun To Do's

[Visit Hendricks County](#) has created a Hendricks County Fall Bucket list of great things to do this season. These experiences can only be found in Hendricks County! [Check them out!](#)

## Fave Five #5: Smiley Pumpkin Drop

The annual [Smiley Morning Show Pumpkin Drop](#) will again be at the Plainfield outdoor lifestyle mall on October 13th. You won't want to miss seeing a 1400 pound pumpkin fall from the sky! [Click here](#) for more

details.



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