

Where Local Good Grows



Hendricks County Community Foundation

Hi Friends,

How do you mark the new year? Resolutions? Goals for things you want to achieve, or places you want to visit? 2020 threw us all for a loop and we're all hoping for better in 2021. But how do we make that happen?

I have mostly sworn off resolutions over the past few years. Call it a resolution not to make resolutions. I recognize that if I want change I need to be clear about my goals and expectations, bring my passion to the fore, and try to fill each moment with intention, gratitude and kindness. This year, I'm spending more time reading and thinking. Listening to others. Here are a few favorite quotes to start the year:

- "Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man." Benjamin Franklin
- "It always seems impossible until it's done." Nelson Mandela
- "Be so busy loving your life that you have no time for hate, regret or fear." Karen Salmansohn
- "As long as I am breathing, in my eyes, I am just beginning." Criss Jami
- "There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind." C.S. Lewis

With 2020 now clearly behind us, I am so grateful for how our community came together this year in ways small and large. It is my hope and goal - if not my resolution - that we can continue to come together in so many ways. The theme of our work in 2021 is community unity. As HCCF celebrates our 25th anniversary as a county-wide organization you'll be hearing more about our goals to help create a more unified Hendricks County. I hope you'll join us!



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

HCCF is Celebrating 25 Years!

It's our 25th anniversary, and we are grateful to see how far we've come! In 1996, our first year as a community-wide organization, we awarded \$14,308 in grants. In 2020, we awarded grants and scholarships of over **\$1.7 million**. Our endowment of \$139,000 in 1996 has grown to over **\$19 million!**

We started with a few thousand dollars, a handful of

volunteers and a shared passion to make our community better. Thanks to thousands of people from every corner of the county who have given generously of their time, talent and treasures to HCCF, the vision of a vibrant, giving community has come to life and flourished.

Stay tuned for more anniversary events throughout the year as we celebrate 25 years of doing good in Hendricks County!



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New Roles for a New Year

HCCF is excited to announce new [Board members](#) and new roles for our current members.

Ryan Tanselle, a 2004 Lilly Scholar, has been a volunteer leader at HCCF since 2013. Ryan has served as Secretary and Vice Chair, and this year is serving as Board Chair. He is the Vice President, General Counsel & Compliance at State Bank, and his knowledge and experience as a lawyer has been of great benefit to the Community Foundation.

Ryan graduated in 2004 from Tri-West and continues to serve our community, most recently as a member of the Hendricks County Public Defender Board. Ryan and his family live in



Jennifer Ahles joined the Board this year as the Treasurer. Jennifer moved from Las Vegas to settle in Plainfield in 2006, and works as Treasurer & Controller for Gilliatte General Contractors.

She and her six year-old son love being Quakers, and she is engaged to marry Brad DuBois, the Plainfield Chamber Director. She used to audit casinos when living in Las Vegas and has had some interesting experiences in that role! Welcome Jennifer!

A Record Breaking #GivingTuesday!

Giving Tuesday 2020 was a HUGE success thanks to you! On December 1st, HCCF focused on giving local in Hendricks County, highlighting over 30 local nonprofits on social media throughout the day.

Because of many other generous donors all across our county, **HCCF and other local nonprofits received gifts totaling over \$44,000!** Of that, \$5,575 was given to the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund to support grantmaking to our local

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nonprofits each and every year. This is the most HCCF has EVER raised on Giving Tuesday!

Keep an eye out for updates on the impact of your Giving Tuesday gifts to our local nonprofits, along with other ways to continue to make impactful gifts to your community through HCCF. Thank you for giving local Hendricks County!

The CARES Act has been Extended

Some of the CARES Act provisions have been extended, which provides some significant giving incentives to individuals and organizations. Among many other things, the new law extends three philanthropic provisions of the CARES Act into 2021:



1. **For Individuals who itemize:** The legislation extends through the end of 2021 the CARES Act provision that increases the limitation on cash contributions to public charities in 2021 to 100% of adjusted gross income.
2. **For Individuals using the standard deduction:** The law extends and modifies the charitable deduction available to non-itemizers for cash gifts they make to public charities. For 2021 only, the law doubles to \$600 the maximum amount joint filers may deduct. As in 2020, single filers or married filers who file separately are limited to \$300. The law also restructures the deduction: it still may be claimed only by non-itemizers, but for 2021 reduces taxable income rather than adjusted gross income.
3. **For corporations:** The new legislation also extends for 2021 the 25% of taxable income limit that applies to contributions of cash and food inventory made by corporations to public charities.

Click [here](#) for more information on Charitable Giving Incentives in the CARES act.

Protecting yourself from COVID-19 During the Cold Months Ahead

Health experts around the world have warned that cold weather may continue to increase the spread of COVID-19. Here are some tips to protect yourself and your loved ones from illness this winter season:



- **Try to shrink your social bubble:** limit physical contact when possible and consider making holiday gatherings virtual this year for those at high risk.
- **Develop back-up plans:** developing a COVID-19 plan can help people to feel more in control which decreases their anxiety.

- **Gather any supplies you may need:** make sure to have a few days worth of food, medications, and hygiene products in case stores begin to experience shortages.
- **Please remember:** wash your hands frequently, wear a mask whenever possible, and maintain a physical distance of at least six feet between you and anyone who does not live in your household.

For more tips on protecting yourself against COVID-19 this winter, click [here](#).

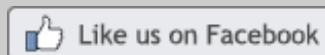
Memorial and honorary gifts are a special way to keep your loved one's memory alive or honor a special person. Check out the listings updated quarterly on our website of all those who gave memorial and honorary gifts to HCCF.

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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