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HCCF & NSSB Partner to Support Eel River Township Fire Rescue

The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) and North Salem State Bank (NSSB) recently partnered to enhance emergency medical services in Eel River Township. Through their collaborative support, Eel River Township Fire Rescue will acquire a 12 Lead EKG heart monitor, crucial for providing advanced cardiac care during patient transport.

Recognizing the need for this important equipment, HCCF offered a matching grant of \$4,638 to cover half the cost of the heart monitor. The grant was matched by a generous contribution from North Salem State Bank as well as a grant from the Robert Porter Thank You Fund at HCCF. Established by NSSB to honor their longest-serving Board Member, Robert Porter, this fund reflects the bank's ongoing dedication to the local community.

"North Salem State Bank is honored to support Eel River Township Fire Rescue through the Robert Porter Thank You Fund," stated NSSB President & CEO Matt Howrey. "We set up this fund to commemorate Robert Porter, an esteemed member of our Board of Directors for nearly two decades. As an endowed fund at HCCF, it will continue his legacy of community support for years to come. Though Bob is no longer with us, we believe he would be proud to see this fund directly assisting the Eel River Township Fire Rescue. It's exactly the kind of local impact he always championed."

The new 12 Lead EKG monitor will enable paramedics to conduct comprehensive cardiac assessments while transporting patients, potentially leading to quicker diagnoses and improved care. This joint effort demonstrates the shared commitment of HCCF and North Salem State Bank to supporting the health and safety of the Hendricks County community.

North Salem Fire Chief Kevin Basham commented, "We are honored to receive this grant award and sincerely thank the Hendricks County Community Foundation and North Salem State Bank for their generous support of the Eel River Township/North Salem Fire Department. The addition of a new heart monitor will significantly enhance our ability to deliver a higher level of care to our community and ensure greater compatibility with local hospitals."

"We appreciate the opportunity to work alongside North Salem State Bank to facilitate the purchase of this medical equipment for Eel River Township Fire Rescue," said William Rhodehamel, HCCF President and CEO. "This collaboration shows our shared dedication to meeting key community needs and the significant impact local organizations can make by working together."

For more information on Community Foundation grantmaking, visit the HCCF website at hendrickscountycf.org

The Mission of the Hendricks County Community Foundation: To be a trusted community partner in understanding needs, aligning resources, and empowering people to address today's priorities and create lasting impact. Our vision is Hendricks County as a place where everyone has the opportunity to have a fulfilling life and the tools they need to build a stronger future together. The Community Foundation manages assets of over \$31 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2024 the Community Foundation gave over \$2.2M in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to local students. For more information, call 317-268-6240 or visit www.hendrickscountycf.org.

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