

Where Local Good Grows

# Hendricks County Community Foundation



Hi Friends,

My wife and I are now two weeks past our second vaccine shots and are starting to feel better about being out and about. But we all need to continue to do our parts - wear our masks, practice social distancing and good hygiene, and get the vaccine.

HCCF has been pleased to support our county's response to the pandemic and recently made a grant to support the mass vaccination clinic in Brownsburg. If you haven't signed up for your vaccinations yet, [please do](#). The vaccine clinics also need volunteers, and you can sign up to volunteer [here](#). Sign up to volunteer and get your shots today! The relief of being fully vaccinated is wonderful.

This is always the time of the year when we report to our community about our work for the previous year. This year, in honor of an unprecedented year, we'll be highlighting the past year virtually. Please join us on April 29 on our website where we will be reporting to the community via a virtual and interactive Annual Report.

A big part of our Annual Report is thanking our donors for making our work possible. That message is especially poignant after 2020 when so many gave so much of themselves. Thank you so much to our donors, volunteers, and our essential workers across our community!



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

## Community Unity Grants are Live!

The [Community Unity Grant Program application](#) is live on our website! This program aligns with our GIFT VII Implementation Grant with the same focus. This grant program is broad and acknowledges that there may be additional projects 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



Grant check presentation to Sycamore  
Services

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

Find more information on this program and the grant application on our website [here](#). [Contact Eric Hessel](#), Vice President of Programs, with any questions.



## HCCF is 25 Years Old!

The Community Foundation turns 25 this year! In 1996, HCCF, then known as the White Lick Community Foundation, became a county-wide organization with a new mission and vision to serve all of Hendricks County. Many generous people gave of themselves to found the Community Foundation all those years ago, and we are excited to celebrate our supporters- young and old - and all the good we have accomplished together in this community.

**In honor of our 25th anniversary, HCCF is awarding \$25,000 in grants to organizations across Hendricks County, 13 of which represent grantees receiving inaugural grants in 1996.** Two grants will be made in honor of HCCF's first Board President, Jim Spencer and the first Executive Director, Deedee Daniel. Finally, a grant will be made to the Hendricks County Tricentennial Fund to commemorate the occasion and invest in the future of the county. Read more about our 25th Anniversary celebrations on our website [here](#).

Anniversaries are a time to reflect. As we reflect back on 25 years, we are especially grateful to be serving this great community with YOU - our generous donors and supporters who are as passionate as we are about making Hendricks County a vibrant, giving community.

## Let's Celebrate our 25th Anniversary Grantees

Twenty-five years ago, HCCF awarded a grant to the Brownsburg Schools to support the Challenger Learning Center. The center has since closed, but the [Brownsburg Education Foundation](#) (BEF) was the perfect 25th Anniversary grant recipient replacement. BEF has awarded over \$2M in grants to students and teachers since its inception and has supported education in Brownsburg for 33 years.

St Marks' Episcopal Church in Plainfield had a shelter 25 years ago that the Community Foundation supported. HCCF was able to award the anniversary grant to a similar nonprofit serving the needs of the homeless - [Family Promise](#). Family Promise offers a variety of stability and support services to the homeless and to those close to becoming homeless. In 2020 alone, 103 Hendricks County families graduated from the program into homes and jobs of their own. In addition, Family Promise prevented homelessness for 601 families and provided stability services for over 3,000 people.

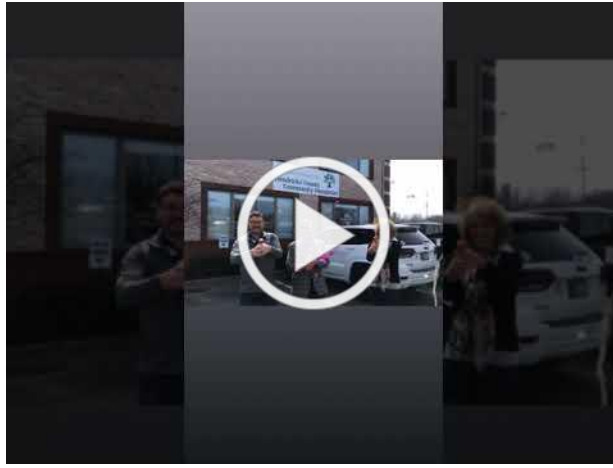


top: Grant presentation to Brownsburg Education Foundation; bottom: Grant presentation to Family Promise

Thank you BEF and Family Promise for your excellence in serving our community!

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

## We Are Celebrating You!



[Let's Celebrate!](#)

Our donors are the reason we are celebrating 25 years of service to Hendricks County! **Thank you for giving your time, talents, treasures and ties to help us do good in our community!**

Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and monthly [email newsletters](#) to find out what is next on the calendar for our 25th Anniversary party this year!

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

Gary Pohl, Executive Vice President at Butler, Fairman & Seufert, joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2013 and has served in multiple committee positions. Read what Gary has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.

**"Serving on the Board of the Hendricks County Community Foundation helps me really understand what our community needs and how we can best help. Our family wants to make Hendricks County a better place to live. **HCCF makes it happen."****

- Gary Pohl



Click [here](#) to see a full listing of the HCCF Board of Directors.

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: Bridgette Collins-George

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 Bridgette Collins-George, the Director of Hendricks County Community Corrections. Bridgette was highlighted recently in the "Raising Black Voices" video series produced by the [Hendricks County Alliance for Diversity](#) (HCAD), a fund of the Community Foundation.

Bridgette, the only black director for the County, says she's grateful for the opportunities granted by Hendricks County, the changes she's seen in the community and the conversations she's been able to have. Thank you for leading the way here in Hendricks County, Bridgette!

---

## Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Spring is in the air and in our steps as we celebrate the great things going on in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



**#1:** [Leadership Hendricks County](#) is hosting their annual "Celebration of Leaders" event on May 13th. LHC works to develop effective and passionate leaders in Hendricks County. Learn more about their programming [here](#).



Unveiling of the new art exhibit at Williams Park

**#2:** [Brownsburg Parks & Recreation](#) unveiled a new art exhibit in Williams Park! The bee playing the violin encourages viewers to listen to the beautiful sounds of nature. HCCF helped fund the trees around the exhibit. Read more [here](#)

**#3:** The Plainfield Town Council granted approval to move





Artist's rendering of the new Plainfield Performing Arts Center

forward with construction of the Plainfield Performing and Fine Arts Center in Downtown Plainfield! The Performing and Fine Arts Center, which includes a 600-seat auditorium, will provide a new entertainment attraction in Plainfield. HCCF awarded a grant in 2018 to the Hendricks County Arts Council to help fund this project. Read more [here](#).



Lael Hill

**#4:** [Mental Health America of Hendricks County](#) (MHAHC) announced the hiring of their new Executive Director: Lael Hill. Lael joins the team at MHAHC with a wealth of experience and a passion for mental health services. Congratulations Lael!

May is Mental Health Awareness month, so watch for our #MentalHealthMonday posts, sponsored by MHAHC!



**#5:** April is National Volunteer Month! Volunteers are the life blood of many nonprofits that serve our community. Are you looking for a place to donate your time? The vaccination clinics at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds could really use your help! Sign up [here](#).

**Stay COVID Safe: Wash your hands, wear a mask, physically distance 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!



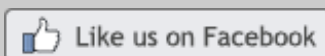
Where Local Good Grows

**Hendricks County Community Foundation**



Hendricks County Community Foundation | [info@hendrickscountycf.org](mailto:info@hendrickscountycf.org) |

STAY CONNECTED:



# Thank you to our 2021 Corporate Partners:

## Platinum Partner

**Hendricks Regional Health**

## Gold Partners

**Butler, Fairman & Seufert**

**Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex**

**Hendricks Power Cooperative**

**State Bank**

## Silver Partner

**North Salem State Bank**

## Foundation Friends

**Elliott Company**

**Estep Burkey Simmons, LLP**

**First Merchants Bank**

**Hendricks County Business Leader/ICON**

**Photography by Sarah Crail**