



Where Local Good Grows

# Hendricks County Community Foundation

Hi Friends,

The dog days of August have been very good for my dogs so far: they spend a lot of time lying in the warm sun in their yard, lounging in the pool on occasion, and even chasing birds (yes, I've got one of those!). Their idea of a busy day is one where they also get to chase a ball!

Not so at HCCF. We've been busy as we're receiving applications for scholarships and grants. Our [scholarship applications](#) for the Class of 2022 are open now until September 15. If you know a Hendricks County high school senior, remind them to get their application in! (Being teenagers, you might have to remind them again!) We're also accepting [applications](#) until August 30 for our Community Impact grants program. These broad, responsive competitive grants are available for projects or programs making a difference in our community.

We've also been busy with important Community Unity work. We recently convened the first meeting of our Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Task Force. Recognizing Hendricks County is a rapidly growing and increasingly diverse community, we want to be certain our activities and programs are open and welcoming to all. This group is made up of Board and community volunteers and will work over the next months to review our internal activities, policies and procedures to track with our values, address potential gaps in training for our volunteers and staff, and recommend community activities to share our larger message. Please stay tuned as we proceed with this vital work.



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

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## \$2,500 Anniversary Grant Reveal!

In honor of our [25th anniversary](#), HCCF awarded \$25,000 in grants to organizations across Hendricks County, 13 of which represent our grant recipients from 1996.

We had one final grant to award and our donors voted on which local nonprofit would receive it! All the votes are in and the winner of the \$2,500 anniversary grant is (drum roll please).....  
**the Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition!**



Congratulations HCFPC!! We are so proud to partner with you as you work to meet the food and nutritional needs of our community. Check out the [listing](#) of all our terrific nonprofits who received votes for the grant!



## Community Impact Grants are Live

We are excited to announce that the grant application process for Community Impact Grants is open. HCCF's Community Impact Grants offer financial assistance for charitable programs and

projects serving Hendricks County.

This responsive grant program is designed to be open-ended, allowing for nonprofits and charitable groups to apply for funding to help meet the needs of their organization in service to the needs of Hendricks County.

Applications and further information on this program can be found on the HCCF's [website](#) or by calling our office at 317-268-6240. Community Impact grant applications are due no later than Monday, August 30th at 3 pm.

## 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.

[Main Street Plainfield](#) collaborates with Plainfield businesses, nonprofits and residents to create awareness and attract people and businesses to the Main Street area. Main Street Plainfield promotes a healthy and prosperous downtown area within the context of cultural and historical preservation.

The [Mill Creek Community School Corporation](#) is a highly rated, public school district with over 1,500 students in grades PK, K-12. The corporation operates 4 schools in Clayton: Mill Creek East Elementary, West Elementary, Cascade Middle School and Cascade High School. Mill Creek's mission statement is "Small Schools...BIG OPPORTUNITIES."

Thank you Main Street Plainfield and Mill Creek Schools for your service to the people 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: Stephanie Scotten, Main Street Plainfield  
Bottom: Jim Diagostino, Superintendent Mill Creek Community Schools



## IDEA Taskforce

HCCF is dedicated to nurturing a diverse, inclusive, and accessible community. We will encourage peaceful and productive dialogue, authenticity, and the celebration of cultures. Our vision is that Hendricks County is a place where all feel welcome and confident in their ability to belong, connect and grow. We will demonstrate what is possible when community members come together.

Community leaders attending Unconscious Bias Training .

To implement this vision, HCCF has organized an IDEA (Inclusivity, Diversity, Equality and Accessibility) Task Force made up of board members, staff, and

other community leaders. The Task Force met for the first time this month, and we are excited to see what they will accomplish!

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## Scholarships are Live!

More than 24 scholarships are offered by HCCF to local high school seniors, and the application to apply for these is open now until **September 15th**. Applications for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship (LECS) are available at the same time and through the same [online application](#).



If you know a high school senior, pass this along!

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

Ifen Donovan, counselor at Care to Change, joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2018 and also served on the Board of Advisors. Read what Ifen has to say in her own words about her service for the Community Foundation.

"I love HCCF's passion and commitment in **building the community** that has served my family for many years. I am proud to serve as a board member alongside many other outstanding leaders."

- Ifen Donovan



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

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[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: Carmen Alsum

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 Meet Carmen Alsum, a Plainfield resident, a local business owner and a proud wife and mom. As a mom, Carmen says her heart hurts when she has to have tough conversations with her kids due to the color of their skin. She says her hope is to see and feel more love in this world. Thank you for sharing your story and being vulnerable with us, Carmen! Remember the more we listen, the more we learn.

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## Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Summertime is finally here and its a great time to enjoy activities going on in the county! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



North Salem Old Fashioned Days

**#1:** North Salem Old Fashioned Days are almost here! Old Fashioned Days is a three-day event from Sept. 4th - Sept 6th in northwest Hendricks County. There are activities for the whole family and lots of great food, fun and lively entertainment. Check it out [here!](#)



Artist in Danville

**#2:** Danville's Gallery on the Square hosted "[Artists Paint the Town](#)" a Plein Air Paint Out event on August 14. Artists from all over the state painted in historic Danville, Indiana. The artwork will be moved to the Gallery for a month, where it will be displayed and people can vote on the "People's Choice award."



Brownsburg Little League

**#3:** [Brownsburg Little League](#) 12 year-old players head to the regional tournament! Brownsburg outscored four foes by a total of 23-0 at the state tournament in Munster to qualify for a trip to the regionals. A first or second place finish could earn them a trip to the Little League World Series. Go Brownsburg!

**#4:** Ben Fouch, former Lilly Scholar and current Board Member of HCCF, was named to the inaugural Class of



Ben Fouch

[Indianapolis Business Journal's "20 in the 20's."](#) Congrats Ben and well deserved!



Cardinal Bark Park logo

#5: [Cardinal Bark Park](#), of Brownsburg Parks & Recreation, was named Indy's Best Dog Park. Congratulations Cardinal Bark Park! If you haven't taken your furry friends to this new park in Brownsburg, check it out soon!

**Stay COVID Safe: Wash your hands, wear a mask where necessary, and get 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!



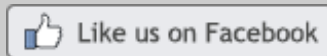
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