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## **Community Foundation Announces New Partnership with Family Promise of Hendricks County**

The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) is proud to announce a new partnership between Family Promise of Hendricks County and Habit of the Heart (HOTH) to better serve families in need in Hendricks County. HOTH, a program of HCCF, has been helping women, children, and families for over twenty years. Their volunteers have helped raise over \$857,000 since their inception, resulting in nearly \$670,000 in grants to help women, children, and families in Hendricks County. Family Promise itself started as a fund of the Community Foundation and has grown into a vibrant nonprofit that works to transform the lives of families experiencing homelessness and poverty in Hendricks County by providing housing, stability services and homelessness prevention.

The partnership between Family Promise and Habit of the Heart will expand and enhance both organizations' services to families in need and truly is a win-win for Hendricks County. HOTH has twenty years of experience and partnerships with our community schools, and partnering with Family Promise will allow these families to receive wrap-around services far beyond their immediate needs to achieve sustainable independence.

The HCCF Board of Directors voted in August to approve the partnership and transfer the HOTH program to Family Promise. That being said, the Community Foundation will continue to support Habit of the Heart grants at Family Promise through the Habit of the Heart Endowment Fund, a fund of over \$500,000, which will provide grants annually to Family Promise.

Julie Randall, Executive Director of Family Promise said, "There are children in our community who can't stay awake in class because they slept in a car the night before and school is their only safe place. We know basic needs must be met in order for children to learn. Family Promise with the support of the Community Foundation and HOTH intervenes to create stability for those struggling. A coordinated community response is the solution and we are so grateful for this partnership."

HCCF President & CEO William Rhodehamel is excited about the new partnership, saying, "It makes so much sense for Habit of the Heart and Family Promise to join forces. HOTH has been doing such great work addressing emergency needs and have helped so many families since they began their work in 1996. Partnering with another effective organization like Family Promise will provide additional wrap-around services for these families to ensure they receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet."

The Hendricks County Community Foundation partners with generous people to realize their charitable goals while addressing community needs in meaningful and lasting ways. The Community Foundation manages assets of over \$18 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2019, the

Community Foundation awarded over \$1.6 million in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to local students. For more information, call 317-268-6240 or visit [www.hendrickscountycf.org](http://www.hendrickscountycf.org).



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