

Where Local Good Grows



Hendricks County Community Foundation

“Activate your network!”

My colleagues here at the Community Foundation – Bryan, Eric, Frances and Judy – have been making fun of me all month because I keep using that phrase. When I’m talking with friends, donors, fund representatives, attendees at meetings, random strangers, I’ve been asking them to “Activate your network!” What in the world am I talking about?

It’s simple: please take and **SHARE** our [2022 Community Needs Assessment survey](#). You’ll remember in 2019 we completed our [Needs Assessment](#), and our intent at that time was to refresh the survey data every three years. Well, a few things have changed since 2019, so we think it’s high time to refresh the data!

With our growing community, we need to get 4,000 completed surveys to reach the same level of confidence as our 2019 survey. So we need you to [take the survey](#), and to “activate your network” to get as many of your friends, family and colleagues to complete the survey as well. **Please share on social media, encourage folks at work to take it and get the word out near and far. We want everyone’s voice to be heard!**

So, please: “Activate your network!”

Survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022_NeedsAssessment_QR



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



Steering Committee Meeting
in July

Behavioral Health Community Planning

The Community Foundation has contracted with Community Solutions to build a Behavioral Health Community Plan with the goal that all people in Hendricks County are mentally healthy, free of addiction, or on a path to recovery. Chase Cotten, Community Director for The Willow Center, has volunteered to Chair the Steering Committee which met in July and August to kick off the planning process and will meet again in September before a community meeting on October 26. More details and registration to come.

The plan will use the Results-Based Accountability model to build out measurable indicators and evidence-based best-practices to meet these goals. Since the pandemic, the need for mental and behavioral health services and substance disorder treatment have grown exponentially. HCCF hopes to lead our community to actionable, measurable, and meaningful outcomes in this space.



HCCF Scholarship Applications Close September 14!

More than 25 scholarships are offered by HCCF to local high school seniors, and the application to apply for these is open now until September 14th.

Applications for the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship (LECS) are available at the same time and through the same online application. Learn more and apply at this [link](#).



Our 2022 Needs Assessment Survey Closes Next Week!

Our [Community Needs Assessment Survey](#) is almost over and we still need to hear more voices to determine the greatest needs in Hendricks County!

Our goal is to reach 4,000 or more individuals that live, work, and play in Hendricks County. To reach this number, **we need your help in sharing the survey with your friends, family and professional networks.**

If you haven't taken the survey, please click [here](#) to take the survey and then **SHARE THIS link** - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022_NeedsAssessment_QR - with your friends and family. Help us make Hendricks County a better place!



HCCF DEI Task Force

HCCF Creates DEI Task Force

As a result of our community unity initiatives, the Community Foundation launched its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force in August 2021 to review our activities, policies, and programs and promote inclusion and non-discrimination for all who live, work, and visit Hendricks County.

The Task Force will also promote training and events to bring awareness of DEI matters to Community Foundation volunteers, staff, and the broader community. The first task for the group was to define its terms. You can find the list on the Community Foundation's website [here](#).

The DEI Task Force has decided to continue this

work as a standing committee and partner with other community leaders to play an essential role in making Hendricks County a more inclusive and accessible community. Read more [here](#).

My HCCF Story - Parks Foundation of Hendricks County

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 Robin Swalley of [Pittsboro Parks and Recreation](#) and Katy Cummings of the [Parks Foundation of Hendricks County](#) share their HCCF Story about our brand new partnership - serving this community together!



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 sessions individually. Register [here](#).

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

A Board to Brag About

Shane Sommers joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2017 and has served on the Development Committee. Read what Shane has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.



"The Hendricks County Community Foundation has been a key collaborator in bringing our county together. **From assessing needs to getting valuable resources where they are needed, the Community Foundation has been the strength to make that happen.** I am proud to be just a small part of such a strong organization."

- Shane Sommers



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 **Pam Lyons**, Public Relations Chair of the [Rotary Club of Avon](#).

What is your favorite movie? Steel Magnolias

What book are you reading right now or have recently read? Girl in Pieces

If you could have dinner with someone from the past, who would it be? Maya Angelou

What do you love most about our community? That I cannot go anywhere without running into friendly people I know.

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

The need is negative and false social media influencing issues. In the past year I have observed a noticeable uptick in county, township, and community government organizations sharing information on social media. The information varies from events coming up, road work progress, law enforcement events and initiatives and more. I feel generally more aware of what is going on around me because of this communication effort. Open communication goes a long way in proactively dealing with challenges.

Why do you do what you do? After retiring from teaching, I wanted to find a place to serve youth, and Rotary does that consistently and often.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Summer is winding down but there are still lots of exciting things going on in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:

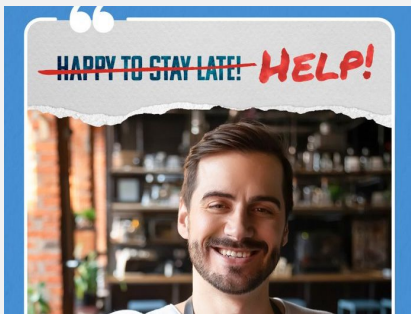
Fave Five #1: New Overnight Shelter Opens at Family Promise

Congratulations to Family Promise on the opening of



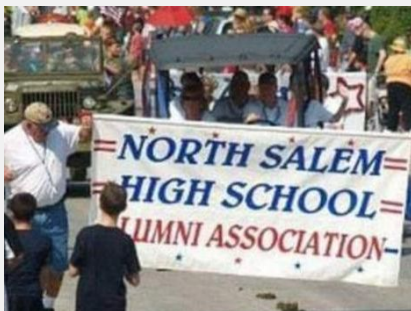
Bryan Chatfield, HCCF Community Inclusion & Engagement Manager and Julie Randall, Executive Director of Family Promise

"Almost Home," an overnight shelter for up to 6 families experiencing homelessness in Hendricks County. Read more [here](#).



Fave Five #2: Sheltering Wings offers new training programs

It isn't easy to see the signs of domestic abuse right away. Sheltering Wings serves organizations of all types to train compassionate people on what to look for. Sign up for your [free training](#) today.



Fave Five #3: North Salem Old Fashion Days

North Salem Old Fashion Days are coming Sept. 3rd - Sept 5th in northwest Hendricks County. This year will bring back all of its old traditions and introduce a few new ones. Don't miss this weekend full of food, fun and lively entertainment. Read more [here](#).



Johnny with Plainfield Police Department officers

Fave Five #4: Plainfield Police Makes a Wish Come True

The Plainfield Police Department recently partnered up once again with the Make-A-Wish Foundation to make a dream come true for a child. Officer Rob Prichard and his trustee K9 partner planned a very exciting police K9 day for Johnny, who suffers from a critical illness. Read more [here](#).

Fave Five #5: Hendricks County Health Partnership Health Assessment

Help improve our community by taking this

2022 HENDRICKS COUNTY
COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

HELP IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY.
ENTER TO WIN A PRIZE!

THIS HEALTH ASSESSMENT HELPS
IDENTIFY COMMUNITY NEEDS, AND
BETTER EQUIPS THE COUNTY TO
IMPROVE HEALTH FOR ALL.

FILL OUT THIS 10-MINUTE
ANONYMOUS SURVEY, GET ENTERED
TO WIN ONE OF FIVE \$20 VISA GIFT
CARDS OR ONE \$5 STARBUCKS CARD



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anonymous **10-minute survey!** Every 3 years, the Hendricks County Health Partnership conducts a community health needs assessment that helps identify community needs, and better equips the county to improve health for all.

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