



Where Local Good Grows

Hendricks County Community Foundation

Hi Friends,

One of the fun things about celebrating HCCF's 25th Anniversary in 2021 has been taking time to look back. Where we've been. What we've accomplished. And the generous people who made it happen. It's been especially fun to revisit the grants we made in 1996. The One Room School, featured below, is a great example of the kind of community building (pun intended) that HCCF is particularly good at. The original grant helped move the historic school building to the site of Pittsboro Elementary School, and our grant this year helps keep this educational program going.

The 1996 grants are an example of the power of our community to remake itself into something better. Those examples continue into today, covering every part of our county and almost every imaginable charitable project and program. It's the power of caring people working to make things better.

It's important - and fun - to look forward as well. We're just beginning a strategic planning process to better understand what roles HCCF needs to fill in our community over the next few years. The 2020 Census results showed that our country has grown to over 177,000 residents, a 21.35% growth rate since 2010. With that growth comes change, and we want to be certain we meet the needs of that change. Our support of the International Festival is a response to an emerging need. We want to make certain we are welcoming to our new neighbors.

Won't you join us in our important work?



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

Hendricks County International Festival

HCCF is proud to sponsor the Second Annual Hendricks County International Festival! Enjoy this FREE, family-friendly, educational event in Plainfield on Saturday, October 2nd. There will be food trucks, live dance and music performances, interactive booths, traditional attire and more from these countries: India, Pakistan, West Africa, Poland, Russia, Mexico, Japan and Scotland.



Performers at the International Festival 2019

The International Festival was created to introduce diverse cultures to our community, to support,

encourage and increase awareness and appreciation for the many cultures who live and work here. This Festival builds community unity and that is why HCCF has committed to sponsor this event for 5 years! For more information, visit our [event page](#).



Focus on Community Unity

HCCF's Community Unity Grants Program is designed for projects and programs that increase civic engagement and build county branding and pride.

Less than half of the number of 18- and 19-year-olds registered to vote in Indiana in 2020 as compared to 2016. That decline is the worst in the nation. Voter registration among those newly-eligible Hoosier voters was 54 percent less in 2020 than the last presidential election cycle.

To support voter education and participation, a critical part of civic engagement, HCCF awarded a grant to a Leadership Hendricks County Capstone Group for voter education posters to display in each school district's high school to encourage the students to register to vote.

The applications for Community Unity grants are open on our website [here](#).

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.

[North Salem Revitalization](#) is a collaboration of community members who are dedicated to making North Salem the best town to live in. North Salem Revitalization works to provide opportunities for community members, including more social gatherings, attracting new businesses, and raising money to improve downtown infrastructure.

The [One Room Schoolhouse](#) is an actual one room school built in 1883, restored and moved to its current location in Pittsboro in 1996. Every year, the school hosts groups of Hendricks County elementary students who step back in time to the year 1892 to learn about life more than a century ago. The One Room Schoolhouse is not only fun for students, but it also gives them an appreciation and renewed respect for history.

Thank you North Salem Revitalization and One Room Schoolhouse 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: Alysha Basler, North Salem Revitalization
Bottom: David Hobaugh & Scott Syverson, One Room Schoolhouse

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

Ben Fouch, Director at LDI, Ltd., and 2013 Lilly Scholar, joined the HCCF Board of Directors in

2020 and also serves on the Finance Committee. Read what Ben has to say in his own words about his service for the Community Foundation.

"I love HCCF because it **helps nurture and grow the community** that gave me every opportunity to build a good and fulfilling life. Working with the dedicated team at the Community Foundation to keep those opportunities alive and well in Hendricks County has been a joy."

- Ben Fouch



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

[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: Douglas Randell

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 Douglas Randell, originally from St. Louis, Missouri, is a Plainfield resident. One of the reasons Douglas believes he is here in Hendricks County is to be a part of conversations with those who think and look differently than him. He says he is always willing to have a conversation to offer a different perspective. Douglas believes that diversity and respect of our differences can help a community grow.

Remember the more we listen, the more we learn.

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Autumn has arrived and there are some fun fall activities going on right now! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



#1: The Willow Center is hosting the first annual Hendricks County Recovery Awareness Music & Arts Festival on September 18th in Brownsburg. There will be food trucks, local artwork, and live music. Get your [tickets](#) today!



#2: The Avon Community Heritage Festival is Saturday, September 25th, from 4-9 pm. The Festival has always been about creating a fun, family-friendly atmosphere where kids and adults can enjoy a day outside among friends and others in the community. Click [here](#) for more info.

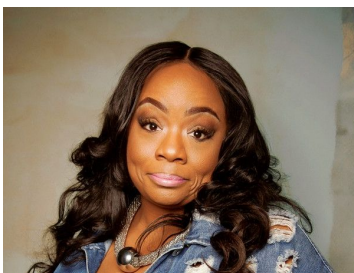


#3: September is National Hispanic American Heritage Month! This month we celebrate the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. Check out the events celebrating Hispanic Americans [here](#).



K9 Jocko

#4: When a veteran suffering from a mental health crisis called for help last weekend, it was a Plainfield K-9 officer and his handler, who's also a veteran, that helped get them through. K9 Jocko gave the veteran companionship and care when he needed it most. Read more [here](#).



Ms. Pat

#5: The Ms. Pat Show, starring a comedian mom of four who lives in Plainfield, launched last month on BET+ streaming service. Ms. Pat loves her community and the support she has received since moving here. Check out the [show!](#)

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

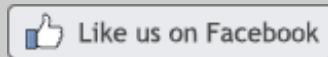
Did you know that Kroger Community Rewards Program allows customers to select a charity of their choice to receive a percentage of all their purchases? You would be surprised at how those dollars can add up! Visit the [Kroger Community Reward website](#) and select the Hendricks County Community Foundation

(Org. # JY399) as your nonprofit of choice and support HCCF every time you buy groceries!



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