

Where Local Good Grows



Hendricks County Community Foundation

Last month, I wrote about my dog Bonnie and how much she loves to run with me. But it would be wrong for me to let Bonnie's story stand on its own without telling you about her sister, Skye.

Skye is really Bonnie's half-sister. While they're both yellow labs, they couldn't be more different in temperament. Bonnie is wound tight with a strong retriever drive, always eager to run and chase balls. Skye, on the other hand, is the quintessential "lazy lovey lab," laid back and affectionate. Where Bonnie is always on the move, Skye is content to sit in the yard, watching squirrels and birds with a lazy curiosity, or enjoy a sniffy wander about. Skye's calm and loving nature brings balance to Bonnie's high-energy antics, making them the perfect pair.

This balance and companionship remind me of our work at HCCF. Just like Bonnie and Skye complement each other, our community thrives when we work together, supporting one another. Right now, your donations to support your community can be **TRIPLED** through [HCCF's Stronger Together Campaign!](#) For a limited time, donations to our unrestricted Community Enhancement Funds will be **matched \$2 to \$1** through a grant from Lilly Endowment.

By contributing to the Stronger Together campaign, you're not just making a donation—you're becoming part of a community effort to bring balance, joy, and support to everyone in Hendricks County. Reach out to me to learn more. Skye will tell you – tripling your impact is not just rewarding, it's a whole lot of fun!

So, whether you're a Bonnie – eager to jump in and make things happen, or a Skye – bringing love and calm to those around you, your support can make a huge difference. [Let's work together](#) to make our community stronger, just like Bonnie and Skye make our lives richer every day.



Skye & Bonnie (left to right)

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

ARPA Grant Applications Open

The final cycle of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) competitive grants is open now through July 10th.

HCCF has worked with the Hendricks County Commissioners to assist with the distribution of



ARPA funds to nonprofits working in Hendricks County. Working with the county's ARPA Planning Committee, the Community Foundation designed a process to distribute approximately **\$1.5 million** through a three-year competitive grant cycle.

For more information, eligibility requirements and to apply for ARPA funds, visit our [website](#).

Stronger Together

Join us in our "Stronger Together: Building a Better Community" Campaign!

Between now and December 31, 2025, you can **TRIPLE your donations** to any new or existing [Family Legacy Fund](#) or [Community Enhancement Fund](#). When you donate **\$1**, we'll match it with **\$2!** Your contribution to the Stronger Together campaign provides unrestricted funds that HCCF uses to make our community better, like this \$26,500 grant to support the ongoing work of [The Parks Foundation of Hendricks County](#).



HCCF CEO William Rhodehamel making grant check presentation to Katy Cummings of PFOHC

Click [here](#) to learn more about Stronger Together.

My Family Legacy Story

We are excited for our video series - My Family Legacy Story - highlighting the generous families in our community who have started a Family Legacy Fund at HCCF!

There are [67 Family Legacy Funds](#) at the Community Foundation, each started by a local family who wants to leave a legacy for good. One of those families is Curtis & Rhonda Wiles. The Wiles

have lived in Hendricks County for over 50 years and started a legacy fund at HCCF in the honor of Curtis' aunt to preserve her name and give back to the community they love.

Click the video below to hear Curtis & Rhonda share their Family Legacy Story.



Grants at a Glance

Our vision is to make Hendricks County a place where everyone has the opportunity to have a fulfilling life and the tools they need to build a stronger future together.

[HCCF grantmaking](#) is the heartbeat of that vision! We are excited to share with you our latest month of grants, building a stronger future for our community.

Fund Name	Grantee	Amount
Behavioral Health Needs Assessment and Community Planning Fund	Hendricks County Arts Council	\$ 8,850
Danny Schenck Memorial Fund	Bruin Youth Basketball League, Inc.	\$ 275
Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	Purdue Extension - Hendricks County	\$ 200
Directors' Unrestricted Fund	Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund	\$ 50
Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration Fund	Hendricks County Bicentennial Celebration	\$ 353
Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition ARPA Fund	Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition	\$ 15,270
Indiana University Health West Hospital Cancer Center Fund	Indiana University Health	\$ 250
	Total	\$ 25,248

[Contact us](#) to find out how you can be a part of this vision and partner with us.

