

Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation



Hi Friends,

I recently visited with the founders of one of our donor advised funds. For decades, this couple have been anchors of our community, serving on boards and committees, helping start organizations, showing their commitment to community unity and making life better through deep involvement in many aspects of Hendricks County.

I hadn't seen them since the beginning of the pandemic, and it was wonderful to get a chance to sit and really talk about family, our community, and the things they care about most. We sat on their deck overlooking their flower beds, and for once this July the rain held off. The bluebirds came and went, feeding their young in their nesting box in the yard.

After a while, the conversation came around to HCCF, and we agreed it is hard to believe that we're celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2021. Who can believe it? We talked about the Anniversary Celebration Grants we're making this year and the impact of our grantmaking through the years. We talked about why they started their fund at HCCF, and how important it is to support the organizations that are closest to them.

HCCF can help you support those things closest to your heart, and we can help you do it forever. What will your legacy be? Contact me to see if a fund is the right fit for what you believe.



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



Community Unity Grants Support Family Promise and the Town of Brownsburg

As a direct result of the [Hendricks County Community Needs Assessment](#), HCCF is committed to pursuing greater community unity in our county. We are excited to tell you about

our two most recent grants to local organizations working for greater community unity!

HCCF awarded a \$4,400 grant to [Family Promise](#) to support their new "Belonging in Hendricks County" group. This program is a new initiative focused on providing a supportive and safe environment for clients, graduates, and supporters of Family Promise to discuss experiences

related to race and class in Hendricks County. The goal is to promote action and growth in the inclusivity of our county through facilitating broader community dialogue around key issues.

The Community Foundation also awarded a \$5,000 grant to the [Town of Brownsburg](#) to support Town leaders in diversity, equity and inclusion work by providing Town staff the tools to better understand and respond to community needs. This grant will fund diverse population training and consulting for the staff.

For more information about our Community Unity Grant program, visit our [website](#).

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.

[Hendricks County Senior Services](#) (HCSS) located in Danville, helps older adults live independent, healthy, active lives through a variety of supportive services and programming. HCSS has been serving seniors in this county since 1977 - working to give older people the ability to live with independence and dignity in the home of their choice, for as long as possible.

[Hendricks Regional Health Foundation](#) raises funds to support community health, patient comfort, safety, and medical care at Hendricks Regional Health. HRH Foundation supports a variety of projects and programs benefitting the community, including a Patient Assistance Fund, the HendricksGO! Van and the Childbirth Center Fund. Hendricks County residents recognized the value HRH brings to our community, especially during the pandemic, and donated over \$94,000 in 2020 to help HRH meet COVID-19 related needs.

Thank you HCSS and HRH Foundation for serving well 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: Marina Keers, Exec. Director, HCSS;
Bottom: Kevin Speers, CEO, HRH

Get Involved



Get Involved is Next Week!

Are you looking for a place to give back but just not sure where? Come to the Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds and Conference Center for [Get Involved 2021](#), presented by the Hendricks County Community

Foundation. Get Involved, a volunteer job fair, is an opportunity for local nonprofits to engage community members who are looking for ways to get involved in Hendricks County - recruiting potential Board members, volunteers and partners.

Get Involved 2021 will take place next **Tuesday and Wednesday, July 20-21st** (the week of the County Fair) from **1:00 - 9:00 pm in the Hendricks Power Exposition Hall** at the 4H Fairgrounds & Conference Center.

As we work towards greater community unity, civic engagement and volunteerism play a critical role. Come learn about volunteer opportunities with local organizations who are serving Hendricks County and find your place to give back!

Do you receive the HCCF print newsletter? Stay up to date with us and all that is

A Board to Brag About

Jerry Orem, President of Hendricks County Bank & Trust, joined the HCCF Board of Directors in 2016 and also served on the Board of Advisors and the Finance Committee. Read what Jerry has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.

"The Hendricks County Community Foundation offers a financial foundation for non-profits dedicated to serving Hendricks County people in need. It is my honor to collaborate with those who have a **passion to give back to their community."**

- Jerry Orem



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

Show Your HCCF Pride!

To help us celebrate our 25th Anniversary as a county-wide community foundation, our friends at Just Be Kind created some fun signs for our grantees to display.

We would love for you to put a sign in your yard or at your place of business to show your support of HCCF! Please contact us at 317-268-6240 or info@hendrickscountycf.org and we will reserve a HCCF 25th Anniversary sign for you.



Diana Virgil of the B&O Trail

[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: Elhadj Diallo

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 Elhadj Diallo, a Plainfield resident, business owner and mechanical engineer. Diallo, originally from Guinea, West Africa, chose Hendricks County to raise his family. Elhadj said he's happy he and his wife chose Hendricks County, but challenges everyone in the community to be more empathetic and understanding. Remember the more we listen, the more we learn.

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:



Made@Plainfield - artist's rendering

#1: The MADE@Plainfield Grand Opening celebration is Thursday, July 29th at 1pm! MADE@Plainfield is a collaborative project that brings lifelong learning to adults throughout Central Indiana. Get your ticket [here](#).



#2: July is National Parks & Recreation Month! Join Brownsburg Parks & Recreation to celebrate the end of summer at "Party in the Park" on Saturday, July 24th at Williams Park from 11 am - 1 pm. Play yard games while being covered in colorful powder! Sign up [here](#).



#3: Indiana Black Expo is presenting a free outdoor concert featuring El DeBarge, Johnny Gill, Stephanie Mills, and Keith Sweat on Friday, July 16th, from 6:00 - 11:30 pm at Lucas Oil Raceway in Brownsburg. Click [here](#) for more information.

#4: There is a new park coming to Hendricks County! [W.S.](#)



[Gibbs Memorial Park](#) in Avon opens to the public July 21 and will provide 70 acres of family fun and outdoor recreation.

A Grand Opening ceremony will take place Wednesday, July 21, at 9 a.m. at the Bluegill Shelter near two large ponds totaling over 5 acres in size. It is free to attend, and the public is welcome.



Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds

#5: The county fair is BACK! The Hendricks County 4-H Fair will be held from July 18-24, 2021 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex.

In addition to animals, rides, vendors and delicious food, you can also visit the nonprofit volunteer job fair - Get Involved - in the Expo Hall from 1 -9 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday of fair week. Click [here](#) for more information.

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!



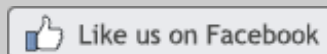
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