HCCF Volunteer Highlight

Judy Wyeth has served as a volunteer with the Community Foundation in various capacities for over 10 years, including as HCCF Board Chair. She currently serves on the Awareness Committee. Read what Judy has to say in her own words about her service for the Community Foundation:

"The Hendricks County Community Foundation is a group of caring people, businesses, and organizations working together to provide opportunities and solutions to serve the needs of their Hendricks County neighbors, enabling them to enjoy a better quality of life. I am proud to serve as a volunteer for this great organization. "

- Judy Wyeth



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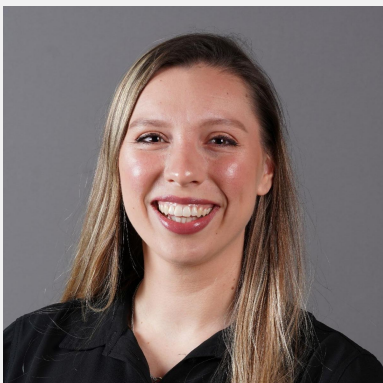
HCCF Awards Grant to Blend up Tasty Drinks & Healthy Living



HRH's Carrie Meyer pedaling for a sweet treat on the Smoothie Bike

The Community Foundation recently awarded a grant from the Opportunity Fund to [Purdue Extension - Hendricks County](#) for this awesome smoothie machine at the [Parks Foundation of Hendricks County](#) Summer Fun Run Kick-Off.

This innovative machine combines fitness with nutrition - what a great combo!



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 **Jenny Haskins**, Community Wellness Coordinator at Purdue Extension.

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

I have recently read Fairy Tale by Stephen King, Atomic Habits by James Clear, Under the Whispering Door by TJ Klune, and The Wishing Game by Meg Shaffer. I enjoy reading and love to hear what is on everyone's reading list!

Name one thing still on your bucket list: Visit Ireland and Germany with my husband .

What do you love most about our community? All of the fun summertime activities: u-pick, farmers markets, parks and trails.

What is one need identified in HCCF's countywide assessment that we are addressing? How can we continue to improve? Inadequate public transportation/traffic congestion: Dan Jones widening project and the expansion of Vandalia Trail. I would like to see more options for a public bus system.

Why do you do what you do ? I love being a part of something bigger than myself. Community nutrition is impactful and timeless. It spans generations and is taught and shared with others.

Check out dozens of great events in our community on the [Hendricks Community Calendar!](#)

Our Favorite Five in Hendricks County

Summertime and the livin' is easy - and fun in Hendricks County! Here are your Community Foundation staff's favorite picks for happenings around the community:



Fave Five #1: The Hendricks County 4H Fair is Almost Here!

The Hendricks County 4H Fair is coming July 14-20. Hendricks County is celebrating their 200th birthday throughout 2024, and this year's Fair will feature special Bicentennial events, including the Birthday Bash on opening day, July 14. Check out the Fair Guide Book [here](#).



Fave Five #2: Rib Fest is This Week!

One of the highlights of the summer - Hendricks County Rib Fest, sponsored by the Avon Chamber of Commerce- is Saturday June 29th at the 4H Fairgrounds and Conference Center. Don't miss the great food, hot air balloons and fireworks! Click [here](#) for more info.

Fave Five #3: Cascade Cadets Win State!

In 60 years, no Cascade High School sports team has won a State Championship - until now. The Cascade Lady Cadets softball team won against the Lapel Bulldogs on June 6 to cap off a 30-2 season and win the State Title. Congrats Cadets!



Fave Five #4: Brownsburg Police Department Swears in Newest Officer

In May, the Brownsburg Police Department swore in their newest officer, Jalen Christian-Moss. Christian-Moss, pictured here with Officer Fultz, was sworn in by the Brownsburg Clerk Treasurer Ann Hathaway. Read more [here](#). Welcome Jalen!



Fave Five #5: Plainfield Celebrates Splash Island Expansion

The Town of Plainfield recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand reopening of the newly expanded Splash Island Outdoor Waterpark. [Plan a visit](#) to check out the new water slides, new splash pads and cabana rentals.



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Thank You to Our 2024 Corporate Partners

Thank you to our outstanding corporate partners! The support of these community-minded organizations is vital to realizing our vision of 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. Please consider patronizing these local businesses for all they do for HCCF and our community!

